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## Gaylord 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 cohabiting with an individual in lieu of marriage. I am not pregnant, Nor do I have any children. I am currently enrolled in high school or in an institution of higher learning and am at least 16 years old and will not exceed the age of 22 by Labor Day of the pageant year.
- I am currently a resident of Otsego County or attending/attended High School in Otsego County and have been for at least the past six months.
- 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 will obtain a sponsor for my entry in the pageant and that sponsor will pay a \$500 sponsorship fee. If I am unable to obtain such sponsor, I will ask the pageant committee to assist me.
- The scholarship money will be paid by check at the end of the following year's Alpenfest. The Gaylord 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 a 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 money.
- The Candidate releases the right, title and claim of any photography that may be taken by the Gaylord Alpenfest and Queen Pageant, and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce or any other official photographer for their official use.
- If I am selected as Gaylord Alpenfest Queen or Court, I agree 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 Gaylord Alpenfest Rules of conduct and the Gaylord Alpenfest Queen and Court Commitment Policy, both listed below. I will forfeit the educational scholarship and my role with Gaylord Alpenfest if the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce determines that I am in violation of the above listed requirements and or/policies.
- I agree to conform to the rules, regulations and policies of the Gaylord Alpenfest and Queen Pageant in consideration of my participation and/or representation of the Gaylord Alpenfest and Queen Pageant as a condition of continued participation and or/representation.
- 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 the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and



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- the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce option, including the potential loss of the scholarship money.

I have read this agreement and agree to abide by the terms laid out by the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee, Queens Pageant, and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## Gaylord Alpenfest Queen and Court Commitment Policy

By entering the competition (pageant) to be selected as the Gaylord Alpenfest Queen, the candidates agree that they will commit to one year of service to the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee, and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. The Alpenfest Queens Pageant Director (or their designated representative) will be arranging for the Queen and her Court at attend an/or participate in a selected number of festivals, events, and or anything deemed necessary to represent our Community and Alpenfest. We expect our Queen and her court to do everything in their power to fulfill the obligations. The Queen and her court will be expected to inform their families, work, and school administrators of their obligations to their Community, Alpenfest and the Chamber, so as to minimize scheduling conflicts with their duties. The Alpenfest Committee and “the Chamber of Commerce 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 not limited to parades, tv/radio appearances, and other goodwill duties. The obligations start immediately upon selection as the Gaylord Alpenfest Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up at the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant, and will continue until the selection of the subsequent “Gaylord Alpenfest Queen and Court” at the following-year’s pageant. The Decision of the Judges will be final.

By Virtue of their selection as the Gaylord Alpenfest Queen, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up, the selected ladies become eligible to receive the designated educational scholarship money. The amounts are as follows:

Gaylord Alpenfest Queen	\$3000
1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-Up	\$1500
2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up	\$1000

The Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce will review these amounts on a periodic basis and adjust them accordingly. The scholarship money will be paid at the following years pageant. The checks will be made payable to the school and the girls.

The scholarships will be paid to the Queen and her Court upon the successful completion of their obligations to our Community Gaylord Alpenfest and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce.

While our expectation is that the Queen and her Court will attend/participate in all scheduled events/activities, Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce acknowledges that circumstances may arise to preclude such participation. In those limited circumstances, it is the participant's obligation to contact their designated representative, with



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notification of the participants inability to fulfill the scheduled appearance. However, if the Queen or either Court members individually miss more than 20% of their scheduled

appearances, then that participant can forfeit their rights to the scholarship money. The Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors determination will be final and binding.

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## **Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Program Code 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 ensure that all participants are treated equally and fairly. All participants are expected to follow the rules and regulations of Alpenfest Queens Pageant. Although Alpenfest Queens Pageant has established a relationship with its participants, in certain instances the program 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 Gaylord Alpenfest premises or in conjunction with an individual's role as a Queen Candidate or as a Court Member. 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 the Gaylord Alpenfest Program to terminate the Queen, Her Court members, candidates service for any reason and at any time, with or without notice.

1. Engaging in reckless conduct that endangers the safety of self or other.
2. Using profanity toward staff, other contestants, or public
3. Dishonesty, falsification, or violating any safety instructions or rules established by the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant.
4. Leaving Gaylord Alpenfest position or premises or not appearing at other scheduled events without permission.
5. Negligent or willful defacing, misuse, or destruction of Gaylord Alpenfest equipment or facilities.
6. Being discourteous toward any of the public.
7. Theft, unauthorized possession, removal,, or use of property belonging to another contestant or Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce member or to the Gaylord Alpenfest and Queens Pageant.
8. Excessive tardiness or absenteeism
9. Smoking, or use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or controlled substances or weapons while representing Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant and Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce.



