

# *Illinois Demolay State Sweetheart Candidate Application*

Due Date: June 1st, 2026

This application includes all rules and regulations regarding campaigning, election, and required documentation. Application must be signed by the candidate, parent/guardian, and the chapter advisor or DeMolay sponsors (two sponsors).

When submitting your application, please include:

- This form with all required signatures
- A photo of the candidate (preferably electronic)
- A typed biography (no more than 150 words) about yourself and your interests

All required application material can be emailed to the Sweetheart Co-Directors, Mom Sabrina Hoehn and Mom Cassie Meeters at:  
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Please type or print

Candidate:

Chaperone:

Name:	Name:
Nickname:	Relationship to Candidate:
Address:	Address:
City:	City:
State/Zipcode:	State/Zipcode:
Phone #:	Phone #:
Email:	Email:
Birthdate:	Are you Advisor trained:
*Chapter you are representing:	Will you be the primary Chaperone for the year?

\* If you are not representing a chapter, write in "At-Large"

I certify that I have read and fully understand the regulation and responsibilities for competition in the State Sweetheart Candidate Election. Should I be elected, I further agree that I will abide by the rules of the Illinois DeMolay Sweetheart program. Failure to do so may result in disqualification as a candidate.

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian  
Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian phone #  
(if not chaperone): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

DeMolay Chapter Advisor or DeMolay  
Sponsor Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

DeMolay Chapter Advisor or  
DeMolay Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd DeMolay Sponsor Printed  
Name (\*if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

2nd DeMolay Sponsor  
Signature (\*if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Expectations and Role of the State Sweetheart**

The State Sweetheart should attend events established by the State Sweetheart Director(s) during their term. She is a state officer and should be included in state officer responsibilities. State Officers are required to attend all state events including, but not limited to: Conclave, Six Flags day, Sports Rally, Basic Training, Winterfest, Springfest/ritual weekend, and state staff weekend.

She is to act as a coordinator for the Sweethearts and Sorority chapters throughout the State, keeping the Director(s) of Sweethearts informed as to the activities of the Sweethearts throughout Illinois.

She should partner with the State Master Councilor to ensure the continuation of quality state programs for Illinois DeMolay, such as membership programs and fundraising.

The State Sweetheart is to promote the Sweetheart and Sorority programs acting as a resource for those members and promote membership throughout the state.

## **State Sweetheart Election Rules and Regulations**

1. Candidates for IL State Sweetheart must be 15 years or older, but not have reached 21 years of age before the Annual Conclave at which she is competing.
2. She must be unmarried and remain unmarried during her term of office.
3. She must not have children nor become pregnant during her term of office. In the event that she becomes pregnant while in office she is not allowed to remain State Sweetheart.
4. She must be nominated by an individual Chapter or be nominated by 2 DeMolay Sponsors.
5. She MUST fulfill all responsibilities outlined in the Sweetheart & Sorority Program Guide.
6. The Candidate can display no more than 4 posters during the sweetheart competition at the Annual Conclave she is competing at. Poster size must not exceed the standard 24" x 36" size, and they should be tasteful at the discretion of the Sweetheart Director(s). (Don't put pictures you want to keep on the posters, as they may disappear). The girls individual chapters are

highly encouraged to assist in the competition process. No pictures of the sweetheart with ONLY state officers in the picture shall be allowed.

7. The Candidate (and her chapter) may distribute no more than **100 small campaign items**. Suggested items can include: buttons, wristbands, lanyards, or keychains. Cost for campaign items should not exceed \$150 (+tax). If the candidate/chapter would like to pass out items not included in the suggestions, approval from the sweetheart director(s) must be given. All candidates must send a photo sample of their campaign item to the director(s) prior to conclave.
8. The number of campaign items and posters will be counted and verified by the sweetheart director(s) on the first day of Conclave, prior to distribution. The sweetheart director(s) must also approve of locations to display posters.
9. The total number of eligible DeMolays to vote for the election will be determined by the Illinois DeMolay By-Laws.
10. A recent 8" x 10" or 5" x 7" color portrait of the head and shoulders of the sweetheart candidate must accompany the application form sent to the sweetheart director(s), this will be used on the State Sweetheart Candidate page of the Conclave ad-book and when the candidates are announced prior to conclave.
11. All candidates must write a short biography (~150 words) to be read during their introduction at Conclave opening. The Introduction should include: name, age, chapter, background info, interests, accomplishments, and any other interesting facts about you.
12. Candidates are responsible for removing all materials displayed at the conclusion of Conclave on Sunday morning.
13. Upon election to the position of Illinois State Sweetheart, she may not continue in her position as Chapter Sweetheart if applicable.
14. The State Sweetheart is expected to memorize the Chapter Sweetheart installation ceremony to perform if asked throughout the term. Additionally, expect to be the presiding officer in the installation of DeMolay sorority members across the state if asked.
15. Travel reports must be sent to the sweetheart director(s) and the State Chapter Advisor throughout the year. The State Sweetheart shall request approval in advance for travel to other states from the director(s).

## **Chaperone**

Before you consider running for State Sweetheart, girls should make sure a legal guardian, or an approved Advisor Trained female adult is willing to chaperone you for the year. As State Sweetheart, your chaperone must also be approved by the sweetheart director(s) and Executive Officer. Chaperones are expected to attend all events the State Sweetheart attends. In the event that the designated chaperone cannot attend, the State Sweetheart must let the sweetheart director(s) know so that an appropriate chaperone can be found.

You should get the approval of your chaperone well in advance of any trip you plan so that you do not have a loss of funds should your chaperone not be approved.

## **Expenses and Lodging**

There will be some expenses incurred while State Sweetheart. Some expenses to be encountered can include clothing, food, and Door decorations and goodie bags (for State Officers). Illinois DeMolay does provide funds to cover state event registration expenses of the State Sweetheart. A stipend for travel and a separate formal gown stipend will be provided for the term with a preset amount determined by the Executive Officer.