



Spokane Lilac Festival Association

Lilac Royalty Scholarship Program Candidate Agreement

DEFINITIONS

Applicant means a high school woman who wishes to be her high school representative and participate in the Lilac Royalty Program.

Coronation means the annual ceremony at which the Queen is selected from the Princesses of the Royal Court

Grade Point Average (GPA) means the grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

Lilac Royal Court means the seven Princesses and/or one Queen and six Princesses selected from those eligible Lilac Royalty Program participants to be on the Lilac Royal Court.

Lilac Royalty Program (Royalty Program) means the training, education and experience each candidate will receive from the time of her selection as the high school representative for her high school, until Royal Court Selection.

Lilac Royalty Program participant / Lilac Royal Court candidate means the women selected from her high school to represent her high school, participate in the High School Lilac Royalty Program, and be eligible for selection to the Lilac Royal Court.

Royal Court Selection means the annual ceremony at which the seven Princesses of the Royal Court are selected from those eligible Royal Program participants.

Spokane Lilac Festival Association (SLFA) means the Lilac Festival Association, which supports the Lilac Festival each year in Spokane, Washington.

Woman means an individual born biologically female, or identifying as female.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. The Royalty Program and Royal Court provide an opportunity for outstanding young women to be recognized for their achievements and receive training on a variety of topics, including public speaking, personal appearance and poise. Training will include involvement in SLFA events, and other civic events as appropriate. To fully engage in the program, participants must be in attendance, timely, and respectful to all presenters, SLFA members, and other participants.
2. In all activities each Royalty participant and Royal Court member will conduct herself in a manner that is exemplary to other young people and is a credit to the SLFA, High School and Spokane County.
3. If at any time a Royalty Program participant becomes ineligible for the program, she will immediately notify

the SLFA and return all SLFA property.

- 4. If at any time a Royal Court member becomes ineligible for the Royal Court, she will immediately notify the SLFA and return all SLFA property and all SLFA affiliated gifts, titles, clothing and similar as were provided to her in her capacity as a Royal Court Member
- 5. If at any time a Royalty Program participant realizes unforeseen circumstances will prevent her from fully engaging in the Royalty Program and/or the Lilac Royal Court, she will immediately notify the SLFA and return all SLFA property.
- 6. If selected for the Lilac Royal Court, each participant will sign the Lilac Royal Court Agreement, which will supersede this agreement at that time.

Understood and agreed by: (applicant) _____ (parent or guardian) _____

- 1. Be a woman;
- 2. At least sixteen (16) years old and not have reached her twentieth (20th) birthday by January 1 of the upcoming year;
- 3. In the senior year of high school, on track to graduate in the spring of the upcoming year;
- 4. Currently resides in Spokane County and agrees to continue residing in Spokane County until Graduation from high school;
- 5. Currently have at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA, and agree to maintain at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA until graduation from high school;
- 6. Have good citizenship, community involvement and school attendance;
- 7. Have never been married, divorced, had a marriage annulled, and agree not to marry while in the Royalty Program;
- 8. Agree not to voluntarily become pregnant or give birth to a child while in the Royalty Program;
- 9. Certify that she has never been convicted of a crime;
- 10. Certify that she has no tattoos that would be visible while wearing assigned Royalty apparel, no excessive piercings, and agree to refrain from getting any such tattoos or piercings while in the Royalty Program;

	Wash. Rev. Code §26.28.085	Tattooing of a Minor - Applying a tattoo to a minor under age 18 is illegal and violators are guilty of a misdemeanor.
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- 11. Certify that she does not hold another current title and agree not to enter any other royalty contests or pageants while in the Royalty Program;
- 12. Agree not to use, possess or consume any alcohol or mood altering drugs, unless prescribed, while in the Royalty Program;
- 13. Agree not to use, possess or consume tobacco products while in the Royalty Program;

Duties and Responsibilities of a High School Lilac Royalty Candidate:

1. Be available and on time for all scheduled events. Understand that the SLFA will schedule appearances during school hours, evenings and weekends. Acknowledge that is the candidate's responsibility to keep up with school work and to contact teachers and the attendance office if an SLFA event takes the candidate out of class.
2. Agree to maintain a pleasant attitude as a High School Lilac Royalty Candidate.
3. Understand that SLFA may not provide transportation to in town events and must have a reliable form of transportation. The candidate is responsible for coordinating her own transportation.
4. Arrive 15 minutes early for all appearances, meetings and interviews. Be properly groomed at the time of arrival, and wearing the assigned outfit, unless instructed otherwise by the Vice President of Royalty, or his or her designee.
5. Acknowledge that one absence during the candidate training and once additional absence during the royal court training period is permissible. More than one missed event during each training period may disqualify a candidate from participating in the Royalty Scholarship Program and will no longer be a candidate for selection to SLFA Royal Court. Chronic absences or tardiness may result in removal from the Lilac Royalty Candidate Program and forfeiture of all benefits.
6. Acknowledge that unexcused absences are unacceptable. If a Lilac Royalty Candidate is unable to attend a scheduled training/SLFA event, she will contact the Vice-President of Royalty as soon as possible. All absences must be approved by the VP of Royalty (at least 24 hours in advance) While SLFA will make every effort to accommodate important school events, test, etc., The Lilac Royalty Candidate may be asked to forego personal events as part of their Lilac Festival commitment.
7. Understand that the SLFA requires the High School Lilac Royalty Candidate attire of black slacks, closed toe black heels, a white button up blouse, and the purple royalty candidate sash.
 - a. Each High School Lilac Royalty Candidate will provide her own basic uniform requirements
 - b. The SLFA will provide the purple high school sash.
8. Acknowledge that each Royal Court Member is responsible for the upkeep of her wardrobe, including cleaning, repair or replacement. Royal Court Members will wear the appropriate Royal Court attire for each event as instructed, and only for Lilac Festival events. If a Royal Court Member is not dressed appropriately, she may be excused from participating in the scheduled Lilac Festival event.
9. Acknowledge that the Spokane Lilac Festival Association (SLFA) selects or approves all clothing that must be worn by a High School Lilac Royalty Candidate/Royal Court Member. All wardrobe purchased by the SLFA or borrowed from the Spokane Lilac Festival Association must be maintained/returned in a wearable condition. The Candidate/Royal Court member will be responsible for the cost of cleaning and/or repairing or replacing any clothing/accessories. If any wardrobe purchased by the SLFA is damaged, she will be responsible for the cost of the garment/accessory. Royal Court members may be responsible for alterations needed for Lilac Royalty Gown.
10. Be responsible for the necessary preparation for each appearance, meeting and interview. Preparation shall include, but not be limited to, reviewing all information and background material that is provided to the

