



## Gold Discovery Days Committee

Custer, SD 57730 605-673-2244 (Chamber Office)

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November 2023

We will be selecting royalty to represent our annual Gold Discovery Days Celebration, which will be held on July 19-21, 2024. **The Queen will receive a \$1000 Scholarship and each Princess (2) will receive a \$500 Scholarship.**

If you are interested, you will need to write a short essay, fill out a personal questionnaire for the scholarship, fill in the candidate fact sheet and attend our March 8 meeting for a 15-minute formal interview with the Gold Discovery Days Judging Panel.

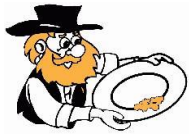
You will be judged on:

1. **Interview: (50% of overall score)** – This will be a 15-minute interview with the GDD judging panel. Every candidate will be asked the same questions. You will be judged in the following areas:
  - a. Dress and Personal Appearance (25% of Interview Score)
  - b. Poise and Presentation (25% of Interview Score)
  - c. Communication Skills (40% of Interview Score)
  - d. Knowledge of Custer and Gold Discovery Days Events (10% of Interview Score)
2. **Essay: (20% of Overall Score)** – Gold Discovery Days is an annual event that unites the community of Custer. Time, talent and money are generously given by many community members to make this three-day event a success. **What qualifies you to be Gold Discovery Days Royalty?**
3. **Eligibility for Scholarship: (30% of Overall Score)** – You will need to fill out a Scholarship Application. Based on academic goals, school and extracurricular activities, your interview, and your essay, the scholarships will be awarded, as well as the titles of Miss Gold Discovery Days Queen and Princess.

**The Gold Discovery Days Parade on Saturday, July 20, is mandatory to attend and it is your responsibility to make arrangements for an open top car and driver for that parade.** The Committee requires that all royalty also attend the Patriot's Parade in Custer on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Gold Discovery Days Royalty will be required to attend the Dignitary Dinner combined with the Chamber's Annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 11, 2024, where they will be officially crowned and introduced to the community.** GDD Royalty will also be asked to attend at least two (2) of the GDD Committee Meetings to prepare for the Gold Discovery Days Celebration. The first will be in March before the Dignitary Dinner and the second will be the last meeting in July before the event.

**We look forward to receiving your essay, application, fact sheet and agreement sheet. Please mail to the Gold Discovery Days Committee, PO Box 5018, Custer, SD 57730.** All applications must be post-marked by **Tuesday, February 27, 2024.** We will conduct formal interviews in **March**; you will be notified with the details prior to then. If you have any questions, contact Dawn at 605-673-2244 or [dmurray@custersd.com](mailto:dmurray@custersd.com), or Carrie at 269-861-1106 or [carrieowns@gmail.com](mailto:carrieowns@gmail.com).



## **Agreement of Conditions & Responsibilities Gold Discovery Days' Royalty**

**I understand, that if selected as Gold Discovery Days' Royalty, I will:**

**(Please initial)**

\_\_\_ uphold the **Gold Discovery Days Royalty** title in a dignified manner.

\_\_\_ be on time, look professional, and be a positive role model at all times.

\_\_\_ take full responsibility for the care of my crown and sash, and will return it to the Chamber of Commerce by August 20, 2024.

\_\_\_ maintain a good line of communication with the Dignitary Chairperson.

\_\_\_ **attend the Dignitary Dinner combined with the Chamber's Annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 11 (location TBD).**

\_\_\_ **attend two (2) Gold Discovery Days Committee meetings.**

\_\_\_ **help the GDD Committee the week of the celebration with other duties as assigned.**

\_\_\_ **attend and help with ALL of the following Gold Discovery Days events:**

- **Gold Nugget Hunt - Friday, July 19**
- **Gold Panner's Race -Friday, July 19**
- **Royalty Meet and Greet - Saturday July 20**
- **Car Show - Saturday July 20**

\_\_\_ **be in the Gold Discovery Days Parade - Saturday, July 20**

\_\_\_ **be in the 4th of July Patriot's Parade & volunteer for 2 hours at 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities- Tuesday, July 4**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
GDD Dignitary Chair Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## 2024 Gold Discovery Days' Royalty Fact Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to reach you? \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parade Dates -

I will attend the following parades:

\_\_\_\_\_ Custer's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Patriot's Parade **(required)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Discovery Days Parade, Sat. July 20 **(required)**



## **Gold Discovery Days Scholarship Information**

*The following background information must be provided in order to process your application.*

**Specific Academic Goals and Career Plans:** (if necessary, attach sheet)

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**High School Activities and Sports:** (if necessary, attach sheet)

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**Outside Hobbies, Interests, and Activities:** (if necessary, attach sheet)

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**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that the information on this application and accompanying documents is true and accurate. I release admission and enrollment information to the Gold Discovery Days Committee and Custer Chamber, to determine my eligibility for this scholarship solely. I authorize release of my name, year in school, and program of study for public dissemination of the award of Scholarship.

I understand that this Scholarship is awarded for one term only, is not renewable, and that it can be used for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> semester tuition, room and board expenses on campus, or books in the school year 2024-2025 only.

**I understand that I will NOT be awarded any monies if I do not fulfill my duties as Gold Discovery Days Queen or Princess.**

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**Applicant's Signature**

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**Date**