





Thanks for learning more about the Melrose Royalty Program! Inside this packet, you'll see our official rules and regulations of the candidates along with the rules and regulations for the chosen royalty. We will need a minimum of 5 candidates to hold a pageant. We will crown one Miss Melrose and two Miss Melrose Princesses to represent Melrose in the upcoming year. Miss Melrose will receive a \$1500 scholarship and each princess will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

The first step is to look through the packet and be sure you qualify and would agree to the rules. Next is to think about the time required. We'll decide as a group when a good day of the week is for practices. Practices will be weekly starting in May and will move to bi-weekly in June and we will add practices as needed. The day of the pageant will be Thursday, June 22nd, 2023. If you're chosen as one of three Royalty, we will ask that you participate in several Chamber and city sponsored events throughout the year along with participating in area parades to be an ambassador for Melrose.

As a candidate, you're asked to find a business sponsor. This will help pay for the pageant and costs associated with the program. The pageant itself will consist of a simple group dance with the Little Miss Melrose candidates, a gown walk (don't worry, we will practice lots!), a talent and a fish-bowl question. We're about growth and personal development during the process and we want you to succeed. We'll bring in industry professionals to help with stage presence, your gown walk, tips on your talent performance, keeping calm under pressure and more. We like to say "It's less about the crown, and more about the town." Go in with this attitude and you're already a winner.

All signed paperwork is due by April 15th in order to participate. Contact Kate or Alyssa (below) with any questions.

Thanks for your consideration!

Kate Schaefer, 320-290-5302

Alyssa Hoeschen, 320-429-0770



**Expectations & Responsibilities as a Candidate:**

Good communication with the committee and other candidates

Ability to attend community events (as many as possible)

Melrose Farmers Market (Selling brats-fundraiser) June 7th 2:45-6pm

Melrose Library Story Hour (date in June TBD)

Visit with Melrose Nursing Home (date June TBD)

Professional Photos with ALee Photography (1st week in May)

Yoga lesson with Yoga Melrose

Being a good role model for young girls in the community

**Qualities Melrose Royalty Should Posses:**

Ability to speak in front of an audience.

Being a poised and graceful person.

Friendly, genuine and outgoing.

Illustrates enthusiasm about representing Melrose.

Knowledgeable about the community of Melrose.

**Responsibilities of Melrose Royalty:**

Attending local brunches and parades.

Attending surrounding community pageants.

Being involved in local Chamber of Commerce functions.

Community involvement.

Be a good role model for the community.

# **Melrose Royalty Candidate Rules & Regulations**

## **General Rules**

1. Candidates must have parent or guardian approval to participate.
2. Eligible candidates must be female between the ages of 16 and 20 and reside within the 740 School District or go to Melrose Area High School. The candidate must be 17 years old on or by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
3. Candidates will be single and never married. If presently engaged the wedding must take place after her reign has been completed.
4. Candidates must not be pregnant during the Miss Melrose Pageant or have children presently.
5. There must be a minimum of 5 candidates to have a pageant and begin practices. There must be a minimum of 5 candidates participating in the pageant to have one Queen and two Princesses. If for some reason a candidate is disqualified during the pageant preparation and there are less than 5 candidates participating in the pageant, there will be one Queen and one Princess. There is a maximum of 12 candidates.
6. Candidates must contact a local business for the sponsorship fee of \$250.
7. All candidates will receive a \$100 gift at the end of the Riverfest celebration if they fulfill their duties volunteering for the weekend and complete their candidacy. This gift is meant to help reimburse you for your time, commitment and costs associated with running for Miss Melrose.

## **Pageant Rules**

1. All candidates must furnish their own gowns, clothes, costumes and items needed for talent.
2. Candidates are requested to act with respect, discretion and decorum at all times.
3. All candidates must attend all rehearsals and events given on the schedule unless previously excused by the pageant director and conduct themselves in a cooperative manner.
4. No visitors, including friends or relatives, are allowed at any practices or designated activities.
5. There will be no immediate family member of any candidate on the Miss Melrose Pageant Committee (immediate family consists of parents and siblings).
6. If the candidate decides not to run for the pageant and has made this decision after the portraits have been taken, the candidate is responsible to pay for the fee of the portrait.
7. Candidates are required to attend all events that the chamber endorses.

## Candidate Terms for Disqualification

1. The candidate shall adhere to a zero-tolerance policy concerning tobacco, alcohol and other controlled substances. This is to include any use, consumption, possession, or involvement. A signed statement of two (2) eyewitnesses stating a candidate violated this rule will be grounds for disqualification from the pageant. If any officer of the law finds a candidate in violation of an alcohol or controlled substance law, the candidate will be disqualified from the pageant.
2. Any conviction of a felony will result in termination of candidacy.
3. The final decision of disqualification will be made by the Melrose Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make a copy for yourself and turn the original into the Melrose Royalty Committee.

