



2018 Cherry Blossom Princess Program – Apply Today!

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Check Your Eligibility & Qualifications

All candidates for selection as a 2018 Maryland Cherry Blossom Princess must meet the following minimum requirements.

Minimum Requirements:

- **Society Membership** – The Princess must be a member in good standing of the Society or the family must be members in good standing of the Society.
- **Residency** – Must be resident of and/or has spent significant time (ex. attending college/university) in Maryland.
Note: All candidates must be well informed about the geographical entity that she is representing.
- **Age** – Must be between 19 years old and 24 years old as of April 14, 2018*
**Note: Candidates older than 24 years of age as April 14, 2018 may request and receive a waiver from their State or Territory Society with the approval of the NCSS Executive Committee. The minimum age requirement of 19 years old as of April 14, 2018 will not be waived – no exceptions.*
- **Marital / Family Status** – Must be single, never been married, and have no children.
- **Education** – Must be a high school graduate.
- **Participation / Availability** – Must be available to attend **ALL** scheduled NCSS Princess Program events and activities held across the Washington, DC area during the period of Sunday, April 7th to Saturday, April 14, 2018. Events are generally held from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM each day during this period and include cultural, professional development, and community service events both public and private in nature. Additionally, if selected as the 2018 U.S. Cherry Blossom Queen, you must be available to travel to Japan for approximately two (2) weeks in the May/June 2018 timeframe. *Note: Failure to participate in ALL NCSS events will disqualify a Princess from the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Queen Selection Process.*
- **Wardrobe** – Must wear professional business attire during daytime events along with dresses appropriate for evening receptions. For the Cherry Blossom Ball, she must wear a long, white gown with white long elbow-length gloves. She must also purchase the official 2018 Dress (Cost: Not more than \$100) and wear it for specific events throughout the week. More details about wardrobe requirements and specifications will be provided by the Princess Program Director.
- **Leadership / Scholarship / Professional Accomplishments** – Must be a leader in her school, workplace, and/or community. Candidates are chosen based on their background, academics, leadership, community service, and future goals and ambitions. She must also possess poise, intelligence, maturity, have a good personality and character, and enjoy good physical, mental, and emotional stability in order to withstand the rigorous schedule of Festival activities.
- **Other** – Must not have visible tattoos or body piercings – for clarification and questions please contact the Princess Program Director (cbprincessprogram@gmail.com).

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Complete Application

- **Biographical and Contact Information** – Basic biographical and contact information about you as a candidate.
- **Statement of Interest** – A short essay about why you are interested in becoming a 2018 Maryland Cherry Blossom Princess and why you are the best person to represent your State or Territory during the National Cherry Blossom Festival®, and if chosen as the US Cherry Blossom Queen, the best person to represent the United States.
- **Digital, Color Headshot** – The photo should be a head and shoulders portrait in professional, business dress. Acceptable formats include .jpeg and .tiff and it must be at least 300 dpi. If you are selected as a 2018 Cherry Blossom Princess, this photograph will be used for the official program and other publicity purposes.
- **Other Information Required by Your State or Territory Society** – Please contact the Maryland State Society for further information about additional requirements.

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Submit Application to Your State or Territory Society

Submit your completed application to include your digital photograph (see requirements above) via email to:
Maryland Cherry Blossom Princess Committee mdcherryblossom@gmail.com.

Maryland State Society Application Submission Deadline is November 1, 2017 and the announcement will be made November 20, 2017



2018 Cherry Blossom Princess Program Application

For State or Territory Princess Selection

Full Name Age U.S. State/Territory Representing

Current Mailing Address

City State/Territory Country Zip Code

Home Phone Work/School Phone

Email Address Cell Phone

Permanent Address (if different than above)

City State/Territory Country Zip Code

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Email Address Phone Number

High School Name

City/State Year Graduated

College/University Name City/State

Major(s) Degree Graduation Year

Job Title (if applicable)

Organization Name (if applicable)

Honors, Awards, Community Service, Social & Civic Activities/Hobbies, Sports, Interests, & Special Talents

Statement of Certification – I certify that all information provide in this application is accurate and complete and I meet all the minimum requirements for selection as a 2018 Cherry Blossom Princess.

Signature Date



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For State or Territory Princess Selection

Statement of Interest

Please describe below why you are the best candidate to represent your State or Territory as a Cherry Blossom Princess and if chosen as the United States Cherry Blossom Queen, the best candidate to represent the United States.