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10. Fighting, threatening, or intimidating a fellow court member, Gaylord Alpenfest Committee member or Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce member with physical or emotional harm.
11. Excessive public displays of affections.
12. Failing to adhere to the Gaylord Alpenfest Queen's Pageant Dress Code for all appearances:
  - a. Dirndl- except for winter events and/or pre-approved events.
  - b. Blumenkrantz/Crown
  - c. Sash
  - d. White, comfortable dress footwear
- The candidates should coordinate an outfit appropriate for the weather and the theme, including jackets and t-shirts that are provided by Gaylord Alpenfest.
13. Personal cell phones are not permitted for use during Gaylord Alpenfest related events. Cell phones may be placed on vibrate in case of emergency.
14. The Candidates must remain in good moral and legal standing through time of reign. Failure to do so will result in potential loss of scholarship and/or title decided by the Pageant committee and the Alpenfest committee

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## **Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Parent Code of Conduct**

Parents of the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant in conjunction with the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce are required to follow the code of conduct set forth by Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce, Gaylord Alpenfest Committee, and the Queens Pageant. Parents must exhibit behavior that is a representative of the Gaylord Alpenfest, Queens Pageant, and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce always. All parents of the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant must adhere to the following rules:

1. Conversations related to issues you may have, or your daughter's performance, capability, or involvement must be directed toward the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Director Wendie Forman.
2. Parents shall refrain from discussing Court Candidates in a negative light.
3. No parent shall approach a coordinator, court candidate, or court candidates' family members before, during or immediately following an event with the intent to voice a complaint. Should an issue arise, parents must wait 24 hours before reaching out to the coordinator.
4. Parents shall not make a scene during any events.
5. Parents who become too emotionally involved in the Queens Pageant events or appearances must remove themselves from the situation if they are unable to control their emotions. The Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant is for the Queens Candidates. These ladies must be given the freedom to express themselves and handle situations on their own.
6. Parents shall set an example for all Candidates by showing respect, humility, and dignity.
7. Parents shall respect the facilities at all events and appearances, this includes cleaning up after yourself, and your families.
8. Parents shall raise any issue with the Director or the Gaylord Chamber of Commerce representative first
9. Serious infractions may result in the removal of the parents Candidate from her position and loss of her scholarship money.



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## **Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Social Media Policy**

This policy is applicable for all members of the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant, a local scholarship program affiliated with Gaylord Alpenfest and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. It is the policy of the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce and the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee that those who participate in the program and access the Internet should practice safe, lawful, ethical, moral, and proper internet practices, and agree to the conditions and requirements of this policy. Alpenfest and the Chamber has a responsibility to help make the Internet a safe, secure, and productive tool for information and communication to our sponsors and court members. All candidates of the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant must agree to this policy and positively affirm, attest, and swear with a signature.

### **Policy Overview**

This Acceptable Use Policy is designed to help all Candidates understand the Queens Pageant programs requirements and expectations for the use of, as applicable, the Internet and all its components including but not limited to e-mail, Facebook, Snap Chat, TikTok, Instagram etc.

The Internet is a communication tool, and all Candidates and Court Members are requiring using the Internet properly and appropriately. Proper use requires that all candidates respect copyrights, software licensing rulers, property rights, and the privacy of others. Candidates and Court members may not use the Internet for any purpose that would reflect negatively on Alpenfest Queens Pageant, Gaylord Alpenfest Committee, The Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce, or its board members and directors, any other candidates, or sponsors past or present.

Unlawful or inappropriate Internet usage may damage the reputation of the Queens Candidates or others and expose the program to legal liabilities. Internet usage whether e-mails, social media, blogs or otherwise, may be seen b many other Internet Users and forwarded or retained electronically by any number of them. Therefore, candidates may not make any comment that may be misrepresented as being Alpenfest or the Chambers position unless empowered to make such a comment.

### **Policy Provisions**

1. Pageant, and Chamber officials will be monitoring Candidates social media sites. You will need to add Wendie Forman Pageant Direct and Courtney Willits Chair of the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to all existing forms of social media until



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2. you are done with Alpenfest Queens Pageant or after your Queen and Court reign is over.
  
