



Springfield St. Patrick's Parade Committee, Inc.
2024 Colleen Application

Colleen Application Details

This is the official application for the 2024 Springfield Colleen Contest. Please follow the instructions on each page carefully.

Please follow the directions on all forms and return your application with all the required documents to Springfield St. Patrick's Parade Committee, % Siobhan Cullen, 411 Plumtree Rd, Springfield, MA 01118. Your applications must be postmarked before Monday, December 11, 2023, to be considered.

If you'd prefer to complete the application online, please do so! Please follow the link here (<https://forms.gle/2Wukhj8TWTcv7bUx7>) or scan the QR code at the bottom of the first page. If you're submitting an application online, you do not need to mail in a paper copy of your application.

The preliminary contest is planned for Saturday, January 6th, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club

The Colleen Coronation Ball will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at 7:00 PM at The Cedars in Springfield.

Included in this package is only the application for the 2024 Colleen Contest. Each of the five Colleen finalists will be eligible for the Mossie and Kathleen Murphy Scholarship. Applications for the scholarship will be provided to finalists after the preliminary event.

Contact: Siobhan Cullen (413-427-7121)

Wishing you the best of Irish luck,
The Colleen Committee
Springfield St. Patrick's Parade Committee

Apply Online!





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Eligibility

Young women of Irish Descent are 17 to 22 years of age, single (never been married or nor have a child), and at least a High School Junior. Springfield, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer, or Wilbraham residents are eligible. (Residents of other towns MAY be eligible.) Former Colleens and members of the Court are NOT eligible.

Personal Information:

Name _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Additional Contact Phone _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

High School _____

School Currently in Attendance _____ Grade _____

Please enclose a recent wallet-size picture of yourself, the application, and your response to the Colleen questions. Applications, including all required documents and photos, must be postmarked no later than Monday, December 11, 2023



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Colleen Questions

Answers for all four questions should not exceed two pages total; anything more will not be read.

1. How has your Irish heritage helped to shape the person you are today? Your answer should include what it's like growing up in an Irish family and how the Irish culture has influenced you.
2. Please discuss briefly: a) the contributions you have made to your Irish and local community and b) your school activities.
3. If your friends and family could describe you in only three words, which words would they choose and why?
4. What qualities do you like most about yourself and why?



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2024 Commitment Letter

Dear Colleen Contestant,

At this time, we would like you to consider the commitment we will be expecting from you should you become a finalist.

- The five finalists are required to attend ALL functions to which the Colleen and her Court are invited.
- You will be required to provide your own transportation and arrive on time for each event.
- You are expected to appear at ALL events unescorted. No friends should be on hand to meet you; you cannot spend time with them.
- Contestants and parents, you will be provided with a list of events and the appropriate attire the contestants will be expected to wear at each event, The Coronation Ball. The Colleen Coronation Ball will be held on February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Cedars in Springfield.
- We ask that contestants choose a significant person in their life who has been a strong Irish influence. This person will serve as your escort during the contest portion of the evening. This person can be male or female but must be a direct blood relative. This position is reserved for someone who has known you throughout your life and has made an important, positive impact on you.
- Should you be chosen the Colleen, the trip to Ireland must be taken by the end of January 2025, or it is forfeited.

Contestant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



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2024 Permission To Use Photographs & Biographical Information

I authorize the Springfield St. Patrick's Parade Committee to use photographs of me and biographical information found on your application and brief biography for educational or promotional purposes in any type of media, including our website.

Date: _____

Contestant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

(Parent/guardian Signature if the applicant is not 18)

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____