



## 2023 Miss Hooperton Rules and Contract

1. Miss Hooperton serves at the sole and exclusive judgment of the Hooperton Jaycees.
2. All Miss Hooperton candidates must be graduates of Hooperton Area High School who have turned 18 on or before January 1, 2023, and do not turn 21 before September 1, 2023.
3. Candidates will be considered role models for young ladies as well as the youth of Hooperton and the surrounding areas. This role is a one-year commitment and will be treated as such.
4. Once elected by the judges, the candidate will become Miss Hooperton in January. Crowning is usually scheduled to coincide with the Community Awards Banquet towards the end of January. The candidate will serve as Miss Hooperton until the next candidate is crowned. The candidate will not assume the title and privileges of Miss Hooperton until she is crowned.
5. There will be an informational meeting for all candidates who wish to participate in this program. This meeting will be at least a week prior to the actual Miss Hooperton selection process.
6. There will be a mandatory interview and speech practice session, which will be scheduled at the informational meeting.
7. Once crowned candidates are strongly encouraged to attend monthly Jaycee meetings to keep up to date with area projects.
8. Upon successful completion of her yearly reign, the candidate will not wear the crown or sash of Miss Hooperton, nor appear as Miss Hooperton for the purposes of advertising or endorsing products, person, cause or service, unless she has received in advance the written consent of the Hooperton Jaycees.
9. Candidates must not have been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses in the last twenty-four months, the exception being traffic offenses. Candidates must never have been

convicted of any criminal offense and have no criminal charges pending against her.

10. Candidates must never have been married or become married during their tenure as Miss Hoopeston.
11. Candidates must never have been or become pregnant.
12. Candidates agree not to partake in the consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes or illegal drugs during her year long reign.
13. Candidates cannot show in public any tattoos or body piercing once crowned Miss Hoopeston. No nose, eyebrow, lip or tongue piercing will be allowed. Candidates agree to purchase suitable "Derma-Blend" product to cover tattoos for all public appearances. Candidates agree to only wear a maximum of two piercings per ear.
14. Candidates agree not to alter their natural appearance (i.e. hair color) without consulting the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator.
15. Candidates agree to make themselves available for such personal appearances, interviews, photographic and recording sessions and other various commitments and events related to the National Sweetcorn Festival, National Sweetheart Pageant or the Hoopeston Jaycees.
16. Candidates will be required to commit to completing a minimum of 48 volunteer hours (outside of the week of the National Sweetcorn Festival) over her year-long reign in the Hoopeston area community.
17. All appearances as Miss Hoopeston shall be approved at least 72 hours in advance by the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator; as well as any photography sessions or pictures to be released as Miss Hoopeston.
18. All appearances by Miss Hoopeston must be accompanied by the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator or a representative approved by the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator. If the appearance is attended by a male Jaycee or a representative, one of the parents of Miss Hoopeston must attend as well.
19. Miss Hoopeston will serve as the official hostess of the National Sweetcorn Festival and agrees to represent the Hoopeston Jaycees, the National Sweetcorn Festival and the City of Hoopeston during the week of the Festival.
20. Candidates agree to be an active participant in the National Sweetheart Pageant. During the week of the pageant, Miss Hoopeston is expected to be anywhere the queens are and is under the supervision of the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator, head chaperone and the Executive Director

of the National Sweetheart Pageant.

21. Miss Hoopeston will be responsible for hosting the welcoming dinner for the queens when they arrive in town on Monday. The theme and menu must be approved by the Miss Hoopeston coordinator and the Executive Director of the Sweetheart Pageant or the Chairman of the National Sweetcorn Festival.
22. The candidate agrees to attend, with a parent, a meeting to review this contract and be briefed on what is expected of Miss Hoopeston throughout the entirety of her reign. This meeting will include the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator, National Sweetcorn Festival Chairman, President of the Hoopeston Jaycees and other delegates selected by the President.
23. Candidates agree to purchase any clothing necessary to honor her obligations during the week of the National Sweetcorn Festival and any other event she is required to attend. A stipend of \$1500 will be provided to Miss Hoopeston by the Hoopeston Jaycees. A payment of \$750 will be paid after crowned, a second payment of \$750 will be paid after the National Sweetcorn Festival. If during the candidates reign, she relinquishes her title or is unable to fulfill the minimum obligations of the title, any stipend received must be repaid in full.
24. The Hoopeston Jaycees have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that the candidate is no longer eligible to participate or continue in the candidate's role as Miss Hoopeston. In that event, the candidate will relinquish her crown, sash and title to the President of the Jaycees. The cash stipend for clothing must also be repaid within thirty (30) days after the relinquishment of the title unless otherwise dictated by the Hoopeston Jaycee executive board.
25. Candidates agree not to have any negative postings on public websites such as: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, TikTok, etc. Candidates can have their names and photos on these sites, as long as they are not deemed "inappropriate." These sites will be checked frequently and if any photos or inappropriate postings are found by members of the Miss Hoopeston selection panel, Miss Hoopeston coordinator or the Hoopeston Jaycee executive board, will result in the immediate relinquishing of the Miss Hoopeston title, crown, sash and the return of the entirety of the clothing allowance.
26. The following disciplinary steps shall be followed:
  1. Verbal warning from the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator.
  2. Written warning from the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator.
  3. Disciplinary hearing with the Hoopeston Jaycees executive board and the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator. Discipline may be issued by the executive board up to

and including suspension from Miss Hoopeston activities.

4. Removal from the Miss Hoopeston position by the Hoopeston Jaycees executive board.

27. Candidates may be forced to relinquish the Miss Hoopeston title, crown, sash and return the entirety of the clothing allowance if any of the following occur:

1. Any of the information or statements made by the candidate in the initial application, interview or contract is determined by the Hoopeston Jaycees to be false.
2. There is any change in the circumstances that would affect the candidates eligibility, including without limitations to participate fully in the activities of Miss Hoopeston, marital or parental status, good character and reputation or, behavior that is, or the Hoopeston Jaycees perceives as contrary to the Jaycee creed and good citizenship.
3. The candidate fails to conduct herself in a manner which, in the sole exclusive judgment of the Hoopeston Jaycees, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Miss Hoopeston program.
4. If the candidate suffers any medical condition or disability, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of the Hoopeston Jaycees, impairs the candidates ability to perform the duties expected of Miss Hoopeston.

28. Candidates understand that the chain of command for Miss Hoopeston is as follows:

1. Miss Hoopeston Coordinator
2. National Sweetcorn Festival Chairman
3. Hoopeston Jaycee President

Candidates also realize that twenty-four (24) hours must pass for the appropriate person to respond before the candidate escalates to the next step, unless it is an emergency situation.

29. Candidates must have a working telephone or other line of communication with the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator. Once contacted, candidates must respond within 24 hours.

30. Candidates may not hold a title as of January 1, 2022, and further agree not to pursue any additional titles if crowned through January 1, 2023.
31. The Hoopeston Jaycees reserve the right to make additions or alterations to these rules at any time, upon written notice to all parties involved, including Miss Hoopeston, and shall become effective upon receipt of said notice.

**Acknowledgement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby agree to adhere to the rules and regulations laid out herein and also agree to the terms and conditions of my appointment as Miss Hoopeston. I also understand the repercussions of the failure to abide by these rules and regulations and intend to fully comply with them and the Hoopeston Jaycees.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Candidate

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Signature of One of the Parents of the Candidate

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Signature of the President of the Hoopeston Junior Chamber of Commerce

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Signature of the Chairman of the National Sweetcorn Festival

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Signature of the Miss Hoopeston Coordinator