3. The Purposeful Display of any kind of sexually explicit or discriminatory (as it pertains to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, political beliefs, receipt of financial aid, or disability) image, words, or document by a Candidate is a violation of this policy. Other inappropriate uses of the Internet include:
  - a. Abusive, hateful, degrading, demeaning, derogatory or defamatory materials, information, or communications. Emphasis is added as it pertains to race, color, religion, age, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, political beliefs, or disability.
  - b. Pornographic obscene, sexually explicit, indecent, or vulgar materials, information, or communications
  - c. Any images promoting or including the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco in any form.
  - d. Any confidential records of the program, its volunteers, sponsors, or other Candidates, without authority to do so. Candidates must know what is and is not acceptable.
  - e. Any materials or programs, including access and registration codes, which are in violation of copyright protections.
  - f. Any rude or abusive language, or negative characterizations of other or of the Alpenfest Queens Pageant.
  
4. Engaging in any other activity restricted by local, state, federal or international laws. Gaylord Alpenfest and the Gaylord Area Chamber of commerce will cooperate with any legitimate law enforcement activity to identify and prosecute Candidates and Court Members who violate the Policy and applicable law.
  
5. Personal views may not be presented as though they are that of the program- unless specifically authorized and as necessary in the performance of your duties, court members may not speak or write in the name of the program. Candidates and Court Members may not use the Internet for any unauthorized endorsement or appearance of endorsement by the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant of any commercial product or service not endorsed by the Queens Pageant.
  
6. All postings by any Candidate or Court Member to any festival or program related page or correspondence to any festival or program related item, must be reviewed just as though it were traditional correspondence. Improper spelling and grammar reflect poorly on the professional image of the program, it's volunteers and sponsors.



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I fully understand the terms of this policy and agree to abide by them. I realize that the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee, Queens Pageant, and the Gaylord Area Chambre of Commerce may in its own discretion monitor my personal internet publications including, but not limited to, social media, blogs, and websites. I know violation of this policy may bar me from participation in the Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant.

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## Upcoming Parades

- \*\* These dates may change slightly. You will get updated dates and times as soon as they become available\*\*
- \*\*The only events that are required to attend are parades and local events deemed important by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce and Gaylord Alpenfest Committee. \*\*
- \*\*All other events will be on a volunteer basis agreed upon by the Queen and her Court\*\*

### 2023

Saturday July 15 Alpenfest Grand Parade- Gaylord  
Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>, Charlevoix Venetian Festival Parade- Charlevoix  
Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Polish Festival- Boyne City  
Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> Gaylord Far Queen & Princess Pageant- Gaylord  
Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>, Bellaire Rubber Ducky Festival Parade-Bellaire  
Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> Thunder Over Waters- Waters  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Gaylord Santa Parade- Gaylord

### 2024

Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> Gaylord Alpenfrost-Gaylord  
Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> Gaylord St Patty's Day Parade- Gaylord  
Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> Trout Festival- Kalkaska  
Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, Mackinaw City Memorial Day Parade- Mackinaw City  
Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> Bass Festival Parade – Mancelona  
Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> Mackinaw Island Lilac Festival  
Johannesburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> Cherry Festival Parade 1  
Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> Cherry Festival Parade 2

Queen and Court are required to participate in two public service events during off season from parades approved by the Pageant Director or Pageant Committee Member.

As a reminder the Queen and her Court can only miss 20% of the required events. If you cannot make one of these events you must let you representative from the Gaylord Area Chamber know as soon as possible

### Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant Parade Rules

1. The court should carpool together unless accommodations do not provide for all to travel together. The driver of the main vehicle will be reimbursed mileage to and from the parade. (Provide information to the Gaylord Are Chamber of Commerce)



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2. The Queen, her Court and the main driver will be reimbursed the expense of 1 meal per parade up to \$25 per person (turn receipt into the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce with the name of the parade on the top)
3. The Queen and Court and the Representative from the Gaylord Area Chamber are responsible for obtaining a driver for each of the parades and arranging the meet up times to leave for each parade
4. The Queen and her Court must always wear appropriate Alpenfest approved attire while attending the parades and special events.
5. Cell phones are not permitted to be used during any event. You may use them before and after to take photos.
6. The Queen and her Court is expected to arrive in a timely manner to events and have a positive attitude. Have fun and remember you are a representative of our community.

I have read this agreement and agree to the terms laid out by the Gaylord Alpenfest Committee, Gaylord Alpenfest Queens Pageant, and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## 2024 Gaylord Alpenfest Queen's Pageant Candidate Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (mobile): \_\_\_\_\_ (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardians Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Legal Guardians Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Legal Guardians Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

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High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated/Graduating \_\_\_\_\_

College Name / Where you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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Please list your

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are five words that best describe you?

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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)

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**\*\*\* Please Submit two letter of recommendation with your application \*\***

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



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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

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