



Let Us Hear From You!

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum in Burr Oak, Iowa is looking for candidates for the 2025-2026 “**Young Almanzo**” contest. A candidate fills out an application form, writes an essay and returns them to the museum address listed on the form by June 6, 2025. **It is suggested that a candidate live within a reasonable driving distance to Burr Oak**, as he will be asked to attend museum fundraisers and additional activities throughout the year.

Requirements for the “Young Almanzo” are:

- ❖ To have a good knowledge of Almanzo Wilder and pioneer times.
- ❖ Must be available to appear in parades in our area.
- ❖ Must write an essay on Almanzo, and send to the museum along with his application.
- ❖ Must be available June 28th for our “Laura Day” celebration to interview with a panel of judges. The selection will be announced during the afternoon of the “Laura Day” celebration.
- ❖ Applicant must be between the ages of 9 and 12.
- ❖ Applicant must have his own costume to wear for interview with the judges and at appearances during the year.

All applicants will receive a T-shirt from the museum, and appear in the parade at and join in activities of our “Laura Day” celebration, June 28th.

The person selected “Young Almanzo” will receive a \$25 gift certificate to use in the museum’s gift shop.



The Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum

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Application for “Young Almanzo” Contest

Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Contest judgements will be based on your costume, essay content and personal interview. The interview will be conducted during the morning of June 28, 2025. You will be notified by mail when and where you need to meet for your interview.

PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTO WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Please on another piece of paper write a short essay (500 words or less,) of your thoughts about Almanzo Wilder and return with this application by the deadline.

Parents’ or Guardians’ names and signatures: [By signing this application I hereby give permission for my child to participate in this activity and for my child’s photograph to be used for publicity purposes.]

Father’s name _____ Signature _____

Mother’s name _____ Signature _____

Please return this application by June 6, 2025 to the above address:

For more information, call or email. (563) 735-5916 or museum@lauraingallswilder.us.

