

National Cherry Queen Candidate Bio

Julia Hardy

2023-2024 National Cherry Queen

Meet Julia Hardy!

Julia is the 21-year-old daughter of John and Tracie Hardy born and raised in the beautiful Traverse City, Michigan with her older sister Jessica. She is a 2019 graduate of Grand Traverse Academy where she served as a member of Student Senate, National Honor Society and the Medical Club. She received her Associates Degree in Science and Arts from Northwestern Michigan College in May of 2022. Julia is currently attending Ferris State University working on earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology for the pre-veterinary program and is hoping to apply to veterinary school within the next few years to start her journey on becoming a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. She has had the opportunity to work for several equine farms, a local pet hospital and the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival, allowing her to receive introductory knowledge of her intended field of study. Julia is a member of the Zeta Omega chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha at Ferris State University. She accepted the leadership position of Think Pink Chairman just shortly after joining. This position allows her to help raise funds, bring awareness and educate others about Breast Cancer in hopes to help women get tested regularly, as well as give hope and strength to those currently affected by this disease. From the beautiful Lake Michigan to Grand Traverse bay and all of the picturesque scenic surroundings, Julia is honored to be a part of the Traverse City Community and the pleasure of growing up in such a wonderful place. She has had the most amazing opportunity to work for Blustone Vineyards, a quaint winery and vineyard in the quiet Lake Leelanau between the booming towns of Leland and Suttons Bay. She has been able to learn more about viticulture, the history of wine and teach tourists along with locals all about what our land has to offer. Julia always has had an appreciation for the community and what the National Cherry Festival does and what our agriculture does for our local businesses. She would be honored and humbled to represent Traverse City as the next National Cherry Queen, to become an ambassador of the cherry industry and for all that Northwestern Michigan has to offer.

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