



Join the Rose Festival Court

The mission of the Rose Festival Court program is to provide scholarships for higher education, to promote community outreach and volunteerism, and to offer networking and mentoring opportunities to outstanding young women in a program that perpetuates an appreciation for Rose Festival history and tradition.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 12, 2018

WHY YOU SHOULD APPLY:

Being selected as a Rose Festival Court Member is an honor and an outstanding opportunity!

Be a part of history - and help fund your future!

The Rose Festival Court has been promoting exceptional young women in Portland for over 100 years. Each Court member will receive a \$3,500 scholarship for higher education.

Expand your horizons! Court members travel around the region, experiencing new perspectives and cultures as they promote the Festival.

Build relationships and create future opportunities! Your Unitus mentors will create a unique job shadow opportunity. Plus, you will have the opportunity to network with business and civic leaders around the region.

Real world experience - where everyone is in your corner! Gain real world experience interviewing for a job, internship, or scholarship in a positive environment where everyone involved is invested in your success.

Parades, Fireworks, Adventure, and more! You will experience a "view" of our region and communities that only a select few will ever enjoy!



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & BENEFITS

The Rose Festival Court is comprised of up to 15 outstanding young women who are selected from Portland-Metro area high schools. Beginning in May, Court Members travel through the end of the Festival in mid-June, visiting events, business and civic leaders, hospitals, senior living centers, youth organizations and other groups. Court Members also receive one-on-one mentoring from Unitus Community Credit Union female executives, a \$3,500 scholarship provided by The Randall Group valid for any accredited college, university or trade program, a travel wardrobe, and a lifetime of enduring friendships with their Rose Festival Court sisters.

The Rose Festival Court experience is a unique and rewarding adventure. In partnership with the Portland Rose Festival Foundation and the school districts, we have arranged for most schools to freeze grades upon the start of the travel schedule. *However, each Court Member must work with her teachers and school to ensure that all requirements are completed for graduation.



Submit your application today! - Completed application materials are due by December 12, 2018.

Contact your school administrator or the Rose Festival office with questions;

Contact Jessica Metteer, Special Events Manager, email: jessicam@rosefestival.org or by phone at (503) 227-2681.

ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS

All candidates must:

- Be Female
- Attend a 4A, 5A or 6A high school in Multnomah, Washington or Clackamas counties
- Be a senior graduating in June 2019 or a junior on track to graduate in June 2020
- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Applicants with GPA between 2.75 and 3.0, with exigent circumstances, may still be eligible; complete the variance form included with this application. **If your cumulative GPA is below 2.75, you do not meet eligibility requirements to apply.**
- Have a verifiable minimum of 20 hours community service performed during high school
- Submit a **complete** application **due December 12, 2018** (see below)
- Attend one **mandatory** Court Q&A Information session: There will be weekday and weekend options in January.
- Participate in the Court Judging process: February 2, 2019 (Preliminary AM, Finalists PM)
- Participate in your school's Rose Festival Court announcement assembly (MANDATORY)

A Complete Application (due December 12, 2018) Includes:

- Application Form – MUST BE TYPED
- Biography Form – MUST BE TYPED
- Recommendation Form (completed by a teacher, coach, school counselor, scholarship coordinator, vice principal or principal) – SEALED or EMAILED DIRECTLY to jessicam@rosefestival.org
- Volunteer Service and School Acknowledgement Form signed by authorized School Representative
- Court Rules and Guidelines signed by both the applicant and a parent/guardian
- **Official High School Transcript with Cumulative GPA** – SEALED or EMAILED DIRECTLY to jessicam@rosefestival.org
- (optional) GPA Variance Form - if necessary, request must be signed by applicant and School Counselor

Applications must be typed (as indicated above) using 10 pt or larger font and must have original signatures where required. No additional documents will be considered. Faxed, Scanned or Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **Applicants are responsible for making sure that all pieces of the application including recommendation and transcript are turned in by the deadline.**

Applications may be mailed or delivered between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to:

Portland Rose Festival Foundation
Attn: Special Events Manager
1020 SW Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97204

Court Q&A Information Sessions (January): Notification of candidate eligibility will be made by email on or before December 21, 2018. Eligible candidates must attend 1 session in January. (Schedule and locations will be included with notification.)

Court Selection Process (February/March): Judges will evaluate candidates based on the following criteria:

Character (50%): Demonstrates good citizenship, community-minded, involved in school and other activities, shows desires to help others.

Communication Skills (25%): Good verbal skills, speaks clearly, expresses herself appropriately, creative speech content, correct grammar, good eye contact.

Presence (25%): Poised under pressure, prepared for speech and interview, enthusiastic, sincere, comfortable with herself, appropriate grooming.



APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA (Form must be typed)

Name:

Last

First

Middle

I prefer to be called (e.g., Katie instead of Katherine):

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Email address:

Birth date:

Birth place:

Parent(s) or Guardian's name(s) #1:

#2:

Parent/Guardian Email #1:

#2:

Parent/Guardian cell phone #1:

#2:

Siblings:

EDUCATION

High school:

Graduation date:

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Current CUMULATIVE GPA:

ESSAY QUESTION

**Why do you want to represent your school and community as a Rose Festival Court Member?
*Please tell us in 150 words or less.***

(must be typed)

VOLUNTEER SERVICE / SCHOOL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

VOLUNTEER SERVICE - Minimum of 20 hours required

By completing this form, I certify that I have completed the hours listed below at the agencies/organizations listed below. I understand that representatives from the Rose Festival Foundation or Court Committee may contact the organizations to verify actual service provided.

