



2021

**NEPTUNE FESTIVAL
PRINCESS/AMBASSADOR
APPLICATION**

**Application must be received in the
Neptune Festival office
no later than Tuesday, December 15, 2020**



PRINCESS APPLICATION

*The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival is the
Official Celebration of the City of Virginia Beach*

Being a Neptune Festival Princess is an honor and a truly remarkable experience. It must not be taken lightly. During the year, it will be your responsibility to serve as an ambassador for the City of Virginia Beach as well as for the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival.

If you are one of the select few who are chosen, you must be prepared to commit the expected time and attention, which is significant. Should you become a member of the 48th Court of Neptune, you will find this an opportunity to learn, to have new experiences, to meet the leaders of Virginia Beach and the Hampton Roads area, and to maximize your maturing process. It will be up to you to make this occur by your attitude, commitment, and enthusiasm.

Please make certain that you are both ready and desirous of accepting this responsibility as you make your decision to apply.



GENERAL INFORMATION

The *48th Annual Virginia Beach Neptune Festival* is intended to provide an opportunity for citizens of the City of Virginia Beach to mix and mingle in an atmosphere of festive fun, to develop a sense of community pride, and to enjoy and celebrate together the special heritage that characterizes the City of Virginia Beach. Court members serve as the visible embodiment of community service and are recognized as role models of desirable citizenry.

The primary concentration of Neptune Festival events will take place during the month of September; however, **there are many activities that occur throughout the year which the Royal Court attends.**

Selected representatives from Virginia Beach high schools will be designated as “Princesses of the Court”. Along with Princesses from the Royal Order of Neptune, the support group of the Festival, this group will accompany King Neptune to official functions during 2021.

All female students who are presently juniors and will be entering their senior year in September 2021 at a high school located in the City of Virginia Beach are invited to apply for selection.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Enrollment in a Virginia Beach high school for at least one year prior to application
2. Scholastic grade point average of **2.75 or above**
3. Continued residency in the City of Virginia Beach and enrollment in the Senior Class of a Virginia Beach high school 2021-2022
4. Demonstrated active participation in school, community and/or civic organizations and endeavors

Selection will be predicated on the stated criteria and will include evaluation of applicant's poise, presentation, communicative skills, personality, grooming, posture and appearance.

**APPLICANTS SHOULD POSSESS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE FESTIVAL
AND ITS PURPOSE**

PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING:

1. PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PACKET BEFORE DECIDING TO APPLY.
2. Retain ALL pages of information for your future reference.
3. Complete the biographical sheet and essay.
4. Applicant and parent(s) **MUST** sign the Consent Form.
5. The following should be submitted to the Neptune Festival office by the deadline!
NO EXTENSIONS OF THE DEADLINE DATE WILL BE PERMITTED
 - a. Biographical Sheet
 - b. One photograph of applicant, in color, attached to sheet (NON-RETURNABLE)
 - c. Consent Form (signed by BOTH parent(s) and applicant)
 - d. Scholastic Record Certification (to be completed and signed by either Guidance Director or Principal)

PLEASE NOTE:

APPLICATION IS TO BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO:

Princess Application
Neptune Festival
265 Kings Grant Road, Suite 102
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

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If you do not receive notification that your application has been received please call the Neptune Festival office at 498-0215.



JUDGING

Cavalier Golf & Yacht Club
1052 Cardinal Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (PRELIMINARIES)

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (FINALS)

1. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
2. Absence from the preliminaries and/or finals, if selected as a finalist, will disqualify an applicant. **No exceptions.**
3. Finalists must be accompanied by their parent(s) at 7:00 p.m., **Tuesday**, January 12th for a meeting with judges and advisors.
4. Applicants should plan to reserve the entire evening on both dates for the selection process. Depending on number of contestants, the selection process may go until 10:00p.m. on both nights. Every effort will be made to finish as expeditiously as possible.
5. Festival officials reserve the right to disqualify any applicant who is judged not to have met the requirements of the criteria as stated or whose actions are not consistent with the spirit of the Festival. ***Once selected, a member of the Royal Court is subject to removal at anytime for any infraction of the rules or for lack of cooperation with activities of the Festival.***

PRINCESS RESPONSIBILITIES

Neptune Festival Princesses are expected to be available for ALL scheduled Festival events, including any rehearsals which may be necessary. The schedule is **subject to additions and revisions**, among which will be wardrobe fittings and events which cannot yet be scheduled.

