



Pennsylvania State Laurel Festival

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Dear Principal/Senior Advisor:

The Pennsylvania State Laurel Festival Committee cordially invites a representative – **junior or senior**, (the same representative cannot attend twice) from your school to participate in the 82nd PA State Laurel Festival Queen Scholarship Program to be held June 14th and 15th, 2024 here in Wellsboro.

Our Committee invites your school to select a student, from the Class of 2024 **or** 2025, to represent your school and community in the competition for the title of PA State Laurel Queen. This competition is NOT a beauty contest. A criterion for selection of your candidate is included in the "Info for Principals & Senior Advisors" insert.

Our scholarship amounts have been increased. The Pennsylvania State Laurel Queen will now be the recipient of an educational scholarship of **\$3,000**, receiving one half of the scholarship funds the first academic year and, providing the winner has completed the year in good standing, the remaining half the second academic year; the first runner-up will receive a scholarship in the amount of **\$1,500**, payable at 50% the first academic year with the remaining 50% payable the second academic year; second runner-up will receive **\$1,000**, payable at 50% the first academic year with the remaining 50% payable the second academic year; and Miss Congeniality will receive **\$500**. Scholarships are sponsored in part by the Wellsboro Rotary Club.

It would be an honor to have your school participate. Feel free to visit www.wellsboropa.com, to view a short video on the Laurel Festival Queen's Program.

Please return the enclosed participation acknowledgement post card no later than December 15th, 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on 570-724-1926, or by email at sharonh@wellsboropa.com

Sincerely,

Sharon Hazelton
PA State Laurel Queen
Program Coordinator
Wellsboro Foundation

Enclosures: -Information sheet for Principals/Sr. Advisors, -Participation acknowledgement postcard

INFORMATION FOR PRINCIPALS AND SENIOR ADVISORS

For 81 years, the PA State Laurel Festival Queen's Scholarship Program has honored youth, education and the commitment to the communities of this Commonwealth by selecting a representative to reign as **PENNSYLVANIA STATE LAUREL QUEEN** for one year. The individual chosen as the Pennsylvania State Laurel Queen will represent the Festival throughout the year at various parades and functions held within the Commonwealth.

We would like to request that a Class Advisor and/or the Principal select several students who best meet the criteria and then allow the class, or teachers to vote for the candidate. The student chosen to represent your school must possess confidence, grace, personality, and be mindful of their personal appearance and conduct. The representative must be a member of the **junior or senior class**, (the same representative cannot attend twice) unmarried and have no children.

The Laurel Queen is the recipient of an educational scholarship of at least \$3,000; therefore, we suggest that your candidate should have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and should be involved in some sort of community service activity. We would also ask that you select an alternate who could represent the school in the event your first choice is unable to attend.

The candidate must be aware that there are certain responsibilities and commitments involved with their representation of your school. The Laurel Queen's Scholarship Program takes place Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, 2024. The weekend will include a Queens Preview & Concert, the Laurel Parade, trip to visit the PA Grand Canyon, radio interviews, catered meals, and the Coronation Ceremony. Should your candidate be chosen Laurel Queen, they will be asked to participate in parades and other engagements at times during their reign.

There is a \$100 entry fee, **PAYABLE BY MARCH 8, 2024**. We encourage the school to pay this expense by way of fundraisers, student council, senior class, etc.

Deadline for confirmation of your school's desire to participate is **December 15, 2023**. Please be sure to include the class advisor or principal's name and email address. Once the confirmation is received, we will email the application along with tips for completing the paperwork to the email address provided.

After receipt of the Candidate's Entry Form, we will contact them directly to provide further details regarding the Festival and their participation.

Watch our brief Laurel Festival Queens Program video on our website, www.wellsboropa.com by clicking on the Laurel Festival button at the bottom of the homepage.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTED AT THE 2024 PA STATE LAUREL FESTIVAL!