



2017

# Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival

## Queen's Scholarship Pageant

### Application

*A Get Acquainted Candidate Tea will be held on:*

*June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Bucyrus Public Library.*

**All candidates and at least one Parent or Guardian must be present at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Please bring your application packet to the get acquainted tea or if you prefer, you can hand deliver them to Sheila Nickum 924 Union Ave. Bucyrus, Ohio 44820 no later than May 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions feel free to contact me at 419.562.6595.

I hope that you are excited for this great opportunity! Bring your smiles and thank you so much for your interest! I look forward to meeting all of you!

Best of Luck!

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# Bratwurst Festival Queen Applicant Rules and Regulations



1. Current Bratwurst Festival Queen or Court Members are **not** eligible to compete in the scholarship pageant.
2. To be eligible, the female applicant must be enrolled in one of the Crawford County, Ohio High Schools at least one year prior to the pageant, and between the ages of 15-19, inclusive, as of August 1, 2017 and reside in Crawford County, Ohio.
3. An applicant must be single, who's fixed, and permanent and principal home for legal purposes is within Crawford County, Ohio.
4. Please make sure you and your parent/guardian read all the rules. The pageant will be open to a limited number of girls on a first-come basis. Applications & consent forms can be HAND DELIVERED on or before 12:00 p.m. (noon), Saturday, May 30th to Sheila Nickum 924 Union Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820 419.562.6595. OR you can turn all forms in at the MANDATORY GET AQUAINTED TEA on June 5, 2017 by 6:00 P.M. No applications will be accepted after this date. MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!
5. Name and photograph will be displayed in public proceeding during and after the festival.
6. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS: The applicant's signature on the application will be considered as evidence that the applicant has read all of the rules and regulations of the contest, and that the applicant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations and understands that information provided will be verified. Applicants must attend all meetings and rehearsals set by the queens committee. (Schedule Attached). Failure to follow this rule without just cause will be cause for elimination from the contest. The Queen's Committee must be notified immediately if you have a family emergency or school function that will cause your absence from scheduled meeting or practice. Final approval of an absence will be made by the Bratwurst Festival Board.
7. All contestants need to attend all meetings and practices. Failure to attend meetings/practices could result in dismissal from the pageant. If a conflict arises, please call/text Sheila at 419-569-0383 to let her know. The Bratwurst Festival Board as well as the pageant committee understands that there are conflicts, but also want to make sure that the potential queen and her court are willing to prioritize and commit their time to the pageant. Appropriate dress at all practices is expected. Strapless or one shouldered shirts or dresses are prohibited.
8. MARRIAGE OR PREGNANCY: Because marriage or pregnancy could interfere with fulfilling their responsibilities to the Festival, th applicant must never have been married, or have had a marriage annulled and must remain unmarried while participating as a candidate and/or during her reign as the Bratwurst Festival Queen or Court. The applicant must not be pregnant or have a child. If the queen and/or any member of the court marry or become pregnant during their reign the result will be forfeiture of crown, title, and scholarship.
9. MORAL CHARACTER: Applicant must never have been arrested. She must not have been suspended (out of school) during the current or previous school year.
10. PRIOR CONDUCT: Applicant must have never performed any act or engaged in any activity that is or could reasonably be characterized by the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Board as dishonest, immoral or indecent. Social media is considered an activity and will be examined for all contestants.

11. CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS: The signature of the parent or legal guardian on the application will be considered as their consent for an applicant under eighteen years of age to participate in the scholarship pageant.
12. CLOTHING/DRESS/APPEARANCE:  
Each contestant must furnish her own clothing and accessories, including a German costume that will be worn throughout the festival. Also to complete the costume, applicant must have dark shoes and white hose. No visible tattoos or body piercings (except ear piercings) will be allowed during the pageant rehearsals, pageant or any appearances.
13. ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED FOR CONTESTANTS: No girl who is currently holding any other title is allowed to participate in the pageant unless the title held does not require any duties that would interfere with what is asked of the Bratwurst Festival Board. The Bratwurst Festival Board wants the Queen & court to be available when needed without having other obligations that would inhibit them from being able to help. In order to participate in the pageant, a letter from the director of the pageant where the current title is held needs to be written, signed and submitted to the Bratwurst Festival Queen Committee to have on file before June 5, 2017 stating that there are no responsibilities that are required of their current title and permission granting entrance into the Bratwurst Festival Queen Scholarship Pageant. If the current title does have certain obligations that will interfere with the duties of the Bratwurst Festival Queen & court duties, she will be unable to compete. Once her reign and duties to her current title are complete, she is welcome to enter the pageant the following year as long as she still is eligible in terms of age and residence.
14. Upon acceptance into the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Queen Scholarship Pageant, contestants may not participate in any other pageant or activity which conflicts with the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Scholarship Pageant including all rehearsals. Failure to follow these rules will be considered cause for elimination from the contest. In the event these rules are not followed by any contestant, the festival board, festival director and Queen Committee Chairperson will determine the course of action. Members of the 2017 Bratwurst Festival Queen & Court will not be permitted to hold another OFEA title during her reign participate in any other pageants, (with the exception of school sanctioned events, i.e. Homecoming, etc.) until such time as their commitment to the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Scholarship Pageant has been completed.
15. You may only reign as the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Queen once.
16. JUDGING PROCEDURE:  
The Pageant Committee & festival board expect each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the practices, rehearsals and any festival or Pageant related activities. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing themselves, their family, their school, Crawford County, the festival and the Pageant. Unsportsmanlike conduct could result in the disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Queen Scholarship Pageant. Any Contestant and/or family member, friend or guest, showing unsportsmanlike behavior will lead to the disqualification of the contestant.

The Queen's Committee will keep a score sheet on each candidate giving them credit for their poise, personality, attendance, appearance and overall participation during the practices and rehearsals prior to the pageant Thursday night of the festival. The final score calculated from the Queen Committee Score Sheet will account for 10% of the candidates final score for the pageant.

Thursday of the Bratwurst Festival the Queen candidates will be required to participate in interviews, parade and pageant.

Three pageant Judges will be picked from an accredited list of OFEA & board approved volunteers, all from outside Crawford County. Judging and selection of the queen and court is based on personality, German costume, poise, appearance and conversational adeptness. No one but the applicant may attend the judges Interview or enter ANY part of the judging area. Points and score sheets are for the judges assessment only. **Final selection is the judge's decision.** The pageant committee does not judge applicants during the

pageant in any way nor do they have access to the judges tally sheets. Documents pertaining to judging decision will be destroyed. Miss Congeniality will be voted on by the contestants.

**Announced decisions will be final.**

During interview:

Appearance and poise – How does the contestant carry herself? This is NOT about beauty, but about confidence. A contestant who presents herself well and acts like a young lady and seems comfortable in what she is wearing and seems put together. Remember: the best thing you can wear is a smile☐

Interaction and Personality – Is the contestant easy to talk to, likeable, interesting and is able to hold a conversation. Does the contestant have any passion/interest in being Jr. Miss/Queen, in doing extracurricular activities or being on the court or the queen? The queen and her court will be representing the Bratwurst Festival as well as Bucyrus & Crawford County and we want it to be someone who is likable and easy to talk to.

Ability to answer questions– We will review various questions and answering them at practice. The judges will be able to tell fake answer. We want someone who genuinely can answer questions to the best of her ability and feel confident when answering. Additionally, if you don't know the answer to a question, "Ummmm, I don't know" probably isn't the best thing to say 😊

The judges will have copies of your bio sheet and may choose to ask things off of that sheet or any other questions they come up with that they think the festival Queen should be able to answer. The interview is 15 minutes with the panel of board approved judges and an official timer will be timing to make sure each contestant receives the same amount of time with the judges.

During the pageant: Welcome speech, Fish Bowl Question, and Stage Presence

During your welcome speech make sure to include your name along with the information about the festival to welcome the audience/judges. Make this your time shine! We will go over this in practice. The on stage fish bowl question will be one question that will be answered in front of the audience. Bratwurst Festival Queen Contestants will ***NOT*** receive the questions prior to the pageant. Stage presence is how you work the stage, confidence level and remember being a young lady is important!

17. Cell Phone use is STRICTLY PROHIBITED during the day of the interviews and the pageant. Applicants will be immediately disqualified from participating in the event and dismissed from the pageant. If an applicant needs to be contacted in the event of an emergency, the Queen Committee can be contacted & the committee will have the names and numbers of contacts for each candidate that will be given at the first meeting.
18. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE QUEEN AND MEMBER OF THE COURT & PARENTS FRIDAY: If you are crowned Queen and court, you and a parent/guardian must attend the orientation meeting held on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the AAA office building to review & sign contracts.