***THERE WILL BE A REQUIRED MEETING IN FEBRUARY
AT THE NEPTUNE FESTIVAL OFFICE FOR ALL PRINCESSES.
WE WILL SELECT A DATE WHEN PRINCESSES ARE ALL AVAILIABLE.***

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Commitment as a member of the Neptune Festival Royal Court is a serious one. In addition to the fun and excitement of Festival events, there is preparation, rehearsal time, and energy involved. Before accepting this responsibility, there should be a full understanding of what is expected. All questions should be directed to the Festival office (498-0215) prior to making a decision to enter the competition.
2. It is important that all Royal Court members attend all meetings, rehearsals and fittings as requested. Festival officials cannot accommodate each person's individual schedule and to do so would be unfair to other participants. Each person is expected to arrange her schedule to allow for these responsibilities. Promptness and preparedness are expected.
3. At all times, a member of the court should display conduct befitting her status as a representative of the Festival, her community, and herself.
4. The "Parental Information" sheet should be read jointly with parent(s) before signing the Consent Form.

PARENTS AND APPLICANTS PROCEDURE AND POLICY

Young ladies who are selected as Princesses for the Neptune Festival Royal Court are consistently among those whose activity schedules are full. They are routinely members of sports teams, school committees, clubs and community groups. Their very involvement in such is part of what prepares them for the role of Neptune Festival Princess. Festival officials recognize that these commitments are important and a valuable part of each girl's life. However, those young ladies, and their parents, who accept an invitation to join the Royal Court must understand the promise she is making. The Festival cannot meet its obligations and fulfill its duties without such an understanding.

Therefore, we wish to make clear our expectations. Princesses are required to attend ALL functions **whether scheduled at this time or added later**. Unfortunately, all activities cannot be set this far ahead. September events are **NOT ADJUSTABLE**. This applies even if a Court member has been excused earlier for a similar function. Unless excused by the appropriate Festival official, absence from an event constitutes violation of her contract.

We ask that you please consider this policy **carefully** when making the decision to enter the selection process and/or accept an invitation to the Court.

EXPENSES

Princess expenses are significant and are primarily borne by the Festival. They include meals, refreshments, transportation, wardrobe, and hotel accommodations for Boardwalk Weekend. There will be some expenses which must be borne by the participant.

A fee of \$100 is assessed each Princess to cover various internal costs, etc. This fee is due and payable upon acceptance into the Royal Court. Alterations to Royal Court clothing, if necessary, are the **responsibility of the participant**.

Families of Princesses are responsible for their own expenses at Neptune Festival events.

Please be acquainted with requirements noted in "*Princess Responsibilities*" prior to signing the Parental Consent Form.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Full Name (First, Middle, Last):		
Name you prefer to be called:		E-Mail:
School:		Scholastic Average:
Home Address (Street, City, Zip):		
Home Phone:		Cell Phone: Food Allergies:
Birthday:		Height:
Mother's Name:		Occupation:
Home Address:		Biz Name:
Street, City, Zip		Email:
Home Phone:		Biz Phone: Cell Phone:
Father's Name:		Occupation:
Home Address:		Biz Name:
Street, City, Zip:		Email:
Home Phone:		Biz Phone: Cell Phone:
Sibling Names and Ages: (use reverse side if necessary):		
Name:		Age:
Name:		Age:
Will you be a resident of Virginia Beach for the 2021-2022 school year?		
Have you been arrested for any offense?		
Have you or any member of your family been directly involved with the Neptune Festival? _____ -- If yes, please explain:		
Do you have plans to continue your education beyond high school?		
What are your career goals?		
Please itemize all high school extra-curricular activities and honors (use reverse side if necessary):		
Please list 3 local references other than family members we may contact:		
NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1.		
2.		
3.		
To assist the Neptune Festival staff in preliminary planning, please list any dates presently scheduled when you plan to be out of town in 2021 (i.e., family vacations, Governor's School, camp, class trips, etc):		

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

I/we understand that my/our daughter is an applicant for the 2021 Neptune Festival Princess Selection.

