

Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant

STANTON OLD FASHIONED DAYS QUEEN/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 Miss Stanton, Jr Miss Stanton or as a Court Member (hereinafter referred to as Queen/Court).

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

1. Eligibility

- a. "Queen" refers to those awarded the role of Miss Stanton, Miss Stanton Runner Up, Jr Miss Stanton, and Jr Miss Stanton Runner Up, who shall enter this agreement with SOFD/MSSP for one (1) year upon receiving their titles.
- b. "Court" refers to a pageant participant that was not awarded an official title as a Miss or Jr Miss Queen or Runner Up, but is invited to be involved in all official appearances during SOFD Weekend as an honorary court member, with no obligation for further involvement throughout the remainder of the year. The number of court members is dependent upon the number of contestants each year and shall be determined annually by the Queens Committee.
- c. The chosen Queen/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, online accredited program, college, or postsecondary training program.
- d. Miss Stanton contestants must be no younger than fifteen (15) and no older than nineteen (19) on the day of the pageant.
- e. Jr Miss Stanton contestants must be no younger than eleven (11) and no older than fourteen (14) on the day of the pageant.
- f. Queen/Court must never have been arrested and/or convicted of a crime (other than a routine driving infraction); and remain so during the term of her reign.
- g. Queen/Court must be single (never married), not pregnant (or ever been pregnant), and remain so during the term of her reign.
- h. Queen/Court may not hold a title of Queen or be an active Court Member under obligation to any other pageant when entering the Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant (MSSP).
- i. Current Miss Stanton Runner Up, Jr Miss Stanton Runner Up, and MSSP Court Members are eligible to re-enter in consecutive years, and current Jr Miss Stanton is eligible to re-enter as a Miss Stanton contestant, provided all requirements are met, including the age qualification.

2. Responsibilities

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

- a. Queen and her Parent/Guardian must commit to attend ALL required activities set forth by the Queens Committee/SOFD Board and adhere to the regulations established by this contract.
- b. If Queen/Court is a minor and must travel to an event, one Parent/Guardian MUST be in attendance. This person is responsible for making sure the Queen/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 Queen/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. In the event Queen/Court accepts an invitation to an event, she must be present during the entire event as called for in the invitation, except in cases of illness, death in the family, or the express permission of the inviting director or the SOFD Board.
- g. Queen/Court is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of her crown and sash. Any damages caused while in the possession of the Queen/Court, not including normal wear, will be repaired at her expense.

3. Appearances

- a. The MSSP Director is appointed by the SOFD Board as the contact person for the Queen/Court during her reign and will make all arrangements for appearances.
- b. Queen/Court shall make no extra appearances representing SOFD without prior approval.
- c. Queen/Court must wear a long formal dress (unless told otherwise) to all parades & events.
- d. Queens shall take part in all events of SOFD weekend, as scheduled by the MSSP Director, and serve as a hostess to visiting pageant courts the year she is crowned. Court shall take part in scheduled events during SOFD weekend on a voluntary basis, or as requested by MSSP/SOFD.
- e. Queen is expected and required to attend all approved parades and events set forth by Stanton Old Fashioned Days Board on the master schedule of appearances throughout the remainder of her reign. While attending and representing SOFD with sash/crown, Queen must stay in the area designated by the MSSP Director and/or Queens Committee Representative.

- f. Queen is only allowed to miss ONE required event, excluding illness and/or death in the family. If Queen chooses to miss an event, she must put her request in writing and submit it to the Pageant Director two (2) weeks prior to the event for approval. She will then be contacted on the matter, letting her know if the absence is approved. If Queen does not follow the proper procedures/standards for attendance or continues to miss events, absences will be considered unexcused and she may be removed from her position, as determined by the SOFD Board.
- g. In the event an invitation is received to an additional impromptu appearance, which the Queen voluntarily accepts (with MSSP Director's approval), but then cannot follow through with her commitment, a written apology is to be sent to the inviting director as soon as possible and a copy thereof must be provided to the Pageant Director and Queens Committee.
- h. The reign of the Queen shall expire upon the conclusion of the Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant the following year, when the next Queen 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. Queen/Court shall **NOT**:
 - i. be arrested and/or convicted of a crime (other than a routine driving infraction); before the end of her reign. If she is arrested and convicted at any time before her reign is complete, she will be immediately removed from her position.
 - ii. become married or pregnant before the end of her reign. Marriage or pregnancy shall constitute ground for immediate removal.
 - iii. abuse/possess any unlawful controlled substance or paraphernalia during her period of reign. Abuse or possession of unlawful controlled substances or paraphernalia will result in immediate removal.
 - iv. consume alcohol, marijuana, or tobacco products during her period of reign. If Queen/Court has a condition treated with medical marijuana products, please see Pageant Director.
 - v. hold any other pageant title during the term of her reign other than school or college activities. (Ex: Homecoming, Prom)
 - vi. wear pageant equipment/attire outside of official events and appearances set forth by the SOFD Board without prior written consent from the MSSP Director.
 - vii. fail to meet any of the abovementioned expectations for responsibilities or appearances listed in sections 2 and 3.
 - viii. 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.
- ix. publically conduct herself in any inappropriate manner, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. the use of profanity at any time in public
 - 2. engaging in public displays of affection (excluding family) while representing as Queen/Court at any festival, fair, or official public appearance.
 - x. create or engage in inappropriate posts/tweets on social media. Examples include, but are not limited to the items listed previously in items 3.viii.and 3.ix.
 - xi. 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 Queen/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 Queen/Court shall appear before the SOFD Board. The Board may take any action it deems necessary, including, but not limited to, removal from her position.
- b. The Pageant Director and/or Queens Committee shall have the authority to immediately suspend Queen/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 Queen/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/prizes, and scholarships. If it is necessary for the SOFD Board to obtain an attorney to enforce this provision, the removed Queen/Court shall be responsible for any attorney's fees and court costs incurred, and
 - iii. be barred from competing in future Stanton Old Fashioned Days/Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageants, in all age categories.

- d. In the event Queen should move away or transfer to another school district, she shall resign from her reign and title, and because she would not be able to fulfill her reign, she would also lose all awards/prizes, and scholarships that she may have received if her reign had been completed.
- e. In the event of a Queen's removal, respective Runner Ups will "move up." Ex: If Miss Stanton resigns or is removed, Miss Stanton Runner Up will be crowned as Miss Stanton and carry out the respective duties of the title for the remainder of her reign. The position of Runner Up 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

Scholarship awards shall be presented upon successful completion of Queen's reign, in the form of a letter for future redemption with proof of enrollment at a college or other postsecondary training program. Montcalm Community College (MCC) may have a different, but similar, process.

- a. Miss Stanton: \$250 scholarship to MCC; \$250 scholarship from SOFD/MSSP
- b. Miss Stanton Runner Up: \$175 scholarship from SOFD/MSSP
- c. Jr Miss Stanton: \$150 scholarship to MCC; \$100 scholarship from SOFD/MSSP
- d. Jr Miss Stanton Runner Up: \$75 scholarship from SOFD/MSSP

7. Media & Publication Release

Queen/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 or Queen/Court (if 18 years of age or older) shall permit the capture, publication, and sharing of Queen/Court's likeness and identifying information in connection to SOFD and MSSP without compensation.

8. Waiver of Liability

Parent/Guardian and Queen/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 Queen/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 Queen/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 Queen/Court appearances and events may take place.

Parent/Guardian and Queen/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 Queen/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 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 she earns the honor of Queen/Court.

Contestant _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

MSSP Pageant Director _____ Date _____

Queens Committee Chairperson
or SOFD Board Member _____ Date _____