Organization/Agency Name	# Of Hours	Services/Activities Performed	Contact name and phone #

SCHOOL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____, Principal or designee, hereby acknowledge that
_____ is an applicant for the Rose Festival Court Program.

We agree that the candidate listed above is an acceptable candidate to represent our school/campus. Per the traditional arrangements with participating schools, by signing below I acknowledge that the applicant's grades will be frozen in the state they are in on Wednesday May 1, 2019, if she is selected to serve on the Rose Festival Court.

Print Name _____ Phone Number _____

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

BIOGRAPHY FORM

Any and all information on this form may be shared with judges, the media, and/or the public. Your answers must fit on this page.

Name:

Prefer to be called/Nickname:

(e.g.: Ally, Kate, Jenny, etc.)

High School:

Graduation date:

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Higher Education Plans:

Career Plans:

Please list your school-related activities, awards and recognitions:

What other hobbies, special interests, or activities fill your spare time?:

What is your favorite place to visit in Portland and why?:

What are you most proud of during your high school career?:

What is your favorite Rose Festival event and why?:

(must be typed)

RECOMMENDATION FORM

To be completed by an adult not related to you (teacher, counselor, work supervisor, etc.)
Applicants are responsible for making sure that the recommendation form is turned in by the deadline.
(Form does not need to be typed.)

Name of Student _____

1) What three words would you use to describe this student? Please give examples of how they exemplify the words chosen.

1. _____ Example _____

2. _____ Example _____

3. _____ Example _____

2) What sets this student apart from other students?

Print Name

Phone or Email

Signature

Title

Date

Please complete this form and return to student in sealed envelope, or scan and email directly to jessicam@rosefestival.org for inclusion with their application - due by December 12, 2018.

GPA VARIANCE FORM

Please complete this form **ONLY** if your cumulative GPA is below the required 3.0 - unweighted.
If your GPA is between 2.75 and 3.0, please use the space below to explain the reasons your GPA does not meet requirements.

(If your cumulative GPA is below 2.75, you do not meet eligibility requirements to apply for the Portland Rose Festival Court program.)

Name:

Current cumulative GPA:

Previous semester's GPA:

Explanation for variance:

Applicant Name (Print)

Applicant Signature and Date

School Counselor, Name and Title (Print)

Signature and Date

ROSE FESTIVAL COURT RULES AND GUIDELINES

If selected to the Rose Festival Court, I agree to the following rules and guidelines:

1. The Portland Rose Festival Foundation reserves the right to remove any Court Member or Queen from the Rose Festival Court for any reason, at any given time. This includes during the travel schedule and after travel is completed.
2. The Portland Rose Festival Foundation and participating Schools reserve the right to take any action necessary to prevent conduct by Court Members that is potentially disruptive, may cause others to be disruptive, or potentially undermines the educational goals and missions of the Schools and the Foundation.
3. Court Members will not be in possession of tobacco products, drink alcoholic beverages, use drugs (other than prescribed, as declared prior to travel to the Court Chairman) or be involved in any illegal activities.
4. A Court Member's term of service is from School Announcement Day through the next year's School Announcement Day. Official duties for Court Members will end with the conclusion of the travel schedule. The Court Member chosen as Queen serves through the following year's Coronation and Grand Floral Parade.
5. There is no runner up in the Rose Festival Court Program. If a Court Member is removed or unable to serve her term for any reason, her school will not have a Court Member for that festival year.
6. Court Members and their families must fully understand and agree to the time commitment of the Rose Festival Court and always be on time. Transportation to all events during April and to/from Court Headquarters during Court Travel period is the responsibility of the Court Member and her family.
7. Rose Festival activities take precedence over other commitments. Every effort is made to accommodate important personal events, however, Court Members may be asked to forego personal or extra-curricular events as part of their commitment to the Rose Festival.
8. While on official Court business, the Court always travels as a group. If a Court Member needs to excuse herself for a few minutes, a Court Committee Member must accompany her.
9. Court Members will adhere to the Portland Rose Festival's non-commercialization policy. Public appearances and endorsements of any kind are prohibited without prior approval by the Foundation's Event Manager. Requests for interviews, photographs, appearances, public comment, etc., should be directed to the Event Manager. This policy helps protect Court Members from potentially uncomfortable or embarrassing situations and protects the Foundation's sponsors' interests.

I acknowledge that I have a proven record of good citizenship and attendance, have never been convicted of a crime, have read and understand all of the above Rules & Guidelines, and agree to abide by them. I understand that I may be removed as a candidate for or member of the Rose Festival Court if I do not meet these rules at any time after signing this application. I understand all decisions made by the Portland Rose Festival Foundation directors, staff, or my high school administration are final. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name (Print)

Signature

Date

I have read and understand all the above Rules & Guidelines, and understand the commitment required to participate in the Rose Festival Court Program. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for my daughter to apply for and participate in the Rose Festival Court Program.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Signature

Date