



MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN
Fairgrove, Michigan

2022-2023
Michigan
Bean Queen
Application



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Dear Contestant:

The Michigan Bean Festival Committee is excited you have decided to take the first step towards possibly obtaining the title of the **74th Michigan Bean Queen!** We will be accepting applications until **Sunday, July 31, 2022.** A selection committee will review all the applications and narrow the competition down to the most qualified candidates.

Enclosed you will find: Preliminary application form, contestant requirements, information on judging and crowning, and requirements if you are selected as the new Queen or First Runner-Up. This packet is very important and should be kept for future reference.

Please enclose with your application a recent photograph of yourself to be used in the Michigan Bean Queen Coronation booklet. A wallet size face shot, with a light background is preferred.

We look forward to receiving your application. You will be notified as to whether you have been chosen as a finalist for the title of the **74th Michigan Bean Queen** by Friday, August 5, 2022.

Please return your application, signed agreement, and wallet size photograph by **Sunday, July 31, 2022** to Stephanie Robinson via email.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact, or leave a message for Stephanie at (989) 259-0595 or e-mail: hall4s@cmich.edu. Thank you and Good Luck!

Sponsored by the Michigan Bean Festival and Michigan Bean Commission



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MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN PAGEANT CONTESTANT APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

Name: _____ Age: _____
Last First Middle Int.

Address: _____
Number and Street City Zip Code

County: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

How many years have you lived in your community? _____

Where are you from originally? _____

Mother's Name: _____
Last First Middle Int.

Father's Name: _____
Last First Middle Int.

High School/ Year of graduation: _____
High School Year

Have you ever held a Title of an Agriculture Industry? _____

If so, which one? _____



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Three words that best describe you: _____

Honors, Awards, Recognitions: _____

Hobbies, Interests, Recreational Activities: _____

Activities you are involved in within your community: _____

Education: _____

College/University

Major

Minor

Please describe some of your ambitions or goals: _____

If employed, please state where and job title: _____

What do you enjoy most about your job? _____

Do you have any connection to the dry bean industry or have any other agricultural background? _____

If so, what is your relationship? _____



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What motivated you to enter the Michigan Bean Queen Pageant? _____

What do you want to accomplish by being the bean queen and what do you think you could bring to the dry bean industry? _____

Please list two references of recommendation and contact information.

Number (estimate) of family members (not including yourself) for the refreshments before/after the crowning if selected as a contestant: _____

Please sign below if you have read the Michigan Bean Queen Information Packet thoroughly and agree with all the requirements. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in revoking your Title and its incentives. If you are crowned Michigan Bean Queen or Michigan Bean Queen First Runner-Up, during your reign, you will agree not to illegally consume alcohol, drugs, or participate in any other unlawful action. If the above so occurs, you will forfeit the reign, crown, title & scholarship immediately.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(if under age 18)



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MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN CONTEST AND REQUIREMENTS

- Contestants must be between the ages of 17-25 as of September 1st of the current year. If under 18, contestants must have parental signature of consent. Contestants are limited to applying for two consecutive years if previously served as Michigan Bean Queen First Runner-Up royalty. ***Each queen will also be required to provide one future applicant for the next reign.***
- Contestants must be single. This means the newly crowned queen must remain single throughout her whole reign. You may be engaged, but not married and have no minor dependents.
- The Queen should notify the Michigan Bean Festival Queen Coordinator immediately for some unforeseen reason she is not able to fulfill her obligations. In this case, the First Runner-Up must be prepared to take over the Queen's duties. Withdrawal from college nullifies the terms of this scholarship and will require the recipients to reimburse Michigan Bean Festival for the full amount received.
- The Queen and First Runner-Up will keep a scrapbook or photo album of the year's activities. Be sure to take lots of pictures and save keepsakes you have collected from the year's events. At the end of your reign, the contestants running for the title of Michigan Bean Queen will be able to view what is expected of them.
- The Queen & First Runner-Up will be required to give a short speech during the coronation at the end of her reign. The Queen and First Runner-Up will crown their respective successor.
- The Queen's float will be made available for all parades. The new royalty is responsible for the towing of the float to/from parades as assigned by the Michigan Bean Queen Coordinator. The driver of the float must be 18 years of age and have a valid Michigan driver's license.
- The \$25.00 payment per event is meant to cover this, and any other related expenses. The new royalty will be compensated only for their required events but are encouraged to attend other various events related to the dry bean industry. If attending other events/parades the new royalty must complete the required forms to do so. Prior communication and approval must be made to the Michigan Bean Queen Coordinator for non-compensated events for appropriateness.
- If the float needs repair at any time the Michigan Bean Queen Coordinator must be contacted, we will not reimburse for anything ordered outside of the Coordinator.



