



Dear Contestant:

The Michigan Bean Festival Committee is excited that you have decided to take the first step towards possibly obtaining the title of the **69th Michigan Bean Queen!** We will be accepting applications until **Saturday, July 22, 2017**. A selection committee will review all the applications and narrow the competition down to the most qualified candidates. Each individual selected will receive \$25 for their participation.

You will find enclosed in this information packet: 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 or not you have been chosen as a finalist for the title of the **69th Michigan Bean Queen** by Saturday, July 29, 2017.

Please return your application, signed agreement, and wallet size photograph by **Saturday, July 22, 2017** to:

Laura Lubeski  
1621 Wadsworth Rd.  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

If you have questions, please feel free to contact, or leave a message for Laura at (989) 550-7966 or e-mail: llubeski.hisdasm@gmail.com. Thank you and Good Luck!

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**MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN**  
**Fairgrove, Michigan**

**JUDGING FOR THE FINAL CONTESTANTS**

**DATE:**

Saturday, August 12, 2017

**TIME:**

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 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, Fairgrove.

**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:**

Three-four judges will privately interview each contestant. The sequence of the interviews are randomly drawn. Each contestant will be interviewed on the topics listed under the homework heading.

**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 that will be asked aren't to trick anyone, but it's important that you know the background information to present to people when prompted.



**MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN**  
**Fairgrove, Michigan**

**THE CROWNING OF THE NEW QUEEN**

**DATE:**

Friday, September 1, 2017

**TIME:**

Meet at 5:00 P.M. ~ Community Potluck Dinner at the Michigan Bean Festival Building  
Coronation will occur around 6:30 P.M.

**LOCATION:**

Michigan Bean Festival Grounds Grandstand Area

**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.)

**CORONATION:**

Each contestant will be introduced and escorted to the staging area. The previous year's Michigan Bean Queen will give a short speech. The list of the new queen's gifts and sponsors will be announced. The contestants may be asked a question from the previous judging interview so the general public can participate and guess for themselves who will be crowned. Finally, the previous year's Queen and First Runner-Up will crown the new royalty.

**FOLLOWING DAY DUTIES OF NEW ROYALTY**

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

**LABOR DAY**

ALL CONTESTANTS are encouraged and invited September 4, 2017 to participate in the pancake breakfast and to ride in the Grand Parade. You will be notified of the times and locations of these events.



### **MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN CONTEST AND REQUIREMENTS**

**Please read carefully all of the requirements below and throughout the application packet. Sign the agreement located on page 3 of the Contestant Preliminary Application.**

- ❖ Contestants must be between the ages of 17-22 as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and a high school graduate. Contestants are limited to submitting an application for two consecutive years if previously served as Michigan Bean Queen First Runner-Up royalty.
- ❖ 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 that 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 that 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 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 are responsible for their own transportation to each event. The \$25.00 payment per event is meant to cover this, and any other related expenses. The Michigan Bean Queen Coordinator will meet with the Michigan Bean Queen and First Runner-Up to discuss parade etiquette and expectations.
- ❖ The Queen and First Runner-Up will be responsible for the towing of the float both 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.
- ❖ An 8" x 10" portrait will be taken and given to the Queen and her Runner-Up at a later scheduled date. The night of the coronation proves to be too exciting. 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. Prior communication and approval must be made to the Michigan Bean Queen Coordinator for non-compensated events for appropriateness.
- ❖ 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 general public on the Michigan Dry Bean Industry.

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**MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN  
Fairgrove, Michigan**

MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN INCENTIVES

MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN

- ❖ \$1,250 Scholarship
- ❖ Tiara, sash, plaque, and a bouquet of roses
- ❖ Receives \$25 per event

MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER-UP

- ❖ \$750 Scholarship
- ❖ Tiara, sash, plaque, and a bouquet of roses
- ❖ Receives \$25 per event

2016-2017 QUEEN'S SCHEDULE

EVENTS AND TENTATIVE DATES

Bean Festival- Labor Day Weekend  
\*\*Pumpkin Festival (Caro) – October, 2017  
\*\*Lighted Implement Parade (Sandusky) –  
December, 2017  
\*\*Lighted Christmas Parade (Sebewaing) –  
December, 2017  
\*\*Lighted Christmas Parade (Fairgrove) –  
December, 2017  
Bean and Beet Symposium (Saginaw) – Jan/Feb,  
2018

EVENTS AND TENTATIVE DATES

St. Patty's Day Parade (Bay City) – March, 2018  
\*\*Bavarian Festival (Frankenmuth) – June, 2018  
\*\*Sugar Festival (Sebewaing) – June, 2018  
\*\*4<sup>TH</sup> of July (Cass City) – July, 2018  
\*\*Farmer's Festival (Pigeon) – July, 2018  
\*\*Potato Festival (Munger) – July, 2018  
\*\*Parade of Fools (Caseville) – August, 2018  
Blueberry Festival (Montrose) – August, 2018

\*\*=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 BEAN QUEEN**  
**Fairgrove, Michigan**

**MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN PAGEANT CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City Zip Code

County \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you lived in your community? \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you from originally? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Year and High School you graduated from \_\_\_\_\_  
Year High School

Have you ever held a Title of an Agriculture Industry? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Three words that best describe you: \_\_\_\_\_



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Honors,Awards,Recognitions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies,Interests,RecreationalActivities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Activities you are involved in your community: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are pursuing an education, what college/university will/are you attending this fall, and your major if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University

Major

Please describe some of your ambitions or goals: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If employed, please state where and job title: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you enjoy 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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**MICHIGAN BEAN QUEEN**  
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What motivated you to enter the Michigan Bean Queen Pageant? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please list two references of recommendation and contact information.

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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 are in agreement with all the requirements. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in revoking your Title and its incentives. In the event that 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 (if under age 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date