



Rose Festival Court!

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If you have questions that aren't covered here please contact the Rose Festival Office at info@rosefestival.org

1. Who's eligible?

- a. You must meet the following criteria to apply for the Rose Festival Court:
 - i. Be female identifying
 - ii. Attend a 4A, 5A or 6A high school in Multnomah, Washington or Clackamas Counties
 - iii. Be a senior graduating in 2021 or junior on track to graduate in 2022
 - iv. Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (*Applicants with GPA between 2.75 and 3.0 with exigent circumstances may still be eligible; but must complete a variance form as a part of this application.*)
 - v. Have performed a minimum 20 hours of community service during high school

2. What schools are eligible?

- a. There are 15 positions on the Rose Festival Court. Except for the Metro East/West, each position is open to current juniors and seniors of that school.
 - i. Benson
 - ii. Central Catholic
 - iii. Cleveland
 - iv. David Douglas
 - v. Franklin
 - vi. Grant
 - vii. Jefferson
 - viii. Lincoln
 - ix. Madison
 - x. Metro East
 - xi. Metro West
 - xii. Parkrose
 - xiii. Roosevelt
 - xiv. St. Mary's Academy
 - xv. Wilson



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b. The Metro East position is available to students from the following schools:

i. **Clackamas County**

1. Canby – 6A
2. Clackamas – 6A
3. Estacada – 4A
4. Gladstone – 4A
5. Lake Oswego – 6A
6. Lakeridge – 6A
7. LaSalle – 5A
8. Milwaukie – 5A
9. Molalla – 4A
10. Oregon City – 6A
11. Rex Putnam – 5A
12. Sandy – 6A
13. West Linn – 6A
14. Wilsonville 5A

ii. **Multnomah County**

1. Centennial – 6A
2. Corbett – 4A
3. Gresham – 6A
4. Reynolds – 6A
5. Sam Barlow – 6A

c. The Metro West position is available to students from the following schools:

i. **Washington County**

1. Aloha – 6A
2. Banks – 4A
3. Beaverton – 6A
4. Century – 6A
5. Forest Grove – 6A
6. Glencoe – 6A
7. Hillsboro – 5A
8. Jesuit – 6A
9. Liberty – 6A
10. Mountainside – 6A
11. Sherwood – 6A
12. Southridge – 6A
13. Sunset – 6A
14. Tigard – 6A
15. Tualatin – 6A
16. Valley Catholic – 4A
17. Westview – 6A



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3. What if I don't go to an eligible school?

- a. If you do not go to a 4A, 5A, or 6A school but still live in Multnomah, Clackamas, or Washington county, you may ask the eligible school in the district you live in to support your application (the same way you might participate in their athletics). If the school agrees you may apply as if you were a student at that school. Please e-mail jessicam@rosefestival.org for a School Support Affirmation Form.

4. How can I get the community service hours I need?

- a. It's easy to get the 20 hours of community service you need to apply for the Rose Festival Court! Check out these [resources](#) for possible opportunities, or ask your high school counselor how you can volunteer at school.

5. Who can fill out my recommendation form?

- a. Any adult who is not related to you may fill out your recommendation form. Some suggestions: teacher, school counselor, work supervisor, volunteer work supervisor, principal, mentor.

6. Is the Rose Festival Court a beauty contest?

- a. Absolutely not. The Rose Festival Court mission is to provide scholarships for higher education, to promote community outreach and volunteerism, to offer networking and mentoring opportunities to outstanding young women in a program that perpetuates an appreciation for Rose Festival history and tradition.

7. Is the Rose Festival Court a popularity contest?

- a. Not at all. Court applications are judged on the following attributes:
 - i. Character (50%) – Participates in school, community, and other activities, demonstrates good citizenship, shows a desire to help others
 - ii. Communication Skills (25%) – Clear and articulate speech, animated and expressive storytelling, good grammar and eye contact
 - iii. Presence (25%) – Composed under pressure, adaptable to new situations, enthusiastic and engaged
 - iv. The school vote (at a traditional school) will make up 50% of the judging score. The remaining 50% is from our panel of community judges. For Metro East/West positions 100% of the score is from the community judges.



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8. Why should I apply?

a. BE A PART OF HISTORY

- i. The Rose Festival Court has been an exceptional opportunity for young women in Portland for over 100 years.

b. SCHOLARSHIP

- i. Every elected Court Member will receive a \$3,500 scholarship towards higher education.

c. MENTORSHIP

- i. Mentorship with a select Unitus mentor.
- ii. Job shadow opportunities.
- iii. Networking with business and civic leaders around the region.

d. LEADERSHIP, RELATIONSHIPS, and MORE!

- i. Once in a lifetime opportunities and experiences shared with 15 exceptional women representing their schools and communities throughout the Rose Festival season.

9. Will I miss out on my graduation and other events if I'm selected?

- a. There is a process for those selected to request time off for specific events, including graduation. The Rose Festival Court Committee works hard to create a schedule that works for everyone, however you are asked to prioritize Rose Festival Court activities.

*Thank you for your interest in the Rose Festival Court
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