

McCleary Bear Festival Royalty Court 2018-2019 Application

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Address if

Different: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade _____ (2018-2019 academic year)

Requirements

- All applications must be postmarked by **Friday October 5th, 2018.**
 - Please mail to: McCleary Bear Festival, PO Box 408, McCleary, WA 98557
 - Or email to bearfestival@gmail.com
- Contestants must be a resident of Fire District 12 in Grays Harbor County **or** the McCleary or Elma School District.
- Contestants must be enrolled in school (be it public, private, or homeschooled), and 13 to 15 years of age by October 31, 2018.
- Contestants must provide 3 professional references letters (i.e. teacher, coach, pastor, school counselor).
- Contestants must maintain a 2.5 GPA throughout the year.

Judging

- 500 word essay is to be written on a day chosen with board present.
- All points to be awarded as follows for all criteria:
 - Button sales, sponsorships, community service, formal interview, and essay.
 - 1st place-100 points, 2nd place-75 points, 3rd place-50 points

Scholarship

- \$1,000.00 college scholarship for the contestant who is crowned Queen/King.
- The Queen/King will receive scholarship funds in their second semester of college by providing proof of college enrollment for that semester.
- Resigning or termination of your reign will result in no scholarship funds.

Rules and Regulations

- All McCleary Bear Festival meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and all royalty members must attend all meetings unless excused prior. (i.e., sick, family emergency).
- Contestants must sell a **minimum of 400 buttons.**
- Contestants are required to get a **minimum of \$500** in sponsorships from businesses and individuals. Sponsor letters will be provided. The minimum amount of \$500 must be turned in by June 1st. All sponsorship money must be turned in the same day of the button count.
- Contestants already crowned Queen/King may not run again. Previous royalty may re-apply.
- Contestants will be asked to spend time during the McCleary Bear Festival with various activities throughout the entire weekend, beginning with Thursday morning and concluding on Sunday late afternoon. A schedule will be provided to the contestant and parent by the 1st of July 2019.

- The contestant whose name is signed below gives permission to the McCleary Bear Festival and their licenses to use photographs for publicity purposes in connections with the pageant or festival.
- Decisions of the Executive Officers of the Bear Festival panel will be final.
- Contestants will serve until new court is selected. Exceptions will be made at the sole discretion of the executive board.
- Contestants will attend all Royalty activities (weekend or otherwise) as requested by the Bear Festival Committee. Some examples are but not limited to meetings, fundraising, parades, bear festival...) if exceptions need to be made it is the responsibility of the royalty member to contact the board in a timely manner.
- Parents of contestants will be expected to participate and help with Bear Festival activities as requested by the Bear Festival Board. These will include Santa Breakfast, auction, other fundraising events, decorating the float and attending parades.
- Contestants must keep royal attire clean, unbroken, and presentable at all McCleary Bear Festival functions. If any part of the attire is broken, lost or missing, contestants will be responsible to replace immediately before participation in any festival related functions.
- Contestants will be on time to ALL events. If an emergency occurs, it is the responsibility of the royalty member to contact either royalty chairperson or royalty co-chairperson.
- The McCleary Bear Festival will purchase contestants Tiara and Sash. McCleary Bear Festival will pay 100% of the royal attire up to \$400.00. If at any time the contestant decides to remove their self from the McCleary Bear Festival Court, the contestant will be responsible for repaying the McCleary Bear Festival all funds that have been spent on the contestant. A royal meeting will be held to discuss further financial responsibility.
- Contestants understand the McCleary Bear Festival Queen/King will be chosen based on the following criteria:
 - Button sales, 500 word essay, formal interview, community service, and sponsorship.
- Contestants are responsible for all buttons signed out to sell. Contestants will be responsible to make weekly deposits at Our Community Credit Union (OCCU). Contestants will turn in any unsold buttons and all money collected from their button sales on Friday of Bear Festival Weekend. (TBA)
- Contestants understand that they will receive 10% of their total button sales at the end of September; if contestant has fulfilled the obligations to the McCleary Bear Festival.
- Contestants understand that if they are not crowned McCleary Bear Festival Queen or King, contestants are still obligated to fulfill obligations to the court following coronation. If contestant fails to fulfill those obligations through September 2019, contestant automatically forfeits the money that they earned from the button sales.
- Contestants are required to get sponsorships from businesses and/or individuals.
- Boyfriends or girlfriends WILL NOT be allowed to accompany or associate with the Royalty Court at any appearance, and will be asked to leave if failure to adhere to this rule. Public displays of affections (PDA) will not be tolerated.
- Contestants are to remain with the appointed chaperone at all times.
- Contestants will travel with their parents or a chaperone (or appointed transportation) to and from all events. Requests for exceptions will only be considered if one week notice is given; written and signed by the parents/guardian or the royalty member and the other party involved.
- Contestants will maintain the HIGHEST level of integrity and poise, and will avoid even the implications or inappropriate behavior.
- Contestants will follow directions given by the chaperone or Royalty Court Chairperson(s). Any refusal or attempt to overpower will result in dismissal from the court. No exceptions will be made as contestants must understand that the role of a Royalty Member does not include those obligations and responsibilities of the Royalty Chairperson(s).
- If at any time the contestant is dismissed from the McCleary Bear Festival court for violations of this contract, the contestant will be responsible for repaying the McCleary Bear Festival all funds

that have been spent on the contestant within 30 days of notification. A royal meeting will be held to discuss further financial responsibilities.

- If the Queen or King should resign, the alternate is at the SOLE DISCRETION of the association. Same rule follows if another royalty member should resign.
- Unless specified, the activities permissible while riding the McCleary Bear Festival Royalty Float are limited to smiling and waving. Small, polite conversation is permissible at the discretion of the association and the float chaperones. All activities done on the float will be in good taste. Only chaperones appointed by the association are allowed to accompany the float. Only royalty and adults accompanying the float are allowed on the float, unless approved by the festival board representative attending the parade. If minors under age 16 accompany a parent or chaperone to a parade, the supervising adult is responsible for the behavior and well-being of the minor child.
- Any Royalty member will be dismissed if any of the following occur:
 - a) She should become pregnant.
 - b) Becomes married or engaged.
 - c) leaves home to reside with any other person than the legal guardian
 - d) Is caught in any vulgar acts.
 - e) Is caught in any illegal activities.
 - f) Is disrespectful to any of the association members, sponsors, or anyone affiliated with McCleary Bear Festival in any way.
- The association holds the sole discretion to terminate a Royalty member's reign.
- The Royalty member is given a chance to speak on her own behalf in front of the association if asked to resign.

I, _____ have read the above terms and conditions and I fully understand them and agree to join the McCleary Bear Festival Royalty.

Signature Royal Court Candidate

Date

I, the undersigned agree to hold harmless the McCleary Bear Festival, and any other officer affiliated with the festival, of any liability in the event of an accident to or caused by my child. This includes but is not limited to, auto accident, destruction of property caused by my child while representing the festival. This is to include destruction of property by others not affiliated with the festival. I understand that I will be expected to help with the royal court to the best of my ability. I understand that I may be asked to give a ride to another princess in my personal vehicle, if they do not have a ride. I have read and agree to all conditions listed above.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date