



## Asparagus Queen

### Eligibility and Requirements

*Thank you for your interest in running for Asparagus Queen 2023! The National Asparagus Festival of Oceana County, is one of four asparagus festivals in the United States, but we are the only festival that crowns a queen, so you are truly one-of-a-kind. As Queen, you can expect to enjoy an exciting year of travel in west Michigan, smiling and waving in parades, meeting other royalty and making appearances, all while mingling with the public promoting Oceana County's pride and joy: ASPARAGUS! A Queen and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up will be crowned at the Queen's Pageant/Fundraiser on June 3, 2023 and a cash prize will be issued to each. In addition, the Queen will be awarded \$1,000.00 to apply toward 1) your own further education in an accredited institution or 2) a charitable Oceana County organization that is approved by the NAF Board of Directors.*

#### Eligibility

- Applicant must be a female 2023 graduating high school student or older.
- Applicant must be a resident of Oceana, Mason, Newaygo or Muskegon County.
- Applicant may be single or married.
- Applicant should have some knowledge or experience in the asparagus industry, though not required.

#### Requirements

1. If you meet the eligibility requirements, you will need to complete an application. **Applications are due no later than April 30, 2023** and can be submitted to the Queen Coordinator in one of the following ways:
  - Mail or deliver to:  
  
National Asparagus Festival  
Queen Coordinator  
16 S State Street  
Hart, MI 49420
  - Via Email to: [nafqueencoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:nafqueencoordinator@gmail.com)
2. Applicant must secure a corporate sponsor with a sponsorship fee of \$150 made payable to the NAF **on or before April 30, 2023**. More than one sponsor may be secured, but each sponsor is required to pay the \$150 fee. Sponsors may not share one sponsorship fee.
3. Applicant must be able to attend:
  - Queen's Photo Shoot in May - TBD
  - Queen's Pageant/Fundraiser on June 3, 2023
  - Festival Itinerary Meeting: June TBD
  - National Asparagus Festival on June 9, 10, 11 2023
  - 2024 Queen's Tea and Queen's Pageant/Fundraiser
  - All **REQUIRED** events and appearances for the 2023-2024 year