

Grand Rapids Polish Heritage Society Busia Queen Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming this year's Busia Queen and serving as an ambassador for the Polish American community at the annual Dozynki Harvest Festival in Grand Rapids, MI. The 2022 Dozynki Festival will be August 25-27, 2023 at Calder Plaza 351 Ottawa Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Dozynki is a Polish harvest festival, still celebrated today in rural parts of Poland. In the old days, after the harvest, the best girl harvester was selected as the queen of the harvest. She presented the lord of the manor with ceremonial gifts, a wreath made of grain and the traditional loaf of bread & salt. The lord of the manor would then host a big harvest festival with lots of good food and dancing.

One applicant will be selected to serve as Busia Queen. The winner will receive a donation to the charity of their choice made on their behalf of \$250.00.

Who can apply? Women who have at least one grandchild prior to August 18, 2023

How to apply? Complete an application and send to: Polish Heritage Society of Grand Rapids, P.O. Box 1844, Grand Rapids MI 49501-1844 or email to phsgrandrapids@gmail.com before 12:00 AM August 18, 2023

Duties: Winners must be present the day of the event to compete and accept the award if declared the winner. Be present at the festival on Sunday (2 PM – 4:00 PM) at Calder Plaza 351 Ottawa Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Take part in the competition crowning ceremony from approx. 3-4 PM. Winners are encouraged to attend and help at the festival. Represent the Polish Heritage Society at sanctioned events to include but, not limited to Polish Heritage Night at the Griffins, Pulaski Day – Float, Matka Bolska Mass, Wigilia Dinner and one non-sanctioned event of the winners' choosing. Represent the Polish Heritage Society and promote Polish culture within the community.

Benefits: \$250 donation made on the winner's behalf. Plus, a free year membership to the Polish Heritage Society of Grand Rapids. Great way to meet people and get involved in the Polish community.