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Thea Bender crowned Miss Oshkosh 2025

OSHKOSH - University of Wisconsin Oshkosh student, Thea Bender, was crowned Miss Oshkosh 2025.

Bender received a \$2,000 scholarship along with the title during Saturday's 2025 Miss Oshkosh Scholarship Competition at Alberta Kimball Auditorium. The competition awarded \$8,350 in scholarships, thanks in large part to its many sponsors and supporters, including the Oshkosh Area Women's Association.

Bender competed against five other women for the title. She is a UW Oshkosh Honor College student, majoring in economics and serves as the vice president of UWO's Cheer and Stunt team. Bender's talent was a gymnastic and acro routine and her community service initiative is Future Financing: Encouraging Youth to Save.

Miss Oshkosh's Teen 2025 is Izzi Mugerauer. She competed alongside six other young ladies vying for the title. Mugerauer performed of "Mind the Gap" on piano.

Mugerauer's community service initiative is Fostering Hope: Advocating for Foster Families.

Both young women will compete at the Miss Wisconsin Scholarship Competition for the titles of Miss Wisconsin and Miss Wisconsin's Teen, June 17 to 21 in New Berlin, Wisc.

Miss Oshkosh and Miss Oshkosh's Teen are available for appearances such as community and charity events, parades and fairs, emcee and speaking engagements, school programs, fashion shows, and sporting and holiday events. To request an appearance, or to find out more about the scholarship program, email info@missoshkosh.com. There is no fee for appearances.

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Miss Competition			
Thea Bender	\$2,300	\$2,000 Miss Oshkosh 2025	
		\$300 Overall Interview	
Meghan Numrich	\$1,400	\$1,100 First Runner-Up	
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Amallia Lloyd	\$1,050	\$600 Non-Finalist	
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		\$100 Non-Finalist Interview	
		\$200 Non-Finalist Evening Gown	
Breena McIntyre	\$600	\$600 Non-Finalist	
Aryssa Wright	\$600	\$600 Non-Finalist	
Daisia Golombowski	\$600	\$600 Non-Finalist	
Teen Competition			
Izzi Mugerauer	\$500	Miss Oshkosh's Teen 2025	
Kylie Kempen	\$250	First Runner-Up	
Kylie Rietz	\$150	Second Runner-Up	
Amiyah Thomas	\$300	\$100 Non-Finalist	
		\$100 Non-Finalist Interview	
		\$100 Spirit of Miss America	
Raewyn Polinsky	\$200	\$100 Non-Finalist	
		\$100 Non-Finalist Evening Gown	
Lydia Rentmeester	\$200	\$100 Non-Finalist	
•		\$100 Non-Finalist Talent	
Annika Hitchcock	\$100	Non-Finalist	
Areanna Williams	\$100	Non-Finalist	

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