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Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the 2025 Queen of Scots Pageant. This is your official Application Packet. Please carefully read through the packet and complete. The Queen's Selection Committee must receive the following no later than **5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 21, 2025: completed biographical form, a letter of recommendation from a non-relative, and a colored headshot photo.**

A *mandatory* queen candidate meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.** (An email link will be sent to the email address provided in the application packet.) During this meeting, you will sign up for your pre-pageant interview time as well as review the festival contract. You will also receive important guidelines about the pageant and its requirements of you, appropriate attire, and have an opportunity to ask questions. Parents are also encouraged to attend this meeting. (If you personally are unable to attend, please make arrangements for someone to represent you. Your score for the pageant begins with this event.) Pre-pageant interviews will take place in the evening on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at the Alma Public Library.

Each candidate receives scores for her application, attending the mandatory meeting, her interview and her pageant involvement and conduct.

The Queen of Scots Pageant will be on Friday evening, April 25, 2025, at the Alma College Heritage Center, 614 West Superior Street, Alma. This year's Queens Scholarship will be \$1,500 payable to the college of the Queen's choice. The First and Second Runners-Up will each receive \$500 payable to the college of their choice. The Queen of Scots Pageant is not sponsored by Alma Public Schools.

Thank you for your interest and good luck! We welcome your entry.

Please email completed packet, inquiries, and/or questions to:
Alma Highland Festival – Queen's Selection Committee
queenofscots@almahighlandfestival.com

Sincerely yours,
The Queen of Scots' Selection Committee

Official Biographical Form

Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____ **Age** _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Phone Number:** _____
Month Day Year

Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) and information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Stepmother _____ Stepfather _____

(If applicable)

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School: _____ **Current Grade/Year:** _____

Year of High School Graduation: _____

Academic Achievements/honors: _____

Organizations/Memberships and length of affiliation: _____

2025 Alma Queen of Scots Agreement

In the event I am selected as the 2025 Alma Queen of Scots, or as a member of the court, I understand and agree to the following rules of conduct and responsibilities before, during, and after the Alma Highland Festival and pursuant to the rules of Alma Highland Festival and Games, Inc. The following Agreement (“Agreement”) consists of the Alma Highland Festival and Games, Inc. terms and conditions (by which we also abide) and also rules of the 2025 Queen of Scots Pageant.

1. I hereby agree to represent the Alma Highland Festival and Games, Inc. in parades and events throughout the state of Michigan according to the arrangements made by the Queen’s Committee and Queen’s Lady-in-Waiting.
2. I shall conduct myself in an appropriate and becoming manner as I will be representing the Alma Highland Festival, as well as acting as a good-will ambassador at various events.
3. I will have a cheerful disposition at all times. I will be prompt to all functions including pre-arranged meeting places, with hair styled and make-up applied. All clothing will be clean and pressed, and shoes clean and appropriate to attire (outfit to be deciphered by Queen’s Lady-in-Waiting, such as kilt, blouse, flat black shoes, tiara and sash).
4. If I am selected to serve as Queen, I understand that I will be serving as the official hostess for the entire Alma Highland Festival weekend beginning Friday evening and ending on Sunday evening. **I also agree to participate in, and find transportation for, the Alma High School Homecoming Parade, Alma College Homecoming Parade, Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival Parade, three to be determined parades in the Summer of 2025, and Lucky MacDuck Day, as well as be available for other events and other area Festival’s parades that arise during my reign.**
5. Failure to attend all Alma Highland Festival weekend events or other required events could result in loss of title, sash, and crown. It is further understood that my scholarship will be distributed as such: 50% after the 30th of September (“the Initial Distribution”) of my reigning year and the remaining balance after the conclusion of the next year’s pageant (“the Final Distribution”). I further understand and agree that, in the event I resign or am removed as Queen for any reason under this Agreement, prior to the Initial Distribution, that no scholarship money will be distributed. In addition, if I resign or am removed as Queen at any time after September 30 but before the Final Distribution for any reason under this Agreement, no further scholarship money will be distributed.
6. I fully agree and understand (as Queen or Court Member and my escort) that the consumption of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco will neither be permitted nor tolerated during my reign, while representing the Festival and Alma, and/or at any public appearance or event. For the year of my reign, as the ambassador to the Festival, I will keep a neutral social media presence, keeping in mind that I am representing the Festival in both the public eye and they cyber world. This includes posts, pictures, tweets, etc.

7. Social Media: I understand that my social media will be monitored by members of the Alma Highland Festival and Games Pageant Committee. I understand that should I post anything to any type of social media account that is deemed inappropriate I will be asked to remove it from the said media outlet. I agree that should I be asked to remove more than two (2) posts/pictures I will then have a scheduled meeting with members of the committee to discuss an improvement plan and understand that I can lose my title.

I certify that I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by the Alma Highland Festival and Games as contrary to the Queen Program or its elements as previously described.

I have never, knowingly or unknowingly, performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or the Alma Highland Festival and Games Queen Committee could characterize as dishonest, immoral, lewd, or indecent.

I certify that I have not been charged with minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four months. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.

I certify that I have not participated in any activities that would be embarrassing to me and/or the Alma Highland Festival and Games Board prior to this agreement. I also agree that if during my year of reign, I do engage in any such activity, including being arrested and charged with a crime, I shall inform the Alma Highland Festival and Games Board immediately and the Alma Highland Festival and Games Board shall have the right to declare my title void and I will return all prizes and/or awards to the Alma Highland Festival and Games Board.

I do not and shall not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed health care professional. I do not and shall not abuse the use of alcohol, prescriptive drugs or other dangerous substances.

I will not make statements containing in appropriate or profane language. In addition, I agree not to post pictures or videos of myself dressed inappropriately, drinking alcoholic beverages or making inappropriate gestures.

I agree to hold harmless the Alma Highland Festival and Games Board and any of its representatives in case of an accident. My parent(s) or guardian(s) will provide any/and/all medical expenses incurred by myself as Queen.

The Alma Highland Festival and Games Board and Pageant Committee reserve the right to alter any of the forgoing rules and responsibilities at any time. Any violation of these rules will be dealt with at their discretion.

Should I be crowned Queen of Scots for 2025, I will commit to being a part of the 2025 Alma Highland Festival parade and weekend to celebrate my reign.

With my signature below I certify I have read this agreement and understand it. I further understand that in the event I do not fulfill any of the above agreements, unless extenuating circumstances prevail, the pageant committee and Alma Highland Festival and Games Board shall have the right to terminate and declare my title void and I agree to return all prizes and/or awards to the Alma Highland Festival and Games Board.

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The Queen's Lady-in-Waiting is a resource for me and I will adhere to her requests in a timely manner and respectfully.

The Festival will provide the Queen with a kilt for the term of her reign. In addition, each Court Member will be provided with a kilt to wear during the Alma Highland Festival weekend. I will be provided with an expense reimbursement form following appearances so that I will not incur unneeded expenses (note: should you submit mileage reimbursement, it will be based on the current IRS rate and accrued to and from Alma, Michigan, up to 100 miles per event). Following each parade, upon receipt of a duplicate bill for meals, the Alma Highland Festival and Games Committee shall make reimbursement. At the end of my term, I will return to the next year's pageant, as well as return all items loaned to me during my reign (i.e. kilt, magnetic signs, etc.). The crown and sash are mine to keep.

I sign below verifying that I am aged 17-20 (by time of pageant) and live in or attend school in Gratiot County or am related to a current or past Festival Board member.

Candidate

Date

Parent/Guardian (if candidate is under the age of 18)

Date