



Sheriff's Office of San Mateo County
11th North Fair Oaks Community Festival
Sunday, August 19, 2012

QUEEN OF THE FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications for the Queen of the Festival Scholarship are now available.

Queen of the Festival Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, community service, a short, written essay and a face-to-face interview with the scholarship committee. Winners will be determined by their success in supporting the festival through raffle ticket sales for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Youth Programs.

BACKGROUND

The North Fair Oaks Community Festival is a day-long event on August 19, 2012. (To learn more about the festival, please go to www.northfairoaksfestival.org.) The scholarship is awarded by the Sheriff's Youth Program Fund, a non-profit organization that provides county youth with year-round, school-based programs such as DARE, Sheriff's Activities League, Explorer Posts and STAR camp.

This is the sixth year that the Queen of the Festival Scholarship program is being offered. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote the festival and the Sheriff's Youth Programs. **A total of \$22,000 will be awarded in scholarships this year.**

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a high school senior
- Must intend to attend an accredited university, college or institution of higher learning
- Must have performed voluntary community service
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

APPLICATIONS

A completed application package must include:

- Application Form
- Essay on community involvement, 300 – 350 words in length in answer to the following questions:
 1. How do I view the North Fair Oaks community?
 2. What have I done and will continue to do to improve it?
 3. Why do I want to represent the North Fair Oaks community as its Queen of the Festival?

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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DEADLINE

Completed applications must be received by mail, fax or email by **5:00 PM on Friday, March 30, 2012.**

Send application forms to:

10th North Fair Oaks Community Festival
Attention: Queen of the Festival Scholarship Program
3121 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA 94063
Email: info@northfairoaksfestival.org
Fax: 650.362.2497

Applicants are encouraged to take reasonable measures to ensure that the application is actually received.

EVALUATION PROCESS

Applicants are first “paper screened” to determine if they qualify. An Applicant is deemed qualified if:

1. they submit a completed application
2. they meet the minimum scholarship criteria

Applicants are then evaluated on the depth, breadth and commitment of their volunteer work and the quality of their essay. The scholarship program committee will review the applications, check references and determine which applicants will be invited for interviews.

A panel of the scholarship program committee will interview the selected applicants and determine a total of five finalists for the scholarships.

Scholarship applicants will be invited to an interview on the evening of **Wednesday, April 11.** Applicants must make themselves available that evening. There are no make-up dates.

Applicants will be notified by the phone and in writing if their application has qualified for an oral interview with the scholarship program committee.

Applicants will not be considered if they do not participate in an oral interview.

DETERMINING THE WINNERS

Five scholarships will be awarded.

The Queen will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

One princess will receive a \$4,000 scholarship.

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One finalist will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

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Winners will be determined by one criterion only – their success in supporting the festival through raffle ticket sales for the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Youth Programs.

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Competitive fund raising between the five finalists will be from **April 29 to July 30, 2012**. All activities will be fully supported by the scholarship program committee, composed of local business and community leaders and representatives of the Office of the Sheriff of San Mateo County. Winners will have all coronation regalia donated.

A qualification period will be in effect April 29 – June 29. Finalists will be required to demonstrate commitment to the scholarship program during this entire period and meet milestones. Finalists who fail to meet the minimum requirements of this qualification period will be disqualified from further participation and their scholarship eligibility will be cancelled.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The finalists for the scholarship must agree to the Queen of the Festival Scholarship Program policies, including:

- (a) the scholarship must be utilized within two years after receiving the award,
- (b) the scholarship is payable to the accredited higher education institution, upon demonstrated proof of enrollment,
- (c) the scholarship funds will be utilized for educational purposes only,
- (d) the scholarship finalists participate in the required promotional activities for the festival,
- (e) the scholarship finalists adhere to a schedule of periodic check-ins with the festival,
- (f) the scholarship finalists participate in a professional photo session on Saturday, April 14,
- (g) the scholarship finalists participate in the 4th of July Parade and Festival on July 4, 2012 in Redwood City and the activities leading up to it,
- (h) the scholarship finalists participate in the Coronation ceremony on August 11,
- (i) the scholarship winners participate in the Festival Parade and on-stage presentations on August 19,
- (j) the Queen participates in educational, community outreach events for the North Fair Oaks community during the 12 months of her “reign”.

For questions please contact the Festival at 650.368.2497 or info@northfair Oaks festival.org