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Dear Wee Queen of Scots Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the 2025 Wee 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 your **completed biographical form (3 pages), contract, a letter of recommendation from a non-family member, and a colored headshot photo** no later than **5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 21, 2025**.

Should the committee receive more than 15 applications for candidacy of the Wee Queen, a lottery will take place. The first 15 names drawn from all applications will be asked to come to attend the *mandatory* Wee Queen candidates meeting on **Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom**. (An email link will be sent to the email address provided in the application packet.) All applicants will be notified by Monday, April 7, 2025, of their potential standing to make arrangements to attend the meeting. (Note: the Top 8 will advance from the Interviews to the Pageant based upon scores calculated from application and interview.) Each candidate is eligible to run for Wee Queen as long as age requirements allow, but only be crowned once.

At the mandatory meeting, you will sign up for your pre-pageant interview time. You will also receive important guidelines about your pageant "speech," interview, appropriate attire, and have an opportunity to ask questions. *Parents/guardians are required to attend* this meeting and interviews with their Wee Queen candidate. Pre-pageant interviews will take place in the evening on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at Alma Public Library. Interviews will start as early as 5:00 P.M.

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 Wee Queen of Scots will receive a generous donation basket from local businesses, a \$100 scholarship, and a sash and crown to keep in addition to holding the title of Wee Queen. 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

Wee Queen of Scots - Official Biographical Form

Parent/Guardian may assist in filling out portions of application.

Where it says "self-written," candidate must fill out.

Full Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____ Age _____

Email address (parent/guardian): _____

Date of Birth _____
Month Day Year

Parent Phone Number _____

Parent Cell Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name (s) and address (if different than candidate's)

_____ (relationship) _____ (relationship)

Step-mother _____ Step-father _____
(If applicable) (If applicable)

School: _____ Current Grade _____

Extracurricular Activities (Hobbies, Activities, Clubs)

In **your own words** (self-handwritten), if you had a magic wand what is the one thing you would use it for and why? _____

In **your own words** (self-handwritten), describe a time when you were proud of yourself.

Candidate's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's signature

Date

Alma Wee Queen of Scots Contract

In the event I am selected as the Alma Wee Queen of Scots, I agree to represent the Alma Highland Festival and Games, Inc. in parades and events according to the arrangements made by the Queen's Committee and Queen's Lady-in-Waiting.

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. 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 age-appropriate make-up applied. All clothing will be clean and pressed, and shoes clean and appropriate to attire. If I am selected to serve as the Wee Queen, I understand that I am required to serve during Alma Highland Festival weekend starting Saturday morning and ending on Sunday evening after Closing Ceremonies. I also agree to participate in the Alma High School Homecoming Parade, Alma College Homecoming Parade, and Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival Parade, as well as be available for other events and parades such as Lucky MacDuck Day and other area Festival's parades. Failure to attend all Alma Highland Festival weekend events or other required events might result in loss of title, sash, and crown.

I fully understand as Wee Queen that I am to behave maturely and appropriately while representing the Festival and Alma. A parent/guardian must be present whenever I am on duty as Wee Queen, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting.

The Festival will provide the Wee Queen with a kilt for the term of her reign. Each appearance the Wee Queen makes, the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting will help decipher outfit to wear (such as kilt, white blouse, kilt hose/tall white socks, black flat shoes, tiara and sash; or weather-related outfit such as black pants with blouse, sash, and tiara). You will be provided with an expense reimbursement form following appearances so that you 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 at the next year's pageant event, 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.

Parent/guardian is fully aware that s/he is vouching for this Wee Queen candidate that she can handle the responsibilities of being chosen, but also respond appropriately if not chosen.

Parent/guardian is also verifying that this Wee Queen candidate is within age requirements to be considered for candidacy (ages 8-11 by time of pageant) and that they have not been crowned Wee Queen in prior years.

Candidate

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date