



2022

**NEPTUNE FESTIVAL
PRINCE / PRINCESS
APPLICATION**

Applications must be received in the
Neptune Festival office located at
265 Kings Grant Road, Suite 102
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

no later than Tuesday, November 16th, 2021



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

Being a Neptune Festival Prince or 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 the most of this opportunity 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.



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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 “Princes and Princesses of the Court.” Along with Royal Ambassadors, they will accompany King Neptune to official functions during the 2022 season.

All students who are presently juniors and will be entering their senior year in September 2022 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 (1) 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 for the 2022-2023 scholastic year.
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 presentation, communication 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 November 16th, 2021 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:

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Neptune Festival
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**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED
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NO LATER THAN:**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 2021

If you do not receive notification that your application is received,

please call the Neptune Festival office at 757.498.0215

JUDGING

Cavalier Golf & Yacht Club

1052 Cardinal Road | Virginia Beach VA 23451

WEDNESDAY, December 1st, 2021 at 7 PM – PRELIMINARIES

TUESDAY, December 7th, 2021 at 7 PM – FINALS

- 1. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**
- Absence from the preliminaries and/or finals, if selected as a finalist, will disqualify an applicant. ***No exceptions.***
- Finalists must be accompanied by their parent(s) on Tuesday, December 7th at 7 PM for a final meeting with judges and advisors.
- Applicants should plan to reserve the entire evening on both dates for the selection process. Depending on the number of applicants, the selection process may go to 10 PM on both nights. Every effort will be made to finish as expeditiously as possible.
- 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 any time for any infraction of the rules or for lack of cooperation with activities of the Festival.***

PRINCE / PRINCESS RESPONSIBILITIES

Neptune Festival Princes and 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 JANUARY AT THE
NEPTUNE FESTIVAL OFFICE FOR ALL PRINCES AND PRINCESSES
WE WILL SELECT A DATE WHEN ALL ARE AVAILABLE***

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, one should have a full understanding of what is expected. All questions should be directed to the Festival office (757.498.0215) 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 their schedule to allow for these responsibilities. Promptness and preparedness are expected.
3. At all times, members of the court should display conduct befitting their status as a representative of the Festival, their community, and themselves.
4. The "Parental Information" sheet should be read jointly with parent(s) before signing the Consent Form.

PARENT AND APPLICANT PROCEDURE AND POLICY

Young gentlemen and ladies who are selected as Princes and 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 a part of what prepares them for the role of Neptune Festival Prince or Princess. Festival officials recognize that these commitments are important and a valuable part of each student's life. However, these young people and their parents who accept an invitation to join the Royal Court must understand the promise they are making. The Festival cannot meet its obligations and fulfill its duties without such an understanding.

Therefore, we wish to make clear our expectations. Princes and Princesses are required to attend ALL functions **whether scheduled at this time or added later**. Unfortunately, all activities cannot be set this far ahead; however, the dates for the King's Announcement Gala and the September Boardwalk Weekend have been set and are **NOT ADJUSTABLE**. **The King's Announcement Gala is on March 26, 2022, and all Princes and Princesses must be available for a 9am rehearsal and for the Gala later that afternoon and evening. The Boardwalk Weekend dates are September 30, 2022 – October 2, 2022, and Princes and Princesses must stay with us at the Hilton Hotel for the entire weekend.** 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 one's contract.

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

EXPENSES

Prince/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 to each Prince and 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 the Princes and Princesses are responsible for their own expenses at Neptune Festival events.

Please be acquainted with the requirements noted in the "Prince / 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 2022-2023 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 on the back of this form any dates presently scheduled when you plan to be out of town in 2022 (i.e., family vacations, camp, class trips, etc).		

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, November 16, 2021.**

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 he/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)
