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2026 GAYLORD ALPENFEST QUEEN & COURT CANDIDATE CONTRACT

By signing this, I agree to follow all these rules and the other rules and policies of Alpenfest:

1. **Eligibility (Who Can Apply):** I agree that:
 - a. I am single, never married, not pregnant, and have no children.
 - b. I do not co-habitate with an individual in lieu of marriage.
 - c. I will be 18 by July 1st of the year I am running for Alpenfest.
 - d. I will not be over the age of 23 by Labor Day of the year of the pageant.
 - e. I reside in Otsego County; graduated high school in Otsego County; or have been attending high school in Otsego County for at least six months.
 - f. I am in high school, have a GED, or have a high school diploma.
 - g. I am a US citizen.
 - h. I have not done anything dishonest, immoral, or illegal.
 - i. I do not serve on the court of another pageant.
2. **Sponsorship Fee:** I will obtain a sponsor for candidacy, and that sponsor will pay a \$500.00 sponsorship fee. If I am unable, I will ask the committee for help.
3. **Scholarship Money:** I will provide Alpenfest with a transcript of completed classes and a tuition/expenses receipt from my college, trade school, or the U.S. Military. The check will be payable to myself and the provided institution. If I get scholarship money, I have two years to use the money or I will lose my rights to the money. Checks will be issued at the end of the following year's pageant. There will be no payment unless I live up to this agreement. The amounts will be determined annually by the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
 - a. The Scholarship amounts are as follows: Queen - \$6000, 1st Runner up- \$2500 and 2nd runner up \$1500
4. **Expectations:** I promise to meet Alpenfest's Expectations and follow its Social Media Rules. I have received a copy of both documents.
5. **Losing Title:** I understand that I may lose my title and scholarship money if I do not meet the Expectations set forth by Alpenfest. All disciplinary decisions made by the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are final and binding.
6. **Following Through:** I promise to do everything asked of me as Queen or Court member, including attending the Required Appearances and following the Parade Rules. I have received a copy of both of those documents.
7. **Honoring Decisions:** I agree to accept the judges' decisions.
8. **Staying Committed:** I understand being Queen or Court is a big commitment, and I will stay committed to the program.



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9. **Permission to Use Your Image:** I agree that Alpenfest can use my pictures and videos in the media and on social media for promoting the pageant.
10. **Parent Conduct Contract:** By having my parents sign the Parent Conduct Contract with Gaylord Alpenfest and the Queens Program can determine my candidacy determinations.
11. **Agreement is Binding:** I understand that this agreement is legally binding.

Signature: _____

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PARENT CONDUCT CONTRACT

- 1. Who These Rules Apply To:** These rules are for the parents/guardians of anyone participating in the Gaylord Alpenfest Queen Pageant.
- 2. Concerns:** Please address questions or concerns about the pageant, your daughter's performance, or anything else, to the Pageant Director or Assistant Director directly.
- 3. Be Positive:** Don't say negative things about any candidate or the pageant itself. Keep it positive.
- 4. Support the Pageant:** Act in a way that supports the Alpenfest, the Pageant Committee, and the Chamber of Commerce.
- 5. Formal Complaints:** If you have a serious complaint, you need to put it in writing and give it to the Alpenfest Pageant Committee President within 7 days of the incident. Only official complaints submitted this way will be investigated.
- 6. Be a Good Example:** Pageants can be emotional. Remember to handle yourself with respect, dignity, and honesty. Be a good example for your daughter and the other candidates.
- 7. Respect Decisions:** Respect the decisions made by the Alpenfest Queen Pageant Director and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce.
- 8. Let Your Daughter Shine:** Allow your daughter to express herself and handle pageant situations independently.
- 9. Consequences:** If you break these rules, the Alpenfest Committee can decide on consequences, which might include your daughter losing her title, position, or scholarship funds. All disciplinary decisions made by the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are final and binding.

Parent Signature: _____

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EXPECTATIONS

Being Respectful: Always act respectfully and show good manners to everyone involved with the pageant.

Positive Attitude: Keep a positive and encouraging attitude. Don't be negative about other candidates.

Handling Issues: If you have a problem or complaint, talk to the right people in charge. Don't just complain publicly.

Being Involved: If you are chosen as Queen or in the court, you need to be really involved in the events and activities.

Representing Alpenfest Well: Always act in a way that makes Alpenfest, your family, and yourself proud.

Following All Rules: You must follow all the rules set by the Alpenfest Committee, the Queen Pageant, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Following Directions: Do what the pageant organizers and committee ask you to do.

Consequences for Breaking Rules: If you break the rules or do not follow these expectations, you could get warnings, be suspended, or even be removed from the pageant and lose any scholarships. The decision of the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is final and binding.

