

**NATIONAL ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL  
MRS. ASPARAGUS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicants must be 18 years of age at time of application.
2. Applicants must be a resident of Oceana, Mason, Newaygo or Muskegon County in Michigan.
3. Applicants must be married or widowed.
4. Applicants must secure a sponsor at the time of application. Sponsorship fee of \$50 is due no later than March 24, 2007 made payable to the National Asparagus Festival.
5. A basic knowledge of asparagus and the asparagus industry is helpful.
6. Applicants must be available to meet prior to the Oceana County Agricultural Banquet (March 24, 2007) for an informational meeting with various National Asparagus Festival Queen Committee members and/or Board of Directors. During this meeting the local newspaper will be available to take a snap shot of each applicant for publicity of the event.
7. Applicants will have a series of portraits taken by a National Asparagus Festival arranged photographer in time for the Banquet. These pictures will be a gift for each applicant.

If selected as Mrs. Asparagus or 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up:

1. Mrs. Asparagus and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up must have access to reliable transportation.
2. Mrs. Asparagus will receive a cash prize of \$600, \$300 will be paid at the beginning of her reign and the balance will be paid at the end of her reign.
3. Mrs. Asparagus 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up will receive a cash prize of \$300, \$150 will be paid at the beginning of her reign and the balance will be paid at the end of her reign.
4. The National Asparagus Festival Board of Directors will arrange for the purchase of Mrs. Asparagus's and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up's Parade Gowns. Budget limits will be discussed prior to purchase.
5. Mrs. Asparagus and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up must be available for several weekend functions and occasional weekday functions.
6. Mrs. Asparagus and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up must present themselves in a respectful manner when participating in a National Asparagus Festival event or representing the National Asparagus Festival.
7. Mrs. Asparagus or 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up will be required to sign a contract outlining the responsibilities of their reign.
8. Family members are generally welcome to accompany Mrs. Asparagus or 1<sup>st</sup> Runner to appearances, but at their own expense unless otherwise agreed upon by NAF Queen Committee and/or National Asparagus Festival Board of Directors.