

Application Information

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the Queen of the Highlands program, you must be 18-22 years of age on the day of the interview/crowning (April 4, 2009) and be of Scottish decent. Although Scottish decent is required, any wee bit will do! To be eligible for Queen, applicant may not be present Queen or court from other organization (example: 2009 Alma Queen of Scots, 2009 National Cherry Queen, etc). Daughters or granddaughters of St. Andrew's Society Executive Board, Trustees and Queen Directors are not eligible to apply.

Interview/Crowning:

The interview will take place at the home of Queen Directors in Shelby Township, MI at noon on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Crowning will take place that same evening at the Tartan Day Ceilidh in Livonia, MI. All 5 finalists must be present at the interview/luncheon that afternoon in order to be eligible. A queen and up to 2 court members will be crowned from the 5 finalists selected.

Scholarships:

The 2009 Queen will receive \$1,500 and the 1st and 2nd runners-up will each receive \$750 and \$500 respectively. All three will have their scholarships presented the weekend of the highland games in August. The court's on Friday evening at the Ceilidh and the Queen's on Saturday at Opening Ceremonies. Although they will be presented that weekend, actual checks will be given after all duties have been completed and binders returned.

General Information/Rules

Websites:

You are allowed to keep your Facebook, MySpace, blogs or similar webpages up if you have them. Since you are now representing the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit and the Queen of the Highlands program, please do not post any inappropriate, distasteful or illegal messages or photos. If we see them, you will be asked to remove them. If you do not, you may have to forfeit your scholarship and title.

Alcohol:

Even if 21 years of age, drinking of alcoholic beverages will **not be permitted** at any Society events or functions when representing the Society and/or Queen of the Highlands program.

Games Weekend Information

Escorts:

The queen and court will need to find your own escorts for the Games. All escort's must be 18 years of age by first appearance. Escort's are required to wear black dress pants and a collared shirt in a color to coordinate with you the day of the games, (white, lavender, black, etc). All escorts will be provided with a tie in the Spirit of Scotland tartan to match the sash and kilt, tie tacks and nametags for the weekend. They are required to wear tie, tie tack and nametags at all events. Jeans and/or tee-shirts will not be acceptable. If escorts do not wear required apparel, you may have to forfeit your scholarship and title.

Games Ceilidh:

The evening of the Ceilidh, the three court members are required to attend the entire event and wander the Ceilidh talking with the patrons in attendance and interacting with the crowd.

Sunday:

The Society uses Sunday to clean up and break down the materials and supplies needed for the games. You will be required to attend and help out wherever possible.

Court

Responsibilities:

2nd Runner-Up must attend the following 3 events during the year: Queen photo shoot in May, Canterbury Village Scottish Days in July, and St. Andrew's Ceilidh, Games and clean-up the first weekend in August. 1st Runner-Up must also attend 1-2 parades throughout the year with the Queen. Must stay in provided hotel room during games weekend. Be responsible – if it is not something you would do/say/wear in front of the Queen's Committee, the Society's Executive Committee or your parents, then it shouldn't be done!

What to wear:

You will need to put together two outfits; Ceilidh outfit and Games outfit. Both will need to be approved, including shoes by the Queen Directors prior to the photo shoot and games weekend. Both should coordinate with the Spirit of Scotland tartan – as if your sash was tartan. Your Ceilidh outfit can be the more casual of the two, and may be dressy capri's or similar since you will be up on a stage. Be professional – patterned materials, spaghetti strap tank tops, halter tops or flip-flops are **NOT** allowed.

For the games, you will need something a little more dressy and professional, (a business dress suit with jacket, or something similar).

Crown, Sash and Bag:

The crown, sash and bag are keepsakes for the two court members. To keep the crown from turning colors or getting damaged it needs to be stored in an air tight container, like a Tupperware container with a desiccant. DampRid makes a desiccant bag for closets that is perfect. You can buy them at Wal-Mart or Amazon.com It also should be kept dark and cool when not being worn. Bag is to be used at all events to carry all of your necessary items for the day/weekend.

1st Runner-Up:

You may be asked to attend an event throughout the year if the queen is unable to. If for any reason, the Queen must step down and relinquish her title, you will be crowned Queen, and will assume all duties therein – including the scholarship monies.

Queen/Court Photo Shoot:

VERY IMPORTANT!!! We will be having a professional photo shoot May 16, 2009. Both court members are required to attend. We will do the queen's individual photos in the morning and then do photos with all three of you and individual court photos from 12:30-2. Please arrive at noon, dressed and ready to go. Games outfit should be worn (previously approved by Directors), bring crown and sash.

