

# Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant

## STANTON OLD FASHIONED DAYS KIDS COURT & PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

It is an honor and a privilege to represent the Stanton Old Fashioned Days Festival (SOFD) and its Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant (MSSP) as Duke, Duchess, Prince, or Princess (hereinafter referred to as Kids Court).

**Therefore, the following rules and regulations must be in effect for all Kids Court Members, Parents, and Guardians:**

### 1. Eligibility

- a. Kids Court refers to the Duke, Duchess, Prince, and Princess, who shall enter this agreement with SOFD/MSSP for one (1) year upon receiving their titles.
- b. The chosen Kids Court must be enrolled in and attend Central Montcalm Schools OR live in the Central Montcalm School District and attend a home school, private or public school of choice, or online accredited program.
- c. Kids Court may not hold a title from any other pageant when entering the Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant (MSSP).
- d. Duke and Duchess contestants must be no younger than seven (7) and no older than ten (10) on the day of the pageant.
- e. Prince and Princess contestants must be no younger than three (3) and no older than six (6) on the day of the pageant.
- f. Current or past Kids Court Members are eligible to re-enter in future years for a title which they have not already held previously, provided all requirements are met, including the age qualifications.

### 2. Responsibilities

General expectations of Kids Court and their Parent/Guardian are as follows:

- a. Kids Court/Parent/Guardian must commit to attend ALL required activities set forth by the SOFD Board and adhere to the regulations established by this contract. Attendance at additional Queen/Court events beyond the minimum requirements is strongly encouraged and appreciated.
- b. If Kids Court must travel to an event, one Parent/Guardian MUST be in attendance. This person is responsible for making sure the Kids Court is on time to the event and picked up on time.

- c. Parent/Guardian may be asked to assist Pageant Director with additional responsibilities including but not limited to: Chaperoning, Float assembly, Helping Queens/Court, etc.
- d. Towing the float to and from parade events and during all parades shall be the responsibility of Queens Committee members, or individuals appointed by them. If Parent/Guardian is willing and able to make this commitment for some or all parades, it must be discussed with and approved by the Queens Committee.
- e. If Parent/Guardian is unable to meet any of the above responsibilities for a required event, then the Pageant Director should be contacted immediately.
- f. Kids Court and their Parent/Guardian are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their crown and sash. Any damages caused beyond normal wear, will be repaired or replaced at their expense.

### **3. Appearances**

- a. The MSSP Director is appointed by the SOFD Board as the contact person for the Kids Court during their reign and will make all arrangements for appearances.
- b. Kids Court shall make no extra appearances representing SOFD without prior approval.
- c. Kids Court must wear a long dress (below the knees) if female or a dress shirt and slacks if male (unless told otherwise) to all parades & events.
- d. At minimum, Kids Court must ride the MSSP float in the SOFD parade the year they are crowned, along with appearing at other events during SOFD weekend as requested by the Pageant Director, Queens Committee, or SOFD Board.
- e. Kids Court is additionally invited and encouraged to attend all approved parades and events set forth by SOFD Board on the master schedule of appearances throughout the remainder of their reign. While attending and representing SOFD with sash/crown, Kids Court must stay in the area designated by the MSSP Director and/or Queens Committee Member.
- f. If Kids Court is unable to attend a parade or event, in which they are invited to participate, let the Pageant Director know as soon as possible.
- g. The reign of the Kids Court shall expire upon the conclusion of the MSSP the following year, when the next Kids Court is crowned.

### **4. Prohibitions and Causes for Removal**

The following actions are prohibited. Violation of these terms would consequently give cause for removal or penalty, as determined by the SOFD Board.

- a. Kids Court shall **NOT**:
  - i. hold any other official pageant title during the term of their reign.

- ii. wear pageant equipment/attire outside of official events and appearances set forth by the SOFD Board without prior written consent from the MSSP Director.
  - iii. fail to meet any of the abovementioned expectations listed in sections 2 and 3.
  - iv. be disrespectful of others, including, but not limited to:
    - 1. other court members and parents
    - 2. queens, court members, and personnel of any other festival or fair
    - 3. the MSSP Director and any of the Queens Committee or SOFD members.
  - v. publically conduct themself in any inappropriate manner, including, but not limited to:
    - 1. the use of profanity or other inappropriate language at any time in public
    - 2. behavioral issues such as tantrums, outbursts, or outright refusal to follow directions and/or behave appropriately while representing as Kids Court at any festival, fair, or official public appearance.
  - vi. create or engage in inappropriate posts/tweets on social media. Examples include, but are not limited to the items listed previously in items 3.iv.and 3.v.
  - vii. behave in any other way that the SOFD Board determines to be inappropriate.
- b. Parent/Guardian shall **NOT** commit the following acts in person or on social media. These behaviors will not be tolerated and may call for disqualification from competition in the MSSP or removal of their daughter from her Kids Court position:
- i. insult or show disrespect toward any member of the Queens or SOFD Committee, Pageant Director, another pageant parent, or other Queen/Court.
  - ii. fight or argue with member of the Queens or SOFD Committee, Pageant Director, another pageant parent, or other Queen/Court.

