



**Calling Any and ALL Creative Types –
Artists, Class Clowns, Acrobats, Musicians, jugglers,
Animal Trainers & Wannabe Entertainers:
The Portland Rose Festival wants you to join the wackiest group
of people in Portland!**

After 16 years of clowning around in the City of Portland, the Rose Festival Clowns are looking for more people to join the team of the silly, zany and wacky merrymakers.

It's Rose Festival fun during its three-week run of the festival that starts on Memorial Weekend. This is close enough to home that you can also keep that day job while living out the age-old fantasy of running away to join the circus!

We will be holding auditions in March for a lucky few to become one of Rose Festival Clowns. You do not need to have skills to become a clown; all you need is to have a heart as big as all outdoors.

Accepted applicants must participate in a 2-day clown workshop on April 13 & 14, 2024. You will receive a makeup kit, clown nose and clothing to make a costume. You will learn a variety of circus and theater skills from Angel Ocasio (our boss clown and festival mascot, the Clown Prince). You will also learn from experienced Rose Festival Clowns. If you complete the workshop in good standing, you will participate in parades and other special Rose Festival events spreading your 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 International Festivals and Events Association, the Rose Festival Clowns has become one of the favorite Rose Festival features. It's been a hit since its inception!

See the second page APPLICATION for additional information, including mandatory requirements. You must fill out, sign and return the application, with a **non-returnable photo** of yourself.

The Portland Rose Festival is committed to following local, state, and federal recommendations and guidelines regarding public health and safety for gathering safely.

The Portland Rose Festival Foundation is committed to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by producing safe, welcoming, and inclusive events that celebrate the diversity of our city and state and will continually evaluate its practices and decisions using an equity lens.

APPLICATION

1. The Rose Festival Clowns is open to aspiring performers ages 13 and up.
2. A Rose Festival panel will select participants based on application materials, as well as a casual interview and audition piece (tell a joke, do a magic trick, play a musical instrument. Do you play a kazoo, juggle or spin a yo-yo? Think outside of the box or play in a box, just be creative).
 - **Interview/Auditions will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 (By Appointment Only)**
 - **Application must be received by February 29, 2024**
3. Parent or guardian permission is required for minors to participate (ages 13-17).
 - A. Applicants 18 and over will undergo a background check (after auditions).
 - B. Rose Festival Clowns pay an **additional \$40.00 fee** to cover their makeup, noses, costumes, and additional training. (**\$20.00 for Clowns under 18 years of age.**)
 - C. **Participants must be available for the following dates:**
 - **April 13 - 14** - Clown Weekend Workshop (Saturday & Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm). Location TBD.
 - **June 1** – CareOregon Starlight Parade (7:30pm)
 - **June 8** - Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade (10:00am)
(Includes pre-show entertainment starting at 8:00am)
 - D. The following events are optional:
 - **April 27** - 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade (9:30 am)
 - **May 11** - St. Johns Parade (12:00 noon)
 - **May 24** - Opening of CityFair (5:00pm)
 - **June 5** - Fred Meyer Junior Parade (1:00pm)

NOTE: All events dates subject to CHANGE

Application Contract

I agree to participate in the Rose Festival Clowns (RFC) 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 RFC.

Full Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Signature / Date

Parent or Guardian Name (under-18 applicants)

Parent Signature / Date

Home Address

City, State, Zip

Cell Phone

Second Phone (If Any)

Email Address

How did you learn about this program?

☐ I understand I am being added to the Rose Festival e-newsletter list.

**Please submit your application with a photo of yourself (not in clown) by Email, US Mail or in person to:
Application Deadline February 29, 2024**

Portland Rose Festival Foundation
Attn: Angel Ocasio
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Portland OR 97204

For more information, call/email Angel at 360-901-6798 – ocomedy@gmail.com

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