## **Melrose Royalty Policy**

1. The Queen and Princesses shall not enter any other contest, or hold any other title during her reign, except for High School events (Homecoming, Snow Week). The Queen may compete the following year in the Aquatennial pageant and festivities, if qualified, and the candidate is responsible for the fees associated with this pageant. A monetary contribution from the chamber may be made.
2. The Queen and Princess(es) must dress and conduct themselves in a royal manner when promoting as "GoodWill Ambassadors" for our community. Newly crowned royalty will be given a dress reimbursement of \$100 toward the cost of a dress for Royalty appearances. The princess dresses must be matching and coordinating with the Queen. The Miss Melrose Committee must approve the selected dresses.
3. Royalty must travel in a group with the chaperones to and from each function. Royalty is always to stay with the function and chaperones. The chaperone must be a responsible adult over 21 years of age.
4. The Miss Melrose Committee is to establish a list of parades and events the Melrose Royalty is to attend. Any other requests not on the list will be approved by the committee.
5. Royalty will be required to provide/find transportation and a chaperone to any parades and pageants that the Chamber has selected for their participation.
6. When at functions or gatherings which are not Chamber sponsored, the Royalty will not wear their crowns or anything to identify them as Melrose Royalty. The committee must approve non-Chamber functions.
7. No friends, boys or otherwise, will be allowed to interfere with the Royalty during function duties.
8. Royalty is responsible for their crowns. If it is damaged or lost it will be replaced at their expense. All Royalty may keep their crown.
9. If for any reason the Queen or Princess cannot fulfill their year, they must turn in their sash and crown. Order of replacement will be by total accumulated points named by the pageant judges.
10. The outgoing Royalty will be required to participate in the next year's pageant planning. They will crown the new royalty as well as a skit/slide show and farewell speeches. Speeches and skit/slide show are limited to time allotted.
11. Upon completion of reign, Royalty will be given a scholarship check for their participation. Miss Melrose will be given \$1500 and each Princess will receive \$1000.
12. If reign is terminated for any reason, Royalty will be required to reimburse the \$250 sponsorship fee to their sponsor for the pageant.

Royalty Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Melrose Royalty Termination of Reign

1. If the Royalty becomes married or pregnant during her reign.
2. If Royalty requests release due to residence change (other than to continue their education).
3. If royalty fails to fulfill the guidelines of the Queen and Princess policy.
4. Miss Melrose and the Melrose Princesses shall adhere to a zero tolerance policy concerning tobacco, alcohol and other controlled substances. This includes any use, consumption, possession, or involvement. A signed statement of two (2) eyewitnesses stating that Miss Melrose or Melrose Princess violated this rule will be grounds for disqualification from her reign. If any officer of the law finds Miss Melrose or a Melrose Princess in violation of an alcohol or controlled substance law, the rein will be terminated.
4. If royalty reign is terminated any awards earned cannot be presented by the royalty during the pageant the following year.
5. In the event of a disputed charge for dismissal of reign, all royalty privileges and duties shall be suspended until the outcome of the board decision, investigation and/or legal proceedings.
6. Any conviction of a felony will result in termination of rein.
7. The final decision of disqualification will be made by the Melrose Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Royalty Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2023 MISS MELROSE SPONSOR CONTRACT

We, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to sponsor  
(Business Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2023 Melrose Royalty program  
(Candidate name)

and we agree to have a business representative attend any necessary events for our  
candidate.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am signing a contract  
(Candidate name)

with a Melrose Area Business and I agree to conduct myself in a positive, mature, and appropriate manner  
throughout the Miss Melrose pageant process as a  
public representative of this business.

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship fee of \$250.00 is payable to the Melrose Area Chamber of Commerce.

Date fee paid: \_\_\_\_\_



**\*\*Retain one copy for your records and return one copy, with payment, to the Melrose Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 216, Melrose, MN 56352 by or before April 30th, 2023.\*\***





Dear Miss Melrose 2023 Candidate Sponsor:

Thank you for sponsoring a candidate for Miss Melrose 2023!

The candidates will be wearing sashes with your business name on them for all public appearances leading up to the pageant including Chamber fundraisers, a visit to Pine Villa, the New Munich parade, for the opening of our pageant, the closing of the pageant, and the Riverfest parade. We are only able to put 20 letters including spaces between words on the sashes. We are asking you to complete the area below as to the way you want your business name listed on the sashes. All other areas of the pageant where your business will be listed will be your complete business name if at all possible. If you have any other questions about the sponsorship of a candidate please call Kate Schaefer at 320-290-5302. Thank you again for your sponsorship of a candidate for Miss Melrose 2023.

Sash:

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Please Print Your Complete Business Name Below:

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Please mail this form back to: Melrose Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 216, Melrose, MN 56352 by April 30th, 2023 or email to [melrosechamber@outlook.com](mailto:melrosechamber@outlook.com).

Sincerely,

Miss Melrose Pageant Committee