Afterwards we will have lunch together to go over your binders and answer any questions. One guardian is required to attend the photo shoot and luncheon with you. Games outfit is required apparel for photo shoot. Your outfit, including shoes and accessories needs to be approved by the queen's committee prior to the shoot.

Queen

Responsibilities:

- Document every event you attend with photos. Pass those on to Bree to add to your website as soon as possible after the event. After the games weekend, you will need to write a letter for the website. Bree will add it to the website with photos from your reign.
- After every event, send a hand-written thank-you letter to the host, dealership who donated car, etc. You are provided with official Queen of the Highlands stationary to do this with. It is also good to send notes to any Society members, officers, etc who help you throughout your year.
- As the Queen, you will be responsible for making sure that you, your court and escorts are at every event on time. As well, keep them all fired up and going all weekend during the games. You are the ambassadors of the event. Make sure everyone there; volunteers, attendees, patrons, contestants, and the entertainers all feel welcome and have everything they need.
- You will also need to put together a photo album and display of your reign for the 2010 interview and crowning Ceilidh so that everyone can see your year and celebrate you!
- If you feel there are any fun "extras" you would like to add, please do so. Our first queen, MacKenzie started the tradition of the outgoing queen presenting a gift to the new queen at the crowning. Katie and her family hosted a Royal BBQ after the games for the court and their families, along with the games Directors and Society officers. If you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to let us know. We are always looking for ways to improve the program.
- Be responsible – if it is not something you would do/say/wear in front of the Queen's Committee, the Society's Executive Committee or your parents, then it shouldn't be done!

What to wear:

You will need to put together two outfits for your reign; kilt outfit and dress outfit. Both will need to be approved, including shoes and accessories by the Queen Directors prior to the photo shoot or any appearances. Spaghetti strap tank-tops, halter tops and flip-flops are **NOT** allowed.

Kilt Outfit:

We will provide you with a kilt that matches your sash. Do not have the kilt altered for size without approval first. Very few tailors know how to properly alter a kilt and we want to make sure it is altered properly. Select a shirt in a complementary color; white, black, purple or lavender, to compliment the kilt. You are representing the Society at every event – be professional. You will have to return the kilt next year, as we will pass it on to the next queen.

Wear your kilt outfit on games day, any Society or other Scottish events and next year's crowning.

Dress Outfit:

You will also want something a little more dressy and professional, (a business dress suit with jacket, or something similar).

Wear your dress outfit to the Games Ceilidh (although dressy pants/Capri's are acceptable this evening), parades in summer and next year's interview and luncheon.

Queen of Highlands Shirt:

We will be getting you a Queen of Highlands Shirt. This is to be worn whenever traveling to events, parades, etc or whenever you are attending events that would be inappropriate to wear your crown and sash. This shirt is your to keep and will be ordered for you right after the crowning in the appropriate sizing.

Crown, Sash and Bag:

The crown, sash, and bag are keepsakes for the Queen! No matter where you are or what you are doing be sure you have at least your crown & sash or crown & shirt on. To keep your crown from turning colors or getting damaged it needs to be stored in an air tight container, like a tupperware container with a desiccant. DampRid makes a desiccant bag for closets that is perfect. You can buy them at Wal-Mart or Amazon.com It also should be kept dark and cool when not being worn. Bag is to be used at all events to carry all of your necessary items for the day/weekend.

Philanthropy:

You will need to participate in a philanthropy event during your reign (April '09 – April '10). Heather walked in the Juvenile Arthritis Walk in the spring. If you already participate in something each year, it is fine to do that – just be sure you are wearing your shirt and crown and taking photos for the website. You do not have to participate in something where you need to raise money, but are more than welcome to if you would like. We are trying to create awareness about a subject/group/organization that is close to your heart!

Photo Shoot:

VERY IMPORTANT!!! We will be having a professional photo shoot in May. We will do Queen photos starting at 10am, please arrive promptly. At noon the former queens will arrive and we will do photos with all of the past queens and some of just you and the outgoing queen. From 12:30 to 2 we will do photos of you and your court and individual court photos.

Afterwards we will have lunch together to go over your binders and answer any questions. One guardian must be present at the photo shoot and luncheon with you.

Apparel requirements:

- two black outfits (one dress, one pants & top),
- dress outfit (same as games)
- kilt outfit
- casual outfit
 - o should represent your school, sorority, or other current thing that is important in your life and jeans
- Queen's shirt and jeans (Directors will bring shirt with them)

All outfits, shoes and accessories must be approved by the Queen Directors prior to the photo shoot. Bring sash and crown and necessary items to secure both.

These are the general rules, responsibilities and information for the year-long reign. Detailed list of responsibilities and complete rules will be outlined in the queen and court binders which will be presented upon crowning.

Failure to comply with any of the above rules or regulations may result in loss of title and scholarship monies.