



2026 Colleen Contest Application – Sons of Erin, Westfield, MA

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
Street Apartment/Unit #

City State Zip Code

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ MOTHER'S MAIDEN: _____

APPLICANT'S EMPLOYER: _____

EDUCATION

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____ YEAR IN SCHOOL: _____

PLEASE LIST YOUR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: _____

HOBBIES, INTERESTS, FUTURE PLANS, IRISH HERITAGE

PLEASE LIST YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: _____

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS BEYOND SCHOOL: _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR IRISH HERITAGE _____

ATTESTATION

- I am a young woman between the ages of 17 and 22 (on or before February 6, 2026).
- I am single, never married and I do not have any children.
- I am of Irish descent.
- I reside in either Westfield, Southwick, Granville, Chester, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell, or I am the daughter of a Sons of Erin member. Member's Name: _____

CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

IF SUBMITTING ELECTRONICALLY, PLEASE PRINT OUT, ATTACH IN EMAIL AND SEND TO soecolleencommittee@gmail.com ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN **5:00PM ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026.**

IF YOU CHOOSE TO MAIL YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE SEND TO:

SOE COLLEEN COMMITTEE
PO BOX 1313
WESTFIELD, MA 01086-1313

ENVELOPE MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE **MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026.**

NOTE THAT ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DESIGNATED DEADLINE (BASED UPON METHOD OF DELIVERY) CANNOT BE CONSIDERED.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE APPLICATIONS AT THE CLUB AS WE MAY NOT RECEIVE THEM.

IF ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT HELEN TYMESON AT (413) 427-8361

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET CONTAINING ALL **MANDATORY** MEETING DATES.

MANDATORY MEETING DATES FOR 2026 SONS OF ERIN COLLEEN CONTESTANTS

Sunday, January 18, 2026 @ 10:00AM – Breakfast Meet and Greet the Contestants

Sons of Erin
22 William Street
Westfield, MA 01085

Meet all the contestants for light breakfast, discuss important dates, responsibilities of Colleen and Court members and the events surrounding the interview and the night of the Ball. Contestants will also have their pictures taken for display the night of the Ball and in the newspaper. Please dress appropriately.

Monday, January 26, 2026 @ 6:00PM – Rehearsal Night

Sons of Erin
22 William Street
Westfield, MA 01085

A rehearsal for the night of the Ball. Contestants will learn how to walk in the “T” pattern as will occur at the final event. It is strongly suggested that contestants bring the shoes they intend to wear the night of the Ball. Casual attire otherwise is fine. Using the information provided on the application, the Colleen Committee will prepare a brief biography that speaks to the contestant’s schooling, activities and interests in and out of school, and her future plans. This will be read during the rehearsal and fine-tuned as needed. This is also what will also be read as they are introduced at the Ball. They will learn a few Irish dance steps and schedule an appointment for hair and makeup if so desired. **Please note that this will be the LAST opportunity to purchase tickets for the Ball.**

Thursday, February 5, 2026 @ 6:00PM – Colleen Contest Interviews

Tekoa Country Club
459 Russell Road
Westfield, MA 01085

Contestants will meet with the judges for their interview and first round of judging based on personality and intellect. Professional attire is required. Contestants will also practice walking the runway while listening to the musical accompaniment and fine-tune the timing of their walk along with the emcee who will read the contestants’ biographies. In fairness to all contestants, cell phones will be collected at the beginning of this event and returned at end of the evening.

Friday, February 6, 2026 @ 5:00PM – 2024 Sons of Erin Colleen Ball

Tekoa Country Club
459 Russell Road
Westfield, MA 01085

Contestants should arrive wearing comfortable clothing and bring their dress, shoes, make-up and any supplies needed for the night. There will be a private room for getting dressed, visiting with each other, and waiting for their introduction to the audience. **Be sure to eat dinner before the ball.**

Please contact Helen Tymeson at (413) 427-8361 if you have any questions.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU AND HAVE FUN!!!