# Bratwurst Festival Queen and Court

## Rules and Regulations

*This following information has been included to inform you of some of the obligations required of the Queen and court; this is not the contract. An official contract will be signed by the new Queen/court and their parents on Friday morning following the Queens Pageant.*

1. During the Bratwurst Festival weekend, the Queen and her court become solely dedicated to the festival for participation in all events including & not limited to the parades on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. **THIS MEANS DURING THE FESTIVAL WEEKEND, THE QUEEN AND COURT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WORK, ATTEND SPORTS, NO ACTIVITIES ETC.**
2. Will reign at the Bratwurst Festival and all events representing the Bratwurst Festival in crown, sash, and German dress at all times unless otherwise approved by the festival committee/board.
3. During their reign, the Queen and Court will not be accompanied by boyfriends at any time for any reason while representing the Bratwurst Festival and City of Bucyrus.
4. The Queen must visit a minimum of 12 OFEA festivals or events during her year's reign; 1<sup>st</sup> attendant 6 events; 2<sup>nd</sup> attendant 6 events. All events traveled must be approved by festival board. Your family must obtain the vehicle you will use in parades. You will be expected to attend local community events as designated by the Festival committee/board. You may be required to purchase a set of name magnets that will be used during your travels.
5. The Queen and Court will be required to conduct themselves at all times in such a manner that will enhance themselves, the Bratwurst Festival, and the people of the Bucyrus Community.
6. Will NOT appear in person as Bratwurst Festival Queen or Court member unless accompanied by a member of the Bratwurst Festival Queen's Committee, approved Chaperone or her parent's without the Bratwurst Festival Board approval.
7. The Queen and Court will be chaperoned by members of the Bratwurst Festival Board, Queen's Committee or chaperones and/or parents appointed & approved by the board. The Queen and Court will respect the judgment and abide by the rules of the chaperones.
8. The Queen and Court Will NOT hold responsible any member or members of the Bratwurst Festival committee for liability in case of an accident, injury, or loss, etc. during as the Bratwurst Festival Queen and/or Court.
9. Any breach of conduct, either observed by, or reported to the Queen's committee by a reliable source, will be subject to immediate dismissal from the court and forfeiture of crown, title, and scholarship. Scholarships will be written to the Queen/Attendants upon successful completion & Board's Approval of reign with the Bratwurst Festival & 2 consecutive sessions of continuing education beyond High School.
10. If the queen is unable to fulfill her commitments for the year, she must relinquish her crown and title to the first attendant. If the first attendant is unable to fulfill commitments, she must step aside in favor of the second attendant.
11. The Queen Pageant Committee reserves the right to change the foregoing Rules and Responsibilities contract as necessary at any time.
12. Behavior is key! You will be representing Bucyrus and our festival and must carry yourself in that manner. Any excessive absences, disrespect of authority, illegal behavior (including the use of drugs or underage drinking), being assigned probation, and any misdemeanor or felony charges will not be tolerated. Also, tattoos and body piercings must not be displayed at any time while representing the Bratwurst Festival as Queen and court. Additionally, the Queen and her court will only represent herself in a positive manner on any social media websites (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc.)



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## MEETING DATES

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- All practices and rehearsals must be attended by all contestants unless excused by the festival board and Queen Committee.
- All practices are held at the Bucyrus Public Library in Meeting Room 8B EXCEPT August 16<sup>th</sup> and this location is noted below.
- ***Bring the shoes you plan on wearing in the pageant to each practice.***
- ***Retain pages 1-6 for your records and return pages 7-9 by deadline.***

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### **Monday, June 5, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.**

Get Acquainted Tea – All potential candidates are required to attend this meeting, it will help you decide if you would like to enter the pageant and give you a better idea of what to expect if you do and an opportunity for questions. It is mandatory that at least one parent/guardian be present at this meeting. If you haven’t already turned in all your paperwork it will be due at this time.

### **Monday, June 12, 2017 - 5:30 P.M.**

Candidates will be trained in stage presence and public speaking.

### **Monday, June 19, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.**

A preliminary judging will take place to choose the top 15 finalist. If no preliminary judging is needed we will just have a practice.