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- We encourage the Queens to attend and actively participate in the monthly Michigan Bean Festival meetings as we continue to seek festival improvements as well as bring innovative ideas to educate the public on the Michigan Dry Bean Industry. **Queens will also be required to post pictures/about each required event on social media and tag the Michigan Bean Queen Coordinator and Michigan Bean Festival page.**

- Queens are only allowed in the entertainment tent until 9:00PM each night of the Michigan Bean Festival

JUDGING FOR THE FINAL CONTESTANTS

Date: Friday, August 12, 2022

Time: 5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

*All the contestants will be notified if there are any changes in the schedule.

Location: The judging will be held in the Michigan Bean Festival Building.

Attire: Professional attire is required for this event. A pant/skirt suit or dressier clothing is suggested. A group photograph will be taken after the interviews.

Interview: A three-four judge panel will interview each contestant. The sequence of the interviews is randomly drawn. Each contestant will be interviewed on the topics listed under the homework heading.



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Homework: Each contestant should research general information about the Dry Bean Industry, Michigan Bean Commission and Michigan Bean Festival. This information includes the facts about dry beans, statistics, and the future economic outlook for this industry. You can find this information on the internet, library, bean elevators, or Michigan Department of Agriculture. The questions asked aren't to trick anyone, but it's important you know the background information to present to people when prompted.

THE CROWNING OF THE NEW QUEEN

Date: Friday, September 02, 2022

Time: Coronation will begin at 7:00 PM

All contestants are to attend the Harvest Potluck at 6:00 PM at the Michigan Bean Festival Building (If there are any changes to the time of the Coronation or Potluck – we will communicate them with you).

Location: Michigan Bean Festival Grounds (Entertainment Tent)

Pre-Coronation: Contestants are asked to please be on time and dressed in an evening gown. Each contestant must have an escort (father, mother, grandparent, etc.)



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Coronation: Each contestant will be escorted to the staging area. The previous year's Michigan Bean Queen and First Runner-Up will give their outgoing speeches. The list of the new queen's gifts and sponsors will be announced. Finally, the previous year's Queen and First Runner-Up will crown the new royalty.

Festival Events: The new royalty is expected to return to the Michigan Bean Festival the following day. The Queen and Runner-Up are expected to serve bean soup, judge the baby contest, assist with other various events and attend the evening activities. Flexibility in the schedule is required should inclement weather reschedule events where the new royalty is expected.

Labor Day: The new royalty is required to participate in the pancake breakfast and to ride in the Grand Parade on September 05, 2022. You will be notified of the times and locations of these events.

MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN INCENTIVES

MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN

- ❖ \$1,250 Scholarship
- ❖ Tiara, sash, sash pins, earrings, plaque, and a bouquet of roses, 8" x 10" portrait
- ❖ Receives \$25 per event

MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN 1ST RUNNER-UP

- ❖ \$750 Scholarship
- ❖ Tiara, sash, sash pins, earrings, plaque, and a bouquet of roses, 8" x 10" portrait
- ❖ Receives \$25 per event

2020-2021 QUEEN'S SCHEDULE

EVENTS AND TENTATIVE DATES

Bean Festival- Labor Day Weekend



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**Pumpkin Festival (Caro) – October 2022

**Lighted Christmas Parade (Sebewaing) –
November 2022

**Lighted Christmas Parade (Fairgrove)
–December 2022

**Lighted Implement Parade (Sandusky) –
December 2022

Bean and Beet Symposium (Saginaw) – Jan/Feb
2023

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St. Patty’s Day Parade (Bay City) – March 2023

**Bavarian Festival (Frankenmuth) – June 2023

**Sugar Festival (Sebewaing) – June 2023

**4TH of July (Cass City) – July 2023

**Farmer’s Festival (Pigeon) – July 2023

**Potato Festival (Munger) – July 2023

**Parade of Fools (Caseville) – August 2023

Blueberry Festival (Montrose) – August, 2023

**=Events the Queens are compensated for. All events are required attendance, unless otherwise noted.
Failure to appear at required events may warrant forfeiture of the title and scholarship.

Michigan Festival & Events – Lansing – Optional

Traverse City Cherry Festival - \$130/Queen for appearance/lodging – Optional

Down on the Farm, Saginaw Zoo – Optional

Taste of Michigan – MFB – Optional