



**Calling All Creative Types –
Artists, Class Clowns, Goofballs, Wannabe Entertainers
& 'Normal People'**

WE WANT YOU!!!

The Rose Festival is now recruiting for its fifth season of clowns, and you might be a perfect candidate for this zany assignment!

After another successful year, the Rose Festival Character Clown Corps is back for another year of contributing their special blend of love and laughter to the Rose Festival and the local community. Named one of the Best Educational Programs in the World for festivals and events by the IFEA, the Clown Corps has become one of the favorite Rose Festival features from 2008 to 2011.

Have you ever dreamed of escaping the predictability of the 'real world' to become a live-in-the-moment performer in order to express your creative side? Do you enjoy making people laugh? Do you like to be silly? Then apply and audition for the 2012 Character Clown Corps, a chance for 'everyday citizens' to learn how to be a professional entertainers and to participate in one of the world's best festivals.

Participants will train and perform with an avant-garde clown professional Angel Ocasio, receive a makeup kit and costume, and develop their very own clown character.

It's the three-ringed Rose Festival, and it's close enough to home that participants can keep that day job while living out the age-old fantasy of running away to join the circus!

Please see attached information for the Character Clown Corps application as well as the mandatory workshop and event schedule.

The Character Clown Corps is open to aspiring performers ages 14 & up.

1. A Rose Festival panel will select participants based on the application materials as well as a casual interview and audition piece. (Tell a joke, do a magic trick, play a musical instrument or kazoo, juggle, spin a yo-yo, be creative!)
 - **Interview/Auditions will be held on March 14 & 15.**
2. Parent or guardian permission is required for minors to participate.
 - A. Applicants 18 & over will undergo a background check.
 - B. Upon selection, participants are required to pay a fee to cover their makeup, costumes and background check:
 - **\$35.00 for 18 years of age and older or \$25.00 if under 18**
 - C. Participants must be available for the following dates:
 - **April 20, 21 & 22** Clown Weekend Workshop (Time TBA)
 - **May 12 (or 13)** Perform in the Amtrak National Train Day (Approx. 3-hour slot - Time TBA)
 - **May 25 to June 10** Entertain at CityFair (One 3-hour day)
 - **June 09 Grand Floral Parade** (Pre-show entertainment and walk in the parade)
 - D. The following events are optional:
 - **May 25** Opening of CityFair (Time TBA -- Early Afternoon)
 - **June 6** Fred Meyer Junior Parade (Time TBA -- Late Morning)

****Application Due Friday, March 9
Application must include a non-returnable photo.****

Application Contract

I agree to participate in the Rose Festival Character Clown Corps (CCC) under the conditions listed in this application. I hereby and forever discharge the Portland Rose Festival Foundation, all sponsoring organizations and their directors, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any responsibility, personal liability, claims, loss or damage arising out of or in conjunction with my participation in the CCC.

Full Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Signature / Date

Parent or Guardian Name (for under 18 applicants)

Parent Signature / Date

Home Address

City, State, Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

How did you learn about this program?

Please submit your application and photo by Email, US Mail or in-person to:

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