## 5. Penalties

- a. The foregoing rules outlined above should be enforced as follows, unless the infraction calls for automatic removal from position (as noted in section 4):
  - i. 1st infraction or complaint from a public source: Pageant Director shall give warning, and report the complaint to the Queens Committee/Stanton Old Fashioned Days Board.
  - ii. 2nd infraction or complaint from a public source (may be same or different sources): The Kids Court shall appear before the SOFD Board. The Board may take any action it deems necessary, including, but not limited to, removal from their position.
- b. The Pageant Director and/or Queens Committee shall have the authority to immediately suspend Kids Court for any infraction that gives cause for immediate removal, as listed in Section 4, until the SOFD Board can convene regarding the matter.
- c. In the event that there is cause for a removal because of a prohibition or a penalty, the removed Kids Court shall:
  - i. forfeit any and all prizes received

- ii. have 24 hours to return any and all property including, but not limited to, crown, sash, awards, or prizes. If it is necessary for the SOFD Board to obtain an attorney to enforce this provision, the removed Kids Court/Parent/Guardian shall be responsible for any attorney's fees and court costs incurred, and
- iii. be barred from competing in future Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageants, for all ages.
- d. In the event Kids Court member should move away or transfer to another school district, they shall resign from their reign and title, and because they would not be able to fulfill their reign, they would also lose all awards or prizes that they may have received if their reign had been completed.
- e. In the event of a Kids Court removal, their position will then remain unfilled until the next MSSP during SOFD Festival.
- f. For all removals, the decision of the SOFD Board is final and cannot be appealed.

## **6. Prizes and Awards**

At the time they are crowned, Kids Court members will each receive a crown and a sash. These are to be maintained as outlined Section 2 of this contract. Kids Court may also receive optional items such as an official T-Shirt or other goodies throughout their reign, or at the end, at the discretion of the Pageant Director, Queens Committee, and the SOFD Board.

## **7. Media & Publication Release**

Kids Court will be photographed and/or video recorded prior to and throughout her reign. This material may then be published in local print (e.g., The Daily News/Lakeview Times), online (e.g., SOFD Website/Social Media), and in promotional materials (e.g., festival booklet/Facebook Ads). Publication may also include, but not be limited to, her name and biographical information.

The signature of Parent/Guardian shall permit the capture, publication, and sharing of Kids Court's likeness and identifying information in connection to SOFD and MSSP without compensation.

## **8. Waiver of Liability**

Parent/Guardian and Kids Court shall indemnify, absolve, hold harmless and forever discharge Stanton Old Fashioned Days, Inc., including its officers, directors, members, successors, sponsors, volunteers, organizers, vendors, representatives, and contractors, of and from any and all claims, demands, debts, expenses, causes of action, lawsuits, damages, injuries, and liabilities of every kind and nature, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, that ever arise from, or are in any way related to, participation of Kids Court in any of the events set forth by the Stanton Old Fashioned Days Board, or any acts, omissions, negligence, or misconduct.

The signature of Parent/Guardian and Kids Court shall constitute an understanding of potential liability and risk of participation and an agreement to assume responsibility for all liability and risk, including but not limited to: loss, damage, injury, or death.

This waiver of liability shall extend to all governmental and public entities, including but not limited to the state, county, and local municipalities, where Kids Court appearances and events may take place.

Parent/Guardian and Kids Court have the right to consult with an attorney regarding this waiver of liability/contract, but are otherwise aware that participation requires their voluntary signatures, acknowledging and agreeing to both the waiver and the contract, in which it is contained.

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## Signature Page

**The signature of Contestant and Parent/Guardian is required, regardless of whether contestant is a minor, due to the extent of the expectations outlined in the foregoing contract for both parties.**

I have read and completely reviewed all sections of the Stanton Old Fashioned Days Kids Court & Parent/Guardian Contract, giving careful consideration of the requirements, responsibilities, prohibitions and penalties, and the Media & Publication Release and Waiver of Liability it contains.

My signature below certifies that I understand and accept the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.

Additionally, my Parent/Guardian signature authorizes my son or daughter to participate in Stanton Old Fashioned Days Festival events, and other appearances and local festival events within Montcalm, Kent, and Ionia Counties, as set forth by the SOFD Board if they earn the honor of Kids Court.

Contestant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

MSSP Pageant Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Queens Committee Chairperson  
or SOFD Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_