I/we have read the "Parents and Applicants Procedure and Policy" and understand that if she is selected by the Neptune Festival Selection Committee, she is obligated to participate in all activities of the Neptune Festival as may be required.

Failure to do so without express permission from the appropriate Neptune Festival officials will constitute violation of this agreement. All wardrobe and/or other items provided for her will be reclaimed. I/we have reviewed the responsibilities of a Neptune Festival Princess and will support her in her capacity as a member of the King's Royal Court, if selected.

I/we further release the City of Virginia Beach, the Neptune Festival, their respective volunteers, members, agents and employees, and waive any claim against them, jointly, or severally, and hereby agree to defend, indemnify, save and hold them harmless from and against any and all claims of any nature including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to myself/ourselves or others, damage of property, attorney's fees and costs, and otherwise, occasioned by my/our participation in any Neptune Festival activity, which is organized, sponsored, supervised and/or controlled by the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival and its parent corporation, Virginia Beach Events Unlimited, Inc. My/our participation is completely voluntary and I/we assume all risks and hazards incidental to the activities or events in which I/we participate.

I/we further understand that my/our daughter may be photographed, recorded, video-taped, or otherwise promoted as part of the Neptune Festival and will receive no redress or compensation for the Festival's use of these materials.

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

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PRINCESS APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I hereby indicate my intention to participate in the Neptune Festival Princess Selection Contest and, as a condition of being permitted to participate in such, give my consent to be photographed, recorded, video-taped, or otherwise as a part of the Neptune Festival, and to receive no redress or compensation for the use of such photographs, video-tapes, recordings, and the like.

I have reviewed these requirements of a Neptune Festival Princess and understand all guidelines, expectations, and the level of responsibilities to my commitment.

If selected as a Neptune Festival Princess, I hereby promise to abide by the policies and to conduct myself in a manner befitting the title bestowed upon me.

PRINT APPLICANT'S NAME _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

SCHOLASTIC RECORD CERTIFICATION

TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE. THIS **MUST** BE ATTACHED TO REQUIRED FORMS AND PHOTOGRAPH.

These forms must be completed and included in the applicant's packet.

All completed packets *must be completed and received in the Neptune Festival office* no later than Tuesday, December 15, 2020

We sincerely thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

This certifies that records on _____ substantiate the following:
(Print name of applicant)

1. Grading Scale: _____

Cumulative grade/GPA : _____
(Most recent reporting period)

Equivalent Letter Grade: _____

2. Do you feel the student could keep up with schoolwork if she missed time for Festival participation?
(Approx. 3 days overall)

Yes _____ No _____

Any additional comments you feel may be beneficial to the judges in assessing this applicant will be appreciated. Your input is invaluable.

(Signature)

(Title)

(School)

(Date)

NEPTUNE FESTIVAL PRINCESS SCHEDULE 2021

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
February TBD	TBD	6:30 PM	Princess Meeting/Press Photos	Neptune Festival Office
February TBD	Sunday	4:00 PM	Princess Protocol and Etiquette Session	Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club
May 8	Saturday	9:00 AM	Special Olympics	Plaza Middle School
May 22	Saturday	9:00 AM	King's Coronation Gala Rehearsal	Hilton Oceanfront
May 22	Saturday	4-11 PM	King's Coronation Gala	Hilton Oceanfront
August 17	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Court to City Council	Council Chambers
September 1	Wednesday	5:30PM	Formal Court Photos/Senior's Gala	VB Convention Center
September 24-26	Fri/Sat/Sun	All Weekend	Boardwalk Weekend	Hilton Oceanfront

UPDATED: 10/12/2020