



# 2019 Cherry Blossom Princess Program – Apply Today!

A Signature Program of the Maryland State Society (MDSS)  
and Howard County's Blossoms of Hope (BOH)

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## Check Your Eligibility & Qualifications

All candidates for selection as a 2019 Maryland State Society/Blossom of Hope (MDSS/BOH) Cherry Blossom Princess must meet the following minimum requirements.

### Minimum Requirements:

- **Society Membership** – The application is free to submit however the Princess should be a member in good standing of the Maryland State 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 13, 2019\*  
*\*Note: Candidates older than 24 years of age as April 13, 2019 may request and receive a waiver from MDSS/BOH with the approval of the National Conference of State Societies (NCSS) Executive Committee. The minimum age requirement of 19 years old as of April 13, 2019 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 for the "Pretty in Pink" BOH event set for April 26, 2019 in her gown and sash, as well as open availability for other BOH events and from other organizations. 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 7 to Saturday, April 13, 2019. Events are generally held from 8:00AM to 9:00PM each day. Additionally, if selected as the 2019 US Cherry Blossom Queen, you must be available to travel to Japan for approximately two (2) weeks in the May/June 2019 timeframe **AND** return the following year for Festival week as the reigning US Cherry Blossom Queen. *Note: Failure to participate in ALL MDSS/BOH **AND** NCSS events will disqualify a Princess from the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Queen Selection Process.*
- **Wardrobe** – This is a cultural and professional development program so business attire is the default dress code. For receptions knee length dresses and for the Cherry Blossom Ball, a long, white gown with white long elbow-length gloves. She must also purchase the official 2019 Dress (Cost: Not more than \$100) and wear it for specific events throughout the week.
- **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.
- **Fees and lapel pins** – There is a \$550 fee to participate in the program, which helps cover the cost of the Princesses tickets and transportation to events and gifts taken on the trip to Japan by the Queen. Each Princess is responsible for bringing 70 lapel pins from MD to trade. This is provided by the State of MD and MDSS.
- **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 2019 MDSS/BOH Cherry Blossom Princess and why you are the best person to represent your State 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 2019 Cherry Blossom Princess, this photograph will be used for the official program and other publicity purposes.
- **Other Information Required by MDSS/BOH** – Please contact the Maryland State Society/Blossom of Hope for further information about additional requirements.

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## Maryland State Society / Blossoms of Hope Cherry Blossom Princess Committee

Submit your completed application to include your digital photograph (see requirements above) via email to:  
MDSS/BOH Cherry Blossom Princess Committee [mdcherryblossom@gmail.com](mailto:mdcherryblossom@gmail.com).

MDSS/BOH Application Submission Deadline is **November 10, 2018**, and the announcement will be made November 24, 2018, and crowned at the MDSS Toys for Tots Fundraising Event, Saturday, December 8, 2018.



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Full Name  Age  U.S. State 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 2019 MDSS/BOH Cherry Blossom Princess.

Signature  Date



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## Statement of Interest

Please describe below why you are the best candidate to represent the Maryland State Society (MDSS) and Howard County's Blossoms of Hope (BOH) during the National Conference of State Society (NCSS) and Blossoms of Hope (BOH) events, and if chosen as the US Cherry Blossom Queen, the best candidate to represent the United States.