



**2018 MISS RAILROAD DAYS
QUEEN'S SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

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

Purpose of Miss Railroad Days and Attendant

The purpose of Miss Railroad Days and her attendant are that they are chosen to represent the Durand Community and Durand Railroad Days Festival at various events throughout the area. Miss Railroad Days and or Attendant will participate in parades, receptions, luncheons, and similar activities. They may also promote the Railroad Days Festival through speaking at various community activities. Miss Railroad Days and Attendant are at all times official ambassadors and are expected to act in a manner that reflects their title.

Qualifications

1. Candidates must meet one of the qualifications (will be verified):
 1. must currently attend Durand Area High School
 2. must have graduated from Durand Area High School
 3. must have a Durand mailing address
2. Candidates must be between 15-20 years of age on or before March 1, 2018.
3. Candidates must have never been married, may not be pregnant nor have ever been pregnant, may not be engaged, and may not be cohabiting with a significant other. The queen and her attendant must remain so for the duration of their reign.
4. Candidates may have never been a previous Miss Railroad Days.
5. Candidates must be in good academic standing as determined by the royalty committee. Circumstances surrounding a candidate being on academic probation must be discussed with the royalty committee.

Sponsorship

Candidates must procure a sponsor, who will accept the expense of the \$50 entry fee. The sponsor must be a local business, not a parent. 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.

Photo session

Photos will be provided courtesy of A&R Portraits on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 by appointment (this is free to you). **DO NOT contact A&R Portraits, you will be contacted to make an appointment.**

Selection Process

1. Candidate will participate in an interview the week of February 26, 2018 (this date will be decided closer to interview). Dress as you would for a job interview.
2. Candidates will prepare and give a speech at the Crowning Ceremony (the topic for the speech will be given at the interview).
3. Candidate will answer an impromptu question about themselves (based off application) during the crowning ceremony.
4. The Railroad Days Festival is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items while participating in the Crowning/Queen process.
5. During the interview or crowning ceremony cell phones are not allowed. The cell phone maybe kept in your purse and must be off. Unless there is an emergency, anyone witnessed texting or using their phone will have ten points

subtracted from their overall score. This is to ensure fairness during the selection process. If there is an emergency, please speak with one of the royalty committee members first.

Requirements and Duties of the Durand Railroad Days Queen and Attendant

1. Miss Railroad Days or her Attendant will be required to appear in various parades and community functions throughout the year, representing their 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, 20th.
2. At no time will the Durand Railroad Days Queen and/or her attendant be allowed to have any guest in their company while attending scheduled events.
3. If the Durand Railroad Days Queen and/or her attendant 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 Queen and or attendant. 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. Candidates are expected to provide their own business casual clothing and formal wear.

1. Durand Railroad Days Queen and or attendant will be required to make some appearances in formal gowns. It is the responsibility of the young ladies to acquire an appropriate gown for these occasions. Please do not feel as though a dress must be purchased solely for these events. Most of the past queens and or attendants have worn their homecoming dress, prom dress, a dress worn in a wedding, or a dress borrowed from a friend.
2. Durand Railroad Days Queen and or attendant will be expected to wear school appropriate attire with the 'official royalty' shirt, royalty shirt will be provided.
3. Durand Railroad Days Queen and or attendant may not alter their appearance once chosen. This includes visible body piercing, tattoos, or drastic hair color or styling (highlights are acceptable). Any visible body jewelry (not including earrings) must be removed and tattoos covered if chosen, even if you have them prior to crowning ceremony.

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 young lady who during her reign displays improper conduct, that could damage the reputation of the Durand Railroad Days, will forfeit her title and scholarship.
3. If chosen as Durand Railroad Days Queen or attendant, 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. Miss Railroad Days will receive a \$1000 scholarship; her attendant will receive a \$500 scholarship. Scholarship money will be distributed at the conclusion of reign (2019 crowning ceremony). The scholarships are provided by Randy Wise of Durand.
5. The chosen Queen and Attendant official festival photos are not permitted for any other use without express written

consent of Railroad Days Royalty Committee.

6. If a candidate/Queen/Attendant has charges brought against her in a court of law while participating she will be dismissed from participation. This includes, but is not limited to, felonies, misdemeanors, and truancy. Traffic citations will not be held against you.

7. 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 Miss Railroad Days and her Attendant are 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 6:00pm, dressed as you would for a job interview. This will give you time to prepare to for your formal wear change during the crowning ceremony.

Sunday, March 25 at 3:00pm the Queen and her Attendant will meet with the royalty committee to receive your required list of events, meet the Princess 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.

MISS RAILROAD DAYS 2018
OFFICIAL QUEEN APPLICATION

(please type or print clearly)

Candidate Information

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____

Email address _____ Cell Phone _____

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

City _____

City _____

Sponsor Information

Business Sponsor _____ Contact _____

Address _____ City _____

Telephone Number _____

Candidate Employment

Current place of employment _____

Position _____ Supervisor _____

Is your supervisor supportive of this opportunity (circle one) Yes No

Candidate Education

High School attended/attending _____ (Circle one if still attending)

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Year Graduated _____

Please attach a summary telling us what your community means to you. Your summary will be used in the judging process.

Candidate Background (you may continue writing on the back or attach another sheet if you need additional space)

List any volunteer/community activities you have participated in that were not school related.

List any school activities/hobbies you have participated in.

List any awards or accomplishments that are school related.

What do you hope the benefits would be if chosen as Miss Durand Railroad Days?

Please tell us your future plans.

Candidates, by signing this entry form, acknowledge their understanding of the Durand Railroad Days Queen rules and regulations, regarding both the crowning ceremony and the title itself. Candidates also acknowledge they have read through the application and understand the obligations of becoming a candidate and queen or attendant.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the rules governing the Durand Railroad Days Queen.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

The deadline for turning in your Queen application is Friday, November 18, 2017. When returning this application be sure to include your completed application, including your essay, 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.