Examples of Acts that Break the Rules:

- Disobeying rules or instructions.
- Being dishonest or doing anything illegal.
- Damaging property or stealing.
- Having weapons, vapes, tobacco, alcohol or drugs at public events.
- Being disrespectful to others.
- Being drunk or under the influence of drugs.
- Bullying, threatening, or harassing anyone.
- Doing anything that hurts the pageant's reputation.
- Not showing up to required events without a good reason.
- Being mean or unfair to others.
- Using bad language or gestures.
- Being disrespectful of the American flag or anthem.
- Excessive displays of public affection.
- Using a cell phone during Alpenfest events.
- Not wearing appropriate clothes for events.

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REQUIRED APPEARANCES

Must Attend Events: If you're Queen or in the Court, you must go to the following events throughout the year:

Gaylord Alpenfest Grand Parade- Gaylord	Charlevoix Venetian Festival Parade- Charlevoix
Polish Festival- Boyne City	Gaylord Fair Queen & Princess Pageant- Gaylord
Bellaire Rubber Ducky Festival Parade-Bellaire	Thunder Over Waters- Waters
Gaylord Santa Parade- Gaylord	Night to Shine- Gaylord
Gaylord St. Patty's Day Parade- Gaylord	Trout Festival- Kalkaska
Mackinaw City Memorial Day Parade- Mackinaw City Bass Festival Parade – Mancelona	
Mackinaw Island Lilac Festival	Johannesburg 4th of July Parade
Cherry Festival Queen Coronation	Cherry Festival Parade 2

Optional Events: You may be requested to attend other appearances with reasonable notice. All other events will be on a volunteer basis agreed upon by the Queen and Court.

Scheduling. You must discuss your Alpenfest commitment with your family, school, and work, and adjust your schedule to ensure you can attend the Must Attend Events.

Events Can Change: The dates and times of these events might change. You'll be told about any changes and must make every effort to attend.

Dress Code: You must dress as follows during your Required Appearances:

- Traditional Dirndl attire (except for winter events or pre-approved exceptions).
- Blumenkranz/Crown (as applicable).
- Sash indicating the title held.
- White, comfortable dress footwear.
- The Pageant Director (or an appointed representative) will coordinate event-appropriate attire, including jackets or T-shirts provided by Gaylord Alpenfest.

Travel Together: The Queen and Court should travel to parades together.

Money for Food: The main driver will get up to \$25 per parade day to help pay for food. You must write the name of the parade on the receipt and submit it to the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce.

Who Pays for What: The Alpenfest Committee pays for the parade entry fees. You and your family are responsible for getting to the parades and driving during the parade if needed.

Be On Time: Be ready and on time for parades.

No Phones During Parades: Don't use your cell phone while you're in the parade. Use them before or after. Leave the phone off or on mute.

Have Fun and Be Nice: Enjoy yourself, smile, and be friendly to everyone. You represent the community!

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SOCIAL MEDIA RULES

What it Covers: All digital communication platforms such as email, Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, Blogs and online forums.

Using social media Wisely: Be careful what you post online. Remember that you represent Alpenfest.

Respect Everyone: Treat everyone online with respect. Don't post anything that is mean, disrespectful, or could hurt someone's reputation. Don't discriminate or be offensive based on things like race, religion, gender, etc.

No Bad Language/Topics: Do not use bad language or talk about inappropriate topics like drugs, alcohol, vaping, tobacco, or anything sexually suggestive.

Private Information: Don't share private information about the pageant or other people involved.

Stay Positive: Your social media should always show the Alpenfest, Gaylord, and the Chamber of Commerce in a positive and good light.

Follow the Law: You must follow the law. Don't post about anything illegal or anything that encourages illegal behavior.

Be Careful with Pictures: Make sure any pictures or videos you post follow these rules too.

Consequences: If you break these rules, you may be required to remove the post and apologize. You may be disqualified or lose your title and scholarship. All disciplinary decisions made by the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are final and binding.

Monitoring: You agree that Alpenfest employees or volunteers may monitor your media publications, including social media and websites.

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2026 Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Candidate Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (mobile): _____ (Home): _____

E-mail: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

High School Name: _____ Year Graduated/Graduating _____

College Name / Where you plan to attend: _____

What your intended major, minor, or area of study is:

Please list organizations and extracurricular activities in which you participated in High School:

Please list organizations and extracurricular activities in which you participate in college:

Please list your

Hobbies: _____

What are five words that best describe you?

What are your future goals?



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In a short essay please answer, "Why you think you would make a great Ambassador for Gaylord?" (Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary)_____

***** Please Submit two letters of recommendation with your application****

****References must not be related to you or living in your household. ****

By submitting this application, you are certifying that all the information contained in this application is true and complete. You have also read and understood the following rules, regulations, and policies associated with the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant. You recognize that any falsification, misrepresentation, or omission may result in immediate dismissal or refusal of participation.

I have read and understood:

- Gaylord Alpenfest Queen and Court Official Candidate Contract
- Gaylord Alpenfest Queen and Court Commitment Policy
- Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Program Code of Conduct
- Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Social Media Policy
- Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Parade Rules
- Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Parent Code of Conduct

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____