



2018 RAILROAD DAYS

PRINCE APPLICATION

**Sponsored by: Randy Wise of Durand
Photos to be provided by: A&R Portraits**

If you have any questions regarding the application, rules and/or expectations for Railroad Days Prince, please contact Jennifer Lindner at (734) 652-9343. (Please leave a message and your call will be returned)

Purpose of Railroad Days Prince

The purpose of Railroad Days Prince is that he is chosen to represent the Durand Community and Durand Railroad Days Festival at various events throughout the area. The Railroad Days Prince will participate in parades, receptions, luncheons, and similar activities. The Railroad Days Prince is at all times an official ambassador and is expected to act in a manner that reflects his title.

Qualifications

1. Candidates must meet one of the qualifications (will be verified):
 1. must currently attend Durand Area Schools
 2. must have a Durand mailing address
2. Candidates must be between 7-10 years of age on or before January 1, 2018.

Sponsorship

Candidates must procure a sponsor, who will accept the expense of the \$50 entry fee. The sponsor must be a local business. The entry fee is to be submitted with your application. Each sponsor will be acknowledged (at a minimum) in the Independent, Argus-Press, Durand NOW, and in pageant programs. Sponsor checks should be made out to Durand Railroad Days. If candidate needs assistance in obtaining a sponsor please contact a royalty committee member.

1. Contestant must be able to leave their vote collection canister at their sponsor's place of business.
2. Each sponsoring business may display one canister. (Please sponsor one prince or princess contestant only)

Photo session

Photos will be provided courtesy of A&R Portraits on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 by appointment (this is free to you). Contestant is asked to wear a white button up dress shirt, no ties allowed. **DO NOT contact A&R Portraits, you will be contacted to make an appointment.**

Voting Process

1. Randy Wise of Durand will provide contestant with their collection canister. The chairperson will place the canister at the sponsor's place of business on Monday, February 5, 2018.
2. Canisters will remain in sponsor's place of business for two weeks, Monday, February 5 through Monday, February 19, for vote collection.
3. Canisters will be sealed and picked up at the close of business day Monday, February 19, 2018 by the chairperson.
4. Counting of the votes will be conducted by SageLink Credit Union in Durand.
5. Winner will be determined by the most votes received. Each cent collected in contestant's canister will equal one vote.
6. In case of a tie, at a special meeting of the Durand Railroad Days Committee, along with one member of the community chosen by the chairperson, will be eligible to cast one vote for the contestant they believe will best represent the community during the Railroad Days festivities.
7. Winning Prince to be announced in March in co-ordination with the Miss Railroad Days Pageant held on March 23, 2018 at 6:30pm, where he will receive his crown and sash.

8. Participation ribbons will be given to all participants.

9. Railroad Days Prince will receive a \$100 scholarship. Scholarship money will be distributed at the conclusion of reign (2019 crowning ceremony).

Requirements and Duties of the Durand Railroad Days Prince

1. Railroad Days Prince will be required to appear in various parades and community functions throughout the year, representing his title and the community of Durand. However, the majority of these appearances will be made during May through August. These appearances will be scheduled by the royalty committee. This year's Railroad Days will be May 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th.

2. At no time will the Durand Railroad Days Prince be allowed to have any guest in their company while attending scheduled events.

3. If the Durand Railroad Days Prince does not attend or arrives late for a function without prior approval he will forfeit his title and scholarship.

Appropriate attire for appearances

Appropriate and proper attire is required at all times during an appearance by the Durand Railroad Days Prince. The royalty committee will determine what type of attire is deemed appropriate for an appearance. If the royalty committee feels the outfit is not appropriate for the appearance, they may request that the outfit be changed. The royalty committee decision is final.

1. Durand Railroad Days Prince will be required to wear dressy clothing for some appearances (no jeans).

2. Durand Railroad Days Prince will be expected to wear school appropriate attire with the 'official royalty' shirt, royalty shirt will be provided.

3. Durand Railroad Days Prince will not have a drastic hair color or style throughout his rein.

Rules and Regulations

1. When attending an event or making an appearance you are the official representative of not only Durand Railroad Days Festival, but your community, and you are expected to act in a manner compatible to your title. When not in an "official capacity", you are still expected to act in a manner compatible with your title. Remember, whether or not you have a crown or sash on, people will still recognize you and associate you with the community of Durand and the Durand Railroad Days Festival.

2. Any Prince who during his reign displays improper conduct, that could damage the reputation of the Durand Railroad Days, will forfeit his title and scholarship.

3. Upon winning Durand Railroad Days Prince, I further agree not to allow the use of any photos of myself in my crown and/or sash, by any other party for publicity or advertisement, without the consent of the Durand Railroad Days Festival.

4. Durand Railroad Days official festival photos are not permitted for any other use without express written consent of Railroad Days Royalty Committee.

5. If a candidate/Prince has been reprimanded for bullying, has been suspended, expelled, or truancy charges brought against him, he will be dismissed from participation, and will forfeit his title and scholarship.

6. The royalty committee will review all applications to determine that these guidelines have been met. The committee reserves the right to reject any application that does not meet the guidelines as stated. All decisions of the committee are final. If your application is rejected, you will be notified within two weeks of the application deadline.

Important information

Candidates will meet with the Royalty Committee Representatives during their scheduled photo session at A&R Portrait to review expectations, explain how Railroad Days Prince is selected, the Crowning Ceremony and to answer any questions that you may have. Parents are invited but not required to attend this meeting.

The crowning ceremony will be held Friday, March 23 at 6:30pm in the Durand Union Station. Candidates are asked to arrive by 6:15pm, dressed in dressy clothing (no jeans).

Sunday, March 25 at 3:00pm the Prince will meet with the royalty committee to receive his required list of events, meet the Queen, Attendant, and Princess and answer any further questions. The royalty member and their parent will be required to sign a contract stating that they understand the rules, obligations, and commitments that are required and that they agree to abide by them.

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(please type or print clearly)

Candidate Information

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

School attending _____ Current Grade _____

Parent(s) Name(s) (and address if different from above)

City _____

City _____

Sponsor Information

Business Sponsor: _____ Contact _____

Address: _____ City _____

Telephone Number: _____

I, _____ have read and understand the eligibility requirements
(Applicant's Name)

for this contest and will be available for the Crowning Ceremony on March 23, 2018 and the weekend of Durand Railroad Days, May 17th – 20st, 2018.

Candidates/Parent by signing this entry form, acknowledge their understanding of the Durand Railroad Days Prince rules and regulations, regarding both the crowning ceremony and the title itself. I, the undersigned, have read and understand the rules governing the Durand Railroad Days Prince.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Check for sponsor fee made payable to **Durand Railroad Days**

The deadline for turning in your Prince application is Friday, November 17, 2017. When returning this application be sure to include your completed application and your \$50 entry fee paid by your sponsor. Mail or deliver to Railroad Days Inc., Miss Railroad Days Committee, c/o Jennifer Lindner, 9126 East Bennington Rd., Durand, MI 48429.