



2018-2019 Rice Street Festival Royalty Information and Application

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Who is eligible to participate as a candidate?

Our Rice Street Festival Royalty program is open to all women. There is no restriction with regard to marital status, dependents, place of residence or employment status. The minimum age requirement is 21 by September 1st following your reign (so you are able to run for the Queen of the Snows program if you are selected to represent the Rice Street Festival program).

What is the time commitment as a candidate?

Our candidate schedule consists of approximately 20 events spanning a 2-month time frame (June through July). Most events will occur during the week nights and weekends (unless otherwise specified in your candidate calendar). You will receive a candidate schedule via email after our application deadline (May 20TH, 2018). All events on the candidate calendar are mandatory (unless otherwise specified). If you will not be at a mandatory event, you will need to write a letter to our selection committee explaining why you will be missing the event. This letter must be delivered to the Royalty Director at least 2 weeks prior to the event. This letter can be sent via email or in person.

What is the time commitment if selected as one of the 2018-2019 Rice Street Royalty?

Our royalty schedule consists of approximately 100 events throughout the year with a majority being during the summer parade season and in January for the St. Paul Winter Carnival. You will receive most of your events at least 1 month prior to the event date (if possible). However, please know that some events may be scheduled or decided on last minute and you will be notified of any schedule changes as soon as the Royalty Director becomes aware. The 3 women selected (Queen and two princesses) will always attend an event as a group. There will not be any events only our Queen is going to alone. One of the members of your royal court will be selected to represent the Rice Street Festival in the 2020 Queen of the Snows Candidate program. We as a royalty committee (consisting of past Rice Street ambassadors) will decide (along with our selection committee) who will be representing Rice Street.

What are the costs involved?

The candidate program has an initial fee of \$400, which is covered through the sponsorship company/person. This initial fee will cover the majority of the costs to run as a candidate including meals, events, candidate sash and name tag. Your additional responsibility as a candidate will include a coronation gown (any color), outfits for appearances (unless noted), driving and parking costs. However once selected, most of your events will be covered by the festival. If there is an event that you would like to attend not covered by the festival, you can pay for that cost out of pocket as long as all three women agree. You will also be provided a wardrobe if selected, the costs to keep clean/maintain that wardrobe will be at your expense. If you would like to purchase additional items, they must be approved by the Royalty director and paid for out of pocket.

Candidate Responsibilities

During candidacy, each candidate is personally responsible for the following:

- Securing your own sponsor
- Keeping your sponsor fully informed of all events/appearances
- Supplying all forms, fees and information in a timely matter
- One floor length gown (any color)
- Daytime, business attire and semi-formal attire for appearances
- Transportation to and from meetings and appearances
- Attendance at all candidate appearances unless prior approval has been granted
- Selling Rice Street Festival buttons
- Following all rules and protocol guidelines

Pursuing a Sponsor

It is the candidate's responsibility to find a sponsor and must have one set up or in the works by June 1st. Some ideas in pursuing a sponsor include:

- Contact your employer, school, community group or volunteer organization

- Make a list of businesses where you shop, eat, exercise, bought your car etc.
- Ask your family or friends for any leads they may have
- Go through the telephone book and look for businesses in the Rice Street area
- A sponsor does not have to be a business or organization. It is acceptable to collect donations from family and friends

Selection process

The selection process is similar to the employment process. Every year, the judges may or may not have made their selection prior to coronation. You will have the chance to interact with judges in a public and private setting. Some criteria we have our judges look for include (but are not limited to):

- Ability to communicate effectively one on one as well as in a group
- Public speaking skills
- Poise and presentation
- Outgoing and friendly personality
- Ability to work as a team
- Time commitment
- Dedication to staying involved with the organization after completing your reign

The final decisions will be announced at coronation on Sunday, July 29th, 2018. The name of one princess will be kept confidential if for any reason the Queen is not able to fulfill her reign. An alternate candidate, not initially selected will be kept confidential in the case a princess is not able to fulfill her role. The selection committee will also give us their selection on who should run for the St. Paul Winter Carnival Queen of the Snows program in 2020.



2018-2019 Rice Street Festival Royalty Candidate Application

Applications are due Sunday, May 20th, 2018

Application can be a maximum of 2 pages in length and it may be typed or hand written

Candidate Full name: _____

Candidate preferred name (if applicable): _____

Would you prefer to have your full name or nick name on all publications?

{ } Full name { } Nick Name

Mailing Address: _____

DOB: _____ Email: _____

Phone (daytime): _____ Phone (evening): _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Mailing Address: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Emergency contact (name): _____

Emergency contact (relationship): _____

Emergency contact phone: _____ Evening: _____

Medical conditions or allergies: _____

Education (areas studied and degrees obtained):

Work Experience:

Goals, Ambitions or Accomplishments:

Interests and Hobbies:

Volunteer/Community Activities:

Please write a 4-5 sentence bio that will be used for introductions. Things you may want to consider including are: work, education, achievements, family interests or a fun fact.

The included information is true and correct. I have read, understand and accept the values and rules in our protocol manual and royalty policies.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____ Date: _____

Please return this application to:

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Or via email to

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Any questions? Call - 651-207-9263