



2018 RAILROAD DAYS

PRINCESS APPLICATION

Sponsored by: Durand Lioness Club

Photos to be provided by: A&R Portraits

If you have any questions regarding the application, rules and/or expectations for Railroad Days Princess, please contact:
Martha Owens at (810) 923-3308 or 989-288-4959 and leave a message.

Purpose of Railroad Days Princess

The purpose of Railroad Days Princess is: to represent the Durand Community, Durand Railroad Days Festival and the Durand Lioness Club at various events throughout the area. The Railroad Days Princess will participate in parades, receptions, luncheons, and similar activities, when available. The Railroad Days Princess is at all times an official ambassador and is expected to act in a manner that reflects her 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 crowning ceremony programs. Sponsor checks should be made out to Durand Lioness Club. 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 for a period of two weeks.
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 (at no charge). Contestant is asked to wear a white top or dress. Please, no bows or big barrettes in hair. **DO NOT contact A&R Portraits; you will be contacted to make an appointment.**

Voting Process

1. Contestant will provide her own decorated canister to place in sponsoring business on February 23, 2018.
2. Canisters will remain in sponsor's place of business for two weeks, Friday, February 23 through Friday, March 9, 2018 for vote collection.
3. Canisters must be sealed and will be picked up at 5:00pm Friday, March 9, 2018 by a designated Lioness Club member.
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 Lioness Club's Princess 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 Princess to be announced in March in co-ordination with the Miss Railroad Days Crowning Ceremony held on March 23, 2018 at 6:30pm, where she will receive her crown and sash.

8. Participation ribbons will be given to all participants.

9. Railroad Days Princess 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 Princess

1. Railroad Days Princess will be required to appear in various parades and community functions throughout the year, representing her title, the Durand Lioness Club 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 Princess be allowed to have any guest in their company while attending scheduled events.

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

Appropriate attire for appearances

Appropriate and proper attire is required at all times during an appearance by the Durand Railroad Days Princess. 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 Princess will be required to wear dressy clothing for some appearances (no jeans).

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

3. Durand Railroad Days Princess will not have a drastic hair color or style throughout her 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 and the Durand Lioness Club, 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 Princess who, during her reign displays improper conduct that could damage the reputation of the Durand Railroad Days or Durand Lioness Club will forfeit her title and scholarship.

3. Upon winning Durand Railroad Days Princess, 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/Princess has been reprimanded for bullying, has been suspended, expelled, or truancy charges brought against her, will be dismissed from participation, and will forfeit her 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 Princess is selected, the Crowning Ceremony and to answer any questions that you may have. Parents are invited but not required to attend this informal 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 Princess will meet with the royalty committee to receive her required list of events, meet the Queen, Attendant, and Prince 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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OFFICIAL PRINCESS APPLICATION

(please type or print clearly)

Candidate Information

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

School attending _____ Current Grade _____

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 Princess 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 _____

Mail application and \$50.00 sponsor fee to: Durand Railroad Days Princess
PO Box 52, Vernon, MI 48476

Check for \$50 sponsor fee made payable to **Durand Lioness Club**
Deadline for applications is November 17, 2017