

**2011 ALPENFEST QUEEN AND COURT
OFFICIAL CANDIDATE CONTRACT**

CANDIDATE NAME (Please print): _____

I hereby apply as a Candidate for the title of Alpenfest Queen. I attest to the following:

- I am a single female who has not been previously married and divorced, nor had a marriage annulled, nor previously cohabitating with a male in lieu of marriage, have no children, am not currently pregnant nor ever been pregnant, have reached my 16th birthday, am currently enrolled in high school or a graduate of high school, and will not exceed the age of 22 by Labor Day of the pageant year.
- I am of good moral character. I have never been convicted of any misdemeanor or felony, nor ever been a willing party to any wrongdoing, corruption, financial impropriety or illegal act.
- I am currently a resident of Otsego County and have been for at least the past six months.
- I will obtain a sponsor for my entry in the pageant, and that sponsor will pay the \$350 sponsorship fee. If I am unable to obtain such sponsor, I will ask the pageant committee to assist me.
- If I am selected as the Alpenfest Queen, the 1st Runner-Up or the 2nd Runner-Up, I agree to that I will continue to meet the above listed requirements throughout the entire duration that I serve in that capacity. In addition, I agree to abide by the Alpenfest Rules of Conduct and the Alpenfest Queen & Court Commitment Policy, both listed below. I will forfeit the educational scholarship and my role with Alpenfest if the Alpenfest Queen's Committee, the Alpenfest Board of Directors, or the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce determines that I am in violation of the above listed requirements and/or policies.
- The scholarship monies will be paid by check at the end of the following year's Alpenfest. The Alpenfest Queen and Court Members must provide a transcript of completed classes along with proof of payment to the school before a scholarship check will be issued. The check will be made payable to you and the school you are attending. If you are not enrolled in school at that time, you will have an additional year to enroll in a school and then apply for your payment. If you have not used your scholarship within this two-year period, you forfeit your rights to the scholarship monies.

ALPENFEST RULES OF CONDUCT

Certain standards of conduct and discipline for the QUEEN CANDIDATES, the Queen herself and her Court are essential for **ALPENFEST** to operate efficiently. Such standards or rules of conduct are established to help everyone to be as prosperous as possible and to ensure that all participants are treated equally and fairly. All participants are expected to follow the rules and regulations of **ALPENFEST**. Although **ALPENFEST** has established a relationship with its participants, in certain instances **ALPENFEST** may apply, in its sole discretion, some form of progressive discipline. The following list, which is neither complete nor exhaustive, contains examples of some, but not all, of the conduct that is prohibited. Such conduct is prohibited regardless of whether it occurs on the **ALPENFEST** premises or in conjunction with an individual's role as a Queen Candidate or as a Court Members of **ALPENFEST**. The following actions may result in discipline, up to and including removal and loss of scholarship. This list in no way constitutes a limitation of the right or the ability of **ALPENFEST** to terminate the Queen, her Court members or candidates, services for any reason and at any time, with or without notice.

1. Engaging in horseplay or reckless conduct that endangers the safety of self or other individuals.
2. Using profanity toward staff, other contestants or the general public.
3. Dishonesty, falsification, or violating any safety instructions or rules established by **ALPENFEST**.
4. Leaving an **ALPENFEST** position or not appearing at Festival premises or other scheduled events without permission.
5. Negligent or willful defacing, misuse, or destruction of **ALPENFEST** equipment or facilities.
6. Being discourteous toward any of the general public.
7. Theft, unauthorized possession, removal, or use of property belonging to another contestant or staff member or to the **ALPENFEST**.
8. Excessive tardiness or absenteeism.
9. Smoking, or use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or controlled substances, or weapons while representing **ALPENFEST**.
10. Fighting, threatening, or intimidating a fellow contestant or staff member with physical or emotional harm.
11. Public displays of affection.
12. Failing to adhere to **ALPENFEST** Dress Code for all appearances:
 - Dirndl (Alpenfest dress)
 - Blumenkrantz (flowered halo)
 - Banner
 - White, comfortable dress footwear
 - 1 pair of earrings – no other piercings
 - 2 rings - maximum
 - No body art
 - Make-up in subtle shades
 - Hair coloring in natural shades and tones
 - Evening gown, dirndl and talent costumes, along with all accessories including footwear, must be approved
13. Individual personal cellular telephones are not permitted for use during Alpenfest related events.
 - Cellular phones may be placed on vibrate function in case of an emergency.
 - Under no circumstance will phones be used in any public area while in Alpenfest attire or while representing the Queen's Court or the Alpenfest Board of Directors.
 - Family and friends of Queens, Candidates, or Queen's Court Members should be informed that only emergency calls would be allowed.

