

Musky Festival Queen's Scholarship Program FAQ

Q: What is Musky Queen?

A: Musky Queen is a young lady chosen from a group of no more than 10 candidates during the Hayward Musky Festival Queen's Scholarship Program. A luncheon is held on the Thursday of Musky Festival weekend and the crowning takes place on Friday evening. One candidate is chosen to reign as Queen and represent the Hayward Area for one year by participating in parades, attending events, and volunteering in the community.

Q: What do you have to do to become Musky Queen?

A: In order to be chosen for Musky Queen you will attend a meeting with a parent or guardian and sign a contract. Candidates write an essay, have 2 letters of recommendation, sell Musky Festival buttons, and participate in a photo shoot. During the previously mentioned judges' luncheon, you will give a "Get To Know Me" presentation with information about something in the community, sports club, or job that you have been part of, and answer interview questions from each judge.

Q: How is Musky Queen chosen?

A: Musky Queen is chosen by a group of judges who are adult volunteers from the Hayward Area business community. They judge the contestants based on certain criteria, including the written essay, confidence and attitude in the interviews and on stage, the "Get to Know Me" presentation, and interaction with other candidates, judges and program committee members.

Q: What do you have to do the day of the Crowning?

A: The day of the Crowning you will help present the Mini and Junior Muskies in the afternoon, help with kids games downtown and volunteer for 3 hours in the HACC merchandise booth. The night of the Crowning, each contestant has to walk through an introduction given by a local MC, show poise and confidence on stage and answer an impromptu question.

Q. Are there other awards given besides Musky Queen?

A. Yes, there are two other titles presented at the pageant: First Runner Up and Second Runner Up.

Q: What prizes/awards do the Musky Queen and Candidates receive?

A. The Queen receives a \$1200 scholarship to be applied to the college of her choice, which is awarded after she has completed two semesters of secondary school. The First Runner Up receives \$800 and the Second Runner Up receives \$600 in scholarship monies. All other participants receive \$200 in scholarship dollars. There is a \$100 Chamber Bucks prize given to the contestant who sells the most buttons.

Q: What are the responsibilities of ALL Candidates the weekend of the Musky Festival?

A: Each contestant who runs for Musky Queen (regardless of who is crowned queen) is responsible for attending the luncheon on Thursday, volunteering at least three hours downtown Friday and/or Saturday, and riding on the float in the grand parade Sunday afternoon.

Q: What are the responsibilities of the Queen, the Court and ALL Candidates for the year following the Musky Festival?

A: The Court is defined as the Queen, 1st and 2nd Runners Up. Parades are attended by all participants. There are some public appearances and events that only the Queen or Court is required to attend. Most additional events ALL contestants (regardless of title awarded) are required or invited to attend. The list of events is part of the contract; therefore, it changes each year. There are penalties for failing to attend required events, which are outlined in the contract.