



Munger Potato Festival Queen & Court – Rules & Guidelines

Contestants will receive an application after emailing Katie Bauer at katielynchbauer@gmail.com with interest. Contestants will be scored based on the short-essay application, personal interview, and on-stage presentation.

Contestants will be expected to arrive at 4:00 p.m. or at an earlier time per committee at the Township Hall on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Judging will begin shortly after. The pageant will take place at 7 p.m. that night in front of the Merritt Township Hall. Contestants will be dressed in their formal gowns.

Contestants must be 17 through 21 years of age, single, resident of a Township, in high school or attending college, post-secondary school, or trade school, and have a general knowledge of farming. All applications must be turned in no later than Friday, July 19, 2024.

The chosen Queen will receive \$1,000 to use towards education. 1st Runner-up will receive \$700 and 2nd Runner-Up will receive \$500. Prizes will be distributed at the end of a successful reign (July 2025).

The Queen and her Court **will be required** to participate in festival or fair parades in Mid-Michigan during the 2023-24 year of her reign (exact dates to be provided):

- Munger Potato Festival derby appearances and Kids Day participation
- Munger Potato Festival Parade
- Montrose Blueberry Festival - August 17, 2024
- Fairgrove Bean Festival Parade – Labor Day, September 2024
- Caro Pumpkin Festival Parade - October 2024
- Bay City St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 2025
- Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival Parade – June 2025
- Sebewaing Sugar Festival Parade – June 2025

(If **anyone** is unable to attend a Parade, they MUST notify the Chairperson within 2 weeks of the Parade with an acceptable reason. In the event that the Queen is unable to attend a parade, the Queen Committee may make other arrangements with the Court; however pre-printed signs on the float will remain as is.)

General Weekend Information:

The Queen and her Court will be expected to be on the festival grounds as much as possible and make appearances at all festival functions throughout the weekend.

The Queen & her Court must be available for Kids Day on Saturday, as well as to be introduced at all of the demolition derbies held throughout the weekend (approx. 7:00 pm.) and in the “Big Tent” each night (approx. 10 p.m.).

As always: **No** alcoholic beverages may be consumed by the Queen, her Court, or their escorts while representing the Munger Potato Festival AT ANY TIME regardless of their ages!

Please remember that the person chosen to represent the Munger Potato Festival should maintain appropriate behavior at all times as she represents the organization sponsoring her.