Royal Court for review and conducting independent research when necessary. For appearances, Royal Court shall write their own speeches and specifically target them towards the audiences being addressed..

11. Understand that the Festival Chaperones and Directors are responsible for each Royal Court's Member's care and protection. Understand that they will contact Royal Court Member's parents or guardians if the Royal Court Member does not arrive at the designated event at the appointed time. Festival Chaperones and Directors shall only deliver each Lilac Royalty Member back only to her home, a previously agreed upon location, or school.

12. Acknowledge that no Lilac Festival Royal Court Member shall give any written, verbal or visual endorsement of any commodity or service not associated with the Spokane Lilac Festival. No Lilac Festival Royal Court Member shall schedule or make any unauthorized public appearances or give any interviews without permission from the Vice President of Royalty. All public appearances will be done with a Lilac Festival Chaperone and/or Director present.

13. Agree to behave in a manner that is exemplary to other young people and is a credit to the Royal Court Member's school, the SLFA and Spokane County.

14. Refrain from gossip or participating in derogatory comments and/or actions against the SLFA, or any Lilac Royalty Candidate, Royal Court Member, director, volunteer or any other community members and/or dignitaries.

15. Acknowledge that the SLFA reserves the right to conduct the Royal Court selection process according to the procedures now in effect, or as may be amended by the SLFA Board of Directors. By agreeing to participate in the Lilac Royalty Scholarship Program, each Lilac Royalty Candidate waives her right to contest any aspect of the Royal Court selection Process. No Lilac Royalty Candidate, parent or guardian may be in the company of, contact, attempt to contact, or speak to any judge prior to or immediately after the Royal Court Selection judging.

16. Understand that if a Royalty Candidate must withdraw from participation as a High School Lilac Royalty Candidate/Royal Court member for any reason within or beyond her control, there will be no replacement. She shall return any sashes, pins, scholarships and/or other SFLA gifts.

17. Each Royalty Candidate acknowledges that photographs, video or similar will be taken of the Candidates. Each Royalty Candidate grants permission for the SFLA, public media or similar to take and reproduce her pictures as a member of the SLFA Royalty Program.

18. Acknowledge that these photographs may be used for memorabilia for the SLFA and will not be sold to any person or publication.

19. Acknowledge that all social media outlets are to be used respectfully (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google Plus, Linked-In, etc.) as a role model in our community. Each Royal Court Member is held to a high standard of character and expected to exercise good taste in all social media.. No Lilac Royalty Candidate shall post or be tagged in any post, tweet or similar which features inappropriate content or uses inappropriate language. Each Royalty Candidate shall refrain from posting such material, and shall take steps to remove herself from any such material she is tagged in. The Lilac Royalty committee has accounts with many social

media sites. Each Royalty Candidate shall add the Lilac Royalty committee account to her friends list and/or followers. Each Royalty Candidate's social media accounts will be periodically checked for content.

20. Understand that if any Lilac Royalty Candidate fails to disclose disqualifying information, and/or fails to comply with the Expectations and Requirements, and/or fails to comply with the Duties and Responsibilities, she may be called before the SLFA Board of Directors and/or the SLFA Executive Board for disciplinary action, potentially including her removal from the SLFA Royalty Scholarship Program and forfeiture of all gifts, titles, clothing and similar as were provided to her in her capacity as a Lilac Royalty Candidate. The Executive Committee has the final responsibility for determining what constitutes dishonest or inappropriate behavior on the part of any Lilac Royalty Candidate, and has the authority to remove any Royalty Candidate from the Royalty Scholarship Program.

21. This contract ends upon selection of the subsequent year's Lilac Royal Court.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH EACH OF THE SELECTIONS OF THIS CANDIDATES AGREEMENT AND VOLUNTARILY PLACE MY SIGNATURE BELOW. IF I FAIL TO UPHOLD THIS AGREEMENT, I MAY BE REMOVED FROM MY POSITION

Candidate's Name (please print)	Candidate's Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian's Name (please print)	Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date
School Counselor's Name (please print)	School Counselor's Signature	Cumulative GPA

Candidate's High School Name

Date _____

Approval of Letter of Acceptance and Understanding

The Spokane Lilac Festival Association hereby APPROVES this Letter of Acceptance

The Candidate/Royal Court member may participate in the Lilac Royalty Scholarship Program pursuant to the terms of this Letter of Acceptance and Understanding and her signed Contract.

Date: _____ Signed: _____
Vice President of Royalty

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____
President of the Spokane Lilac Festival Association

Printed Name: _____