

Blossomtime Festival
Miss Heart of Blossomtime Competition
Official Application and Release Form

\$60.00 Entry Fee
Checks payable to: Blossomtime Festival

Name: _____ Community: _____

Address: _____
Street (not a PO Box) City State Zip

Applicant's phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's phone # _____ Cell #: _____ Email: _____

High School attended and dates: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

OFFICIAL REGULATIONS AND APPLICATION REPRESENTATIONS
Please Read Carefully

1. I understand that I must be at least 17 years of age, but not more than 21 years of age as of March 15, the year of the Miss/Mr. Blossomtime Competition in which I participate.
2. If I am a female, I represent that I am not now married, have never been married, and have never conceived a child. If I am a male, I represent that I am not now married, have never been married, and have never fathered a child. In either case, I understand if these conditions change that I must notify the Blossomtime Festival Board of Directors immediately and that this may affect my eligibility to participate in the competition.
3. I represent that I do not have any convictions for a criminal offense. Some common examples are drunk driving, reckless driving, minor in possession of alcohol, shoplifting, malicious destruction of property, or possession of drugs. I also represent that I do not have any juvenile's adjudications in juvenile court for any similar offense. I understand that any conviction or juvenile adjudication disqualifies me from participating in the Miss/Mr. Blossomtime Competition. I further understand that I have a continuing duty to notify the Blossomtime Festival Board of Directors immediately in the event that I am charged with a criminal offense or petitioned into juvenile court for a similar offense in the course of the competition or during my reign on the Blossomtime Court. Pending a resolution of criminal charges, the Board of Directors may suspend a member of the court from participating in Blossomtime activities I understand that if selected for the Miss/Mr. Blossomtime Court that any criminal conviction during my reign will result in the forfeiture of my title and any prizes or scholarships.
4. I understand that I must be of good character and reputation and that the Blossomtime Festival Board of Directors reserves the right to approve all entrants and to determine, without question, their eligibility to participate in Blossomtime Festival activities. I agree to abstain from using drugs, alcohol or tobacco products during my reign. I understand that my title may be forfeited, whether I am convicted or not, if the Board of Directors finds sufficient evidence to conclude that I have used drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. I understand that being in attendance where alcohol is available

(other than a function with my parents or a Blossomtime chaperone present) is forbidden and may result in immediate forfeiture of my title and prizes.

5. I represent that I am physically able to participate in pageant rehearsals and all Blossomtime Festival activities.
6. I represent that I am now attending, or have graduated from, high school.
7. I understand that Miss/Mr. Blossomtime contestants may compete in the event only one time.
8. I represent that I hold no other state of national titles and understand that I must have the permission of the Blossomtime Festival Board of Directors to participate in any other competition.
9. I understand that I must be a resident of the community, which I represent at both the time of the community pageant as well as the Miss/Mr Blossomtime Pageant. I have read and understand the residency requirement for eligibility as contained in the Blossomtime Festival Handbook. If selected as a member of the Blossomtime Court, I intend to continue to maintain, a permanent, year round residence within Southwest Michigan. I understand that if I move from Southwest Michigan during the year of my reign, and as a result I am unable to fulfill my obligation to Blossomtime, the Board of Directors may forfeit my title and any prizes or scholarships awarded to me. Finally, I understand that participants may not cohabitate with a girlfriend/boyfriend during the reigning year.
10. If I am selected as a community queen, Miss Heart of Blossomtime, or a member of the Court, I agree to participate in ALL designated Blossomtime Festival activities and abide by the rules and regulations of Blossomtime, Inc., including the Excused Absence Policy as set forth in the Handbook that is provided to all applicants, and which I have reviewed and understand.
11. If selected Miss Heart of Blossomtime or a member of the Court I agree to the following:
 - a. Miss Heart of Blossomtime may not, from the date of selection, participate in photos or videos, endorse, or in any way infer support of any commercial product or make personal appearances **as a representative of the Blossomtime Festival** without the consent of the Blossomtime Festival Board of Directors.
 - b. Miss Heart of Blossomtime may not take part in any similar competitions from the date of his/her selection until the next year's representative has been selected without written consent of the Blossomtime Festival Board of Directors.
 - c. Except as approved by the Blossomtime Festival, as a community winner I understand that during the year of my reign, I must not participate in any written or oral or implied endorsement or testimonial of any product or service for any commercial organization. If I am a Blossomtime Festival winner, said restriction will continue throughout my reign.
12. I understand that any scholarships I earn will not be paid until my reign has been completed i.e. "April 1 of the year following my crowning" and all Blossomtime requirements have been completed satisfactorily and so approved by the Blossomtime Board of Directors. The scholarship money will be paid directly to an accredited college or university upon written proof of registration and itemization of fees payable and that I will receive no cash in lieu of unused scholarships. I also understand that I have two years from the date I earn my scholarship to claim it or it will revert to the Blossomtime Scholarship Fund.
13. I understand that if there exists any misstatement or inaccuracy in this application or a late failure to adhere to and abide by the Blossomtime Festival requirements herein or applied from time to time, the Blossomtime Festival may summarily and without notice to me terminate my participation in any and all Blossomtime Festival activities.
14. If I am chosen to be part of the Blossomtime Court, my family and I must participate with the Blossomtime float. Example: Building the unit, chaperoning and taking the float to parades.

CONSENT AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

By their signatures below, the applicant and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) certify: 1) they have read and understand the rules and regulations as set forth in this document; 2) the applicant meets the requirements and will comply with the regulations stated; 3) they understand that untrue statements, misrepresentations, or failure to comply may result in the applicant's disqualification and/or forfeiture of any Blossomtime Festival title; 4) we hereby release to the Blossomtime Festival the applicant's records at any high school attended by her; 5) we do hereby release, unconditionally, and forever, any claim against the Blossomtime Festival, its officers, directors, agents, employees and corporate sponsors, and agree to hold them harmless as to any claim arising out of any participation in the Blossomtime Festival or its activities; 6) we acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Miss/Mr. Blossomtime Festival Handbook, have reviewed it, and agree to follow its terms and conditions.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of parent(s) or guardian(s)

Date

CERTIFICATION OF ENTRY AND ENDORSEMENT

This certifies that to the best of my knowledge, the above named contestant meets the stated regulations and requirements for entry into the Blossomtime competition and Festival activities.

Name of community: _____

Signature of community representative

Title

Date

Please note: This form accompanied by the community entry fee must be turned in to the Blossomtime Festival office no later than the second Monday following your community competition

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