



2018

**NEPTUNE FESTIVAL
PRINCESS/AMBASSADOR
APPLICATION**

**Application must be received in the
Neptune Festival office
no later than Tuesday, October 17, 2017**



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 fully commit to every activity on the Princess schedule. As a member of the 45th Court of Neptune, you will learn about the City of Virginia Beach, meet our leaders and represent the diverse populations of "The Greatest City in the World!"

Please make certain that you are both ready and willing to accept this responsibility before you decide to apply.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The **45th 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. We strive to develop a sense of community pride 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 our great city.

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.**

Six "Princesses of the Court" will be chosen from Virginia Beach Schools. There are also Princesses selected from the Neptune Festival's Royal Order, the support group of the Festival. All Princesses will accompany King Neptune XXXXV to official functions during 2018.

All female students who are presently juniors and will be entering their senior year in September 2018 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 2018-2019.
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, communication skills, personality, grooming, and posture.

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 parent(s) and applicant)
- d. Scholastic Record Certification (to be completed and signed
by either Guidance Counselor or Principal)
- e. Motto sheet

PLEASE NOTE:

APPLICATION IS TO BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO:

Princess Application

Neptune Festival

265 Kings Grant Road, Suite 102
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE
NEPTUNE FESTIVAL OFFICE**

NO LATER THAN TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2017

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

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (PRELIMINARIES)

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 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. Parent(s) are requested to attend the preliminaries on **Wednesday, October 25th**, where we will be reviewing the process, activities and requirements of the Neptune Festival. They will be free to leave at approximately 7:30 p.m.
4. Finalists must be accompanied by their parent(s) at 7:00 p.m., **Wednesday, November 1st** for a meeting with judges and advisors.
5. Applicants should plan to reserve the entire evening on both dates for the selection process. Depending on the number of contestants, the selection process may go until 10:00 p.m. on both nights. Every effort will be made to finish as expeditiously as possible.
6. 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.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Princesses must make a serious commitment to the Festival. 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 schedules. Each person is expected to arrange her schedule to allow for these responsibilities. Promptness and preparedness are expected.
3. Princesses should at all times 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 these activities 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. They include, but are not limited to, shoes (one to two pair), and clothing alterations.

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:
Birthday:		Height:
Mother's Name:		Occupation:
Home Address:		Biz Name:
Street, City, Zip		Biz Address (w/zip):
Home Phone:		Biz Phone: Cell Phone:
Father's Name:		Occupation:
Home Address:		Biz Name:
Street, City, Zip:		Biz Address (w/zip):
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 2018-2019 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 2018 (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 2018 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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Date

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, October 17, 2017.**

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)

Princess Schedule 2018

9/6/2017

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
October 25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Princess Judging - Preliminary	Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club
November 1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Princess Judging - Finals	Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club
February 11	Sunday	4:00 PM	Princess Protocol and Etiquette Session	Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club
April 14	Saturday	9:00 AM	REHEARSAL: King's Coronation Gala	Hilton Oceanfront/PA Room
April 14	Saturday	4:00 PM	King's Coronation Gala	Hilton Oceanfront/PA Room
April 27	Friday	6:00 PM	Father-Daughter Dinner	Town Center City Club
May 12	Saturday	9:00 AM	Special Olympics	Meet at Neptune Festival Office
August 21	Tuesday	5:30 PM	Court to City Council	Council Chambers
September 5	Wednesday	7:30PM	Senior's Gala/Court Photos	VB Convention Center
September 28-30	Fri/Sat/Sun	All Weekend	Boardwalk Weekend	Hilton Oceanfront