ALPENFEST QUEEN AND COURT COMMITMENT POLICY

By entering the competition (pageant) to be selected as the Alpenfest Queen, the contestants agree that they will commit to one year of service to the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce (aka "Chamber"). The Alpenfest Board of Directors (or their designated representative) will be arranging for the Queen, the 1st Runner-Up and the 2nd Runner-Up (aka "Alpenfest Queen and Her Court") to attend and/or participate in a selected number of festivals, events, or anything deemed necessary to represent our Community and Alpenfest. We expect the Queen and Her Court to do everything in their power to fulfill these obligations. We expect the Queen and Her Court to inform their family members, work supervisors, and school administrators of their obligations to the Chamber, the Community and to Alpenfest, so as to minimize scheduling conflicts with their "Queen and Her Court" duties. The Alpenfest Board of Directors and/or their designated representative will provide the Queen and Her Court with as much advance notice as possible for their scheduled appearances. These activities include (but are not limited to) festival parades, TV/Radio appearances, and other goodwill duties. The obligations start immediately upon selection as the Alpenfest Queen, 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up at the Alpenfest Queens Pageant, and will continue until the selection of the subsequent "Alpenfest Queen and Her Court" at the following year's pageant.

By virtue of their selection as the Alpenfest Queen, 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up, the selected ladies become eligible to receive the designated educational scholarship monies.

In the event that there are five or more candidates, three awards will be given. The amounts are as follows:

Alpenfest Queen	\$1,500.00
1 st Runner-Up	\$800.00
2 nd Runner-Up	\$500.00

In the event that there are four or less candidates, two awards will be given. The amounts are as follows:

Alpenfest Queen	\$1,500.00
1 st Runner up	\$800.00

The Alpenfest Board of Directors will review these amounts on a periodic basis and adjust them accordingly. The scholarship monies will be paid at the following year's pageant. The checks will be made payable to the school and the winners of the scholarship monies.

The scholarships will be paid to the Queen, 1st Runner-Up and 2nd Runner-Up upon the successful completion of their obligations to the Chamber, our Community and to Alpenfest.

While our expectation is that the Queen, the 1st Runner-Up and the 2nd Runner-Up will attend/participate in all scheduled events/activities, the Alpenfest Board of Directors acknowledges that circumstances may arise to preclude such participation. In those limited circumstances, it is the participant's obligation to contact the Chamber, the Alpenfest Board of Directors, or their designated representative, with notification of the individual's inability to fulfill the scheduled appearance. If, however, the Alpenfest Queen, the 1st Runner-Up or the 2nd Runner-Up individually **misses more than 20% of their scheduled appearances**, then the individual(s) will forfeit their right(s) to the scholarship monies. The Alpenfest Board of Directors' determination will be final and binding.

The Chamber and the Alpenfest Board of Directors acknowledge the important role that the Alpenfest Queen and Her Court play in representing our Chamber, our Community and our Alpenfest festival. We look forward to working with our pageant contestants and the selected Alpenfest Queen, the 1st Runner-Up and the 2nd Runner-Up.

ALPENFEST QUEEN'S PAGEANT CANDIDATES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

- a. I certify that all the information contained in my application is true and complete. I recognize that any falsification, misrepresentation, or omission may result in immediate dismissal from or refusal of participation. I authorize the **ALPENFEST** Board of Directors, the **ALPENFEST** Queen's Pageant Committee or the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce to investigate all statements contained in this application, including records of any former employers, past contests, police departments, and other services concerning me, and authorize these sources, including **ALPENFEST** (after this agreement), to release such information without liability for damage incurred in giving it. I waive any written notice of the release of such records that may be required by any state or federal law.

- b. I have received, read, and understood **Alpenfest** rules, regulations, and policies. **I am in receipt of the Alpenfest Rules of Conduct and the Alpenfest Queen and Court Commitment Policy.**

- c. I agree to conform to the rules, regulations, and policies of **ALPENFEST** in consideration of my participation and/or representation of **ALPENFEST** and as a condition of continued participation and/or representation.

- d. I understand that my participation and representation can be terminated with or without cause, and with or without notice at any time, at my option or at **Alpenfest** option, including the potential loss of the scholarship monies.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Home Support

Date

Signature of Alpenfest Representative