



Northwestern Michigan Fair – Queen Application



Sponsor Fee \$100.00 / Scholarship \$1,000

Sponsored by: Northwestern Michigan Fair

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Age (as of 08/12/2023) _____ High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

College: _____ Area of Study: _____

Sponsor: _____

Parents' name: _____ Phone: _____

4-H Group / Specie (if applicable): _____

Applications must be postmarked no later than July 14, 2024.
Late applications will not be accepted.

PLEASE MAIL SPONSOR APPLICATION, BIOGRAPHY, CONTRACT, PAYMENT (\$100), AND FOUR WALLET SIZE PICTURES TO: Northwestern Michigan Fair 3606 Blair Townhall Rd Traverse City, MI.

Pageant Requirements

1. Applicants must be unwed female between ages 17-20 (**age determined by pageant date**)
2. Applicants must reside in Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Antrim or Kalkaska Counties.
3. Applicants must be available to participate in events during the NW MI Fair August 3-10, 2024

Biography - on a separate sheet, please complete the following questions:

1. Why do you want to be the Northwestern Michigan Fair queen?
2. What involvement have you had with the Northwestern Michigan Fair?
3. What are your educational/career goals?
4. What hobbies, activities, organizations, etc. are you interested in?
5. Please include any additional information you would like to share.



Important Dates & Judging Information -

- Orientation Meeting - July 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm - NW MI Fair Office.
- Interview Judging - July 31, 2024 at 6:30pm - location TBD.
- Secret judging will take place at various events throughout Fair week.
- Final judging will be held at the Queen's Pageant on August 10, 2024. Candidates will be judged on their delivery of a speech themed, "What the Fair Means to Me." and the answering of impromptu questions. Please select a dress-casual and a semi-formal outfit for the program.

By signing below, I _____, acknowledge that I have read and signed the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen's Program 2024 Contract.

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent Signature (if entrant is under 18 years of age)

Date



Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen's Program - 2024-2025 Contract



1. Entrant must be between the ages of 17 -20 as of August 10, 2024.
2. Entrant must be a single female, never have been married, divorced, or have cohabited with a male in lieu of marriage. She must not be pregnant, nor have any children.
3. All entrants must be present during the week of the Northwestern Michigan Fair, August 3-10, 2024.
4. Entrant agrees to abide by all rules established by the Queen's Committee and must sign the Contestant's Contract to signify this agreement.
5. Entrant must reside in a county eligible to participate at the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
6. Entrant must be of good character and conduct. The Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen's Committee may refuse entry to any applicant felt to be lacking in good character or displaying poor conduct.
7. Entrant is not under contract to any person, firm, organization or corporation, nor have any other legal obligations that would prevent participation in the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen Program.
8. Entrant will cooperate with the Program Director as to the format of the Program. Entrant agrees to time, manner and method of judging, which shall be solely within the discretion of the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen's Committee, and further; and the decision of the judges and governing body will be final.
9. Entrant acknowledges that she has never held the Title of Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen.
10. Entrant must never have been convicted of a crime, is not or ever been a willing party to any wrong doing, corruption, or financial impropriety.
11. Contestants are not permitted to smoke or drink at ANY TIME during the competition. Contestants are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner so as not to bring discredit to herself, the program, or the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
12. Entrant agrees to dress appropriately when wearing their crowns and/or sashes. (no halter tops, tube tops, short shorts, or miniskirts, etc.). Body piercing, other than earrings (not past the second piercing) and visible tattoos are not acceptable when representing the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
13. Entrant agrees to maintain a positive image when posting on all types of social media (i.e. blogs, Facebook, twitter etc.). She acknowledges that the Queen's Committee may request she remove items of poor taste and/or those that may reflect negatively on the Fair or Queen's Program and agrees to honor these requests.
14. Contestant authorizes the use of contestants name and likeness for publication as the Northwestern Michigan Fair deems appropriate. This authorization shall include the use of all photographs, recordings, video or audiotapes made during the pageant itself or during a titleholders reign.
15. It shall be understood that any violation of the Contestant's Contract, which includes the above Rules & Regulations, may cause automatic elimination from further judging, without advance notice.
16. If chosen as the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen, entrant will agree to a 1 year commitment with the Northwestern Michigan Fair and agrees to relinquish any other title presently held.

IF selected as the NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN FAIR QUEEN, entrant MUST AGREE to the following:

1. If during the reign as Queen, she no longer meets the requirements of eligibility in the opinion of the Committee, she will forfeit her crown and all awards presented to her.
2. The Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen and Runner-up will be announced at the pageant on August 10, 2024. Throughout the year the Fair Queen will be required to attend and participate in numerous events. All appearances are scheduled, arranged and supervised by the Queen's Committee or designated agent so as to reflect the values and high standards of the program and to enhance its visibility within our community and state. 1st runner-up will have no continuing obligations, only in the event that the Queen is unable to finish her reign will she be called upon.
3. The Fair Queen shall NOT appear in public as the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen without prior approval of the director, or a designated agent. She will make public appearances only in the presence of a chaperone officially appointed for her by the Director. Furthermore, she will not bring guests along with her while making appearances; this includes family members and boyfriends unless otherwise approved by the Director.
4. Continued failure to attend scheduled functions, violations of her contract, or public conduct which the Queen's Committee deems to be a discredit to the Program or to the Northwestern Michigan Fair, may result in action by the committee to remove the title.
5. The Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen will receive a large crown, alternate crown, sash, and crown box. The Queen's Crowns are rotating crowns and shall be passed on to the 2025 Queen. Upon the end of her reign, the queen shall receive a keepsake crown and may also keep her sash. The Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen is responsible for the safe keeping of the crowns, box, and items within the box. Should she choose to keep a crown, or if any items become lost or stolen, she will be responsible for replacement costs (up to \$150.00).
6. The Fair Queen shall abide by the above stated physical appearance guidelines and agrees not to make any major alterations in physical appearance without approval by the Queen's Committee. This would include piercing (other than the ears), tattoos, dramatic changes in hair color or style, or other alterations that could be considered offensive.
7. The Queen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship paid directly to the educational institution of her choice. In the event that the Queen fails to abide by the rules and regulations governing this contest, she will immediately forfeit the aforementioned scholarship, and also forfeit the title of Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen if deemed necessary by the Queen's Committee. In the event that she does not wish to avail herself of the educational advantages of this scholarship, then she shall forfeit this scholarship.
8. If, after accepting the scholarship, she desires to discontinue her education, she shall forfeit any unused portion of this scholarship. In the event that she has not started to use the scholarship fund within one year of the contest, she shall forfeit the entire scholarship fund. The scholarship is non-transferable. Furthermore, it shall be understood that the scholarship will be made in two equal payments over the course of the queen's reign.

In the event that the best interests of a contestant are threatened by enforcing any of the rules or regulations, the rule may be waived by a majority vote of the Queen's Committee, upon written request to the committee.

I attest that the above information is true and correct, and that proof thereof can be produced upon request. As a candidate of the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen title, I have met all of the requirements stated in the Northwestern Michigan Fair Queen Candidate Contract, and will abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Queen's Committee.

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent Signature (if entrant is under 18 years of age)

Date