

Program: The Junior Royalty (JR) program has been a tradition of the National Cherry Festival for 76 years. Beginning in 1926, a singular prince and princess were selected. The program then grew to encompass the TCAPS school district and eventually settled on its current version of representing over 25 local elementary schools. Every fall, each school nominates a boy and girl from their first-grade class to represent their school at the National Cherry Festival the following Spring and Summer.

Each royal's family works with their partner school to create a parade entry based on an assigned theme from the National Cherry Festival Parade Committee. These entries appear in the Community Royale Parade on the Thursday of the Festival and the Cherry Royale Parade on the closing Saturday of the Festival. However, this program is not all work; there is lots of fun involved. From official portraits to being crowned by the reigning National Cherry Queen, Junior Royals get a whole schedule of events celebrating them, the National Cherry Festival, and our region.

The Job: The Junior Royalty Committee Chair acts as the face of the Program. They will work with the staff liaison to set the schedule, determine changes and direction of the program, and support their committee members where needed.

The time commitment for this position will vary throughout the year. Typically, a monthly/bi-monthly meeting is had to determine the state of the program and any changes that need to be made. In addition to these meetings, the JR Chair will be expected to be at the first informational meeting and inauguration. Outside of these events, the JR Chair can offer assistance at other JR events where committee members request help.