### **Tuesday, June 20, 2017 -7:00 P.M.**

**Complete German costumes are required for the pictures.** Pictures will be taken outdoors by the festival photographer. Location of pictures will be announced. This date may be adjusted based on the schedule & availability of the photographer. *Rain Date will be: Wednesday, June 21, 2017.*

**PHOTOS** – We will take a full length & head/shoulder pose to be used for the festival office window, program & judging. The picture will be in color. Please have your German costume, hair and make-up camera ready ☺

### **Monday, June 26, 2017 - 5:30 P.M**

This is an optional practice - We will decide as a group whether we need this day for an “extra” practice.





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### Monday, August 7, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.

Have arrangements made with a driver (convertible car) and bring their name and a contact number to this practice. *Outgoing Queen & Court will meet with the Princess Committee to review Bios for the princess candidates.*

### Wednesday, August 16, 2016 – 6:00 P.M. – @ South Stage

FINAL REHEARSAL before the pageant. We will practice with escorts on the stage.

### Thursday, August 17, 2016 – 12:00 P.M. – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Festival

#### P A G E A N T    D A Y !!!!!

- Opening Ceremony – Celebrating 50 years!!!
- Interviews with judges at library- Contestants only. Times will vary.
- Parade line-up – Have drivers meet at the Library by 5:45 PM
- Parade begins at 7:00 P.M.  
Have your driver drop you off at the back of the stage immediately after the parade.  
**Remember to get your magnet off their car.**
- Pageant begins at 8:00 P.M. ☺

**On behalf of the Bratwurst Festival Board and the pageant committee, we would like to thank you for entering the Bratwurst Festival Queen Scholarship pageant. We know you will enjoy your experience and new friendships gained.**

### **Whether You Win the Crown or Not**

In some cases, experience is the best teacher. No one including the festival board or Queen Committee can guarantee the end result of this pageant. If your only focus is on winning the “crown”, you’re setting yourself up for a lot of hurt feelings. No one wins the crown every time. The contestants who focus on the benefits of the entire process are usually the ones who have a positive and rewarding experience. Enjoy this journey and make the most of it!



# 2017 Bratwurst Festival Queen's Scholarship Pageant Resume

Please complete the following. You should take the time to ***type or neatly print all information in blue ink.*** The judges will be presented a copy of your resume to be used during your interview so it should be neat, concise and proofread for spelling errors! The judge's first impression of you is your resume so make sure it looks nice! If you do not want something read to the crowd – then don't list it on your resume this information will be read by the Emcee to introduce you. Information will also appear in local newspapers. **All forms are due on or before Monday, June 5, 2017. NO exceptions.** If you want help with your resume contact Sheila.

APPLICANT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed by 7/1/17 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Family

I am the daughter of (as you wish it to be publicized):

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Brothers names and ages:

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Sisters names and ages:

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Areas you have traveled:

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Church membership/activities you have been involved in for the last 2 years only:

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School Activities:

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Hobbies/Interests:

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Community service projects or other notes of interest:

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# 2017 Bratwurst Festival Queen's Scholarship Pageant Resume

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your future educational plans & Goals:

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Why do you wish to become the Bratwurst Festival Queen? (*attach separate sheet of paper if additional space is needed*)

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What qualities do you possess that are essential for a Queen or Court member?

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- ( ) I/We consent to my/our daughter participating in the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival Queens Scholarship Pageant.
  - ( ) I/We understand have read and understand all the obligations and regulations of this pageant, and agree to follow them.
  - ( ) I/We have also completed and signed Emergency Form.
  - ( ) I/We acknowledge must attend the mandatory meeting on June 5, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Bucyrus Public Library, which must be attended by a parent and the applicant in order to participate in the pageant.

If selected as 2017 Bratwurst Festival Queen or attendant, we agree that \_\_\_\_\_, will fulfill the obligations and will represent Bucyrus and the Bratwurst Festival to the best of her abilities. We further agree that the time, manner, and method of judging the pageant is solely within the discretion of the judges and that their decision will be final.

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Signature of Candidate

Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

# 2017 Bratwurst Festival Queen's Scholarship Pageant



## Emergency Form

This is a private form kept by the Bratwurst Festival Queen Chairperson for emergency purposes and applicant safety only! The form will not be shared with anyone and has absolutely no bearing on the Pageant Judging. Is there anything you would like the Bratwurst Festival Queen Committee to know about your daughter (*i.e. food allergy, diabetes, etc.*) in case of a non-emergency event? If so please list below.

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### ***Emergency Contact Information***

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Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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