



Spokane Lilac Festival Association Lilac Royalty Scholarship & Development Program Agreement

DEFINITIONS:

1. **Applicant:** Individual applying for the Lilac Royalty Scholarship & Development Program.
2. **Board of Directors:** All directors.
3. **Chaperone:** An adult festival volunteer who will escort, supervise, and assist with Spokane Lilac Festival Association events.
4. **Coronation:** The annual ceremony at which the queen is selected from the seven princesses of the Royal Court.
5. **Director:** A volunteer member who has applied, been selected, and submitted and passed an annual background check, pays director dues, and attends director meetings and activities.
6. **Executive Committee Officers (or Executive Officers):** The executive director, president(s), president-elect, treasurer, vice presidents, and the immediate past president(s).
7. **Festival Volunteer:** A member who has applied, submitted, and passed an annual background check, who volunteers with the festival.
8. **Grade Point Average (GPA):** The grade point average based on a cumulative unweighted 4.0 scale.
9. **Lilac Royal Court (Royal Court or Royal Court Member):** The seven princesses and/or one queen and six princesses selected from those eligible Lilac Royalty Candidates to be on the Lilac Royal Court.
10. **Lilac Royalty Candidate:** The woman selected as her school's representative to participate in the Lilac Royalty Scholarship & Development Program, prior to Royal Court selection.
11. **Lilac Royalty Scholarship & Development Program (Royalty Program):** The SLFA provided training, education, and experience each Lilac Royalty Candidate will receive while she is involved with the SLFA as a potential or active Royal Court Member.
12. **Royal Court Selection:** The annual ceremony at which the seven princesses of the Royal Court are selected from those eligible Royalty Program Candidates.
13. **Spokane Lilac Festival Association (SLFA):** The non-profit organization, which supports the Lilac Festival each year in Spokane, Washington.

OVERVIEW

Each participating high school within Spokane County may select one woman as that high school's representative to participate in the Spokane Lilac Festival Association's (SLFA) Royalty Scholarship & Development Program (Royalty Program). To be eligible, each woman must agree to the following Terms and Conditions, Expectations and Requirements, and Duties and Responsibilities, and meet the Eligibility Criteria. Each participant in the Royalty Program is a Candidate for the Lilac Royal Court (Royal Court). The Royalty Program entails several weeks of training, education, and experience, concluding with the Royal Court selection, where seven women are selected as Royal Court Members. The court will participate in additional training and community involvement before Coronation, where one court member will be selected as the queen. The queen and six princesses will serve as the Royal Court for approximately one calendar year, from their own Coronation to the subsequent Coronation.

FESTIVAL MISSION: Honoring Our Military, Empowering Our Youth, and Showcasing Our Region.

GOALS:

1. Represent the Spokane Lilac Festival
2. Be an ambassador for Spokane

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MISSION: Support the future scholastic achievement of Spokane’s young women, who are selected through their academic, social, and civic accomplishments.

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GOALS:

1. Celebrate a representative and inclusive group of Spokane’s young women
2. Support personal, intellectual, and professional growth
3. Encourage development of strong civic leaders

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

To signify understanding and agreement, please place the applicant and parent/guardian initials where indicated after each section. Please ask a Spokane Lilac Festival Association representative for clarification if anything is unclear. **Failure to fully understand and agree to all sections will disqualify the Royal Court applicant.**

Failure to comply with all expectations, requirements, criteria, duties, and responsibilities will disqualify the Royalty Program Candidate or Royal Court Member, regardless of her stage of involvement in the Royalty Program. Disqualification will result in immediate removal from the Royalty Program and forfeiture of all SLFA scholarships, attire, jewelry, royalty apparel, and similar.

This contract expires when the applicant is either not selected for the Lilac Royal Court, or when her term on the Lilac Royal Court ends, whichever is later.

Understood and agreed by:

(Applicant) _____ (Parent/Guardian) _____

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Royalty Program provides an opportunity for outstanding young women to be recognized for their achievement, and to receive training in public speaking, professional appearance, and social and situational awareness. Training will include involvement in SLFA events and other civic events as appropriate. To fully engage in the program, the Royalty Program participant must be in attendance, timely, and respectful to all presenters, SLFA members, and other participants.
2. In all activities, each Royalty Program participant must conduct herself in a manner that is exemplary to other young people and is a credit to the SLFA, her high school, and Spokane County.
3. If at any time a Royalty Program participant becomes ineligible for the Royalty Program, 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 Program participant.

4. If at any time a Royalty Program participant realizes she will be unable to fully engage in the Royalty Program and/or the Lilac Royal Court, she will immediately notify the SLFA and return all SLFA property.
5. Each Royalty Program participant shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. *This includes laws prohibiting underage tattooing, and use, possession, or consumption of alcohol, marijuana, and tobacco products. Any Royalty Program participant charged with a crime shall be immediately suspended from the program pending a full investigation.*

Understood and agreed by:

(Applicant) _____ (Parent/Guardian) _____

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Be a woman.
2. Be at least sixteen (16) years old and not have reached her twentieth (20th) birthday by January 1 of the upcoming year.
3. In their senior year of high school, on track to graduate in the spring of the current academic year.
4. Currently reside in Spokane County and agree to continue residing in Spokane County until Graduation from high school.
5. Currently have at least a 3.0 cumulative unweighted GPA and agree to maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative unweighted GPA until graduation from high school.
6. Have good citizenship, community and school involvement, and school attendance.
7. Have never been married, divorced, or had a marriage annulled, and agree not to marry while in the Royalty Program.
8. Certify that she has never been convicted of a crime.
9. Agree not to get any voluntary, non-medical body modifications, which would be visible while wearing assigned royalty apparel, while in the Royalty Program.
10. 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.
11. Agree not to use, possess, or consume any alcohol or drugs, unless over the counter, prescribed, or in use with a religious ceremony, while in the Royalty Program.
12. Agree not to use, possess, or consume tobacco products while in the Royalty Program, even if she becomes legally of age.
13. Be able and willing to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the SLFA Royal Court.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Acknowledge that the Royalty Program includes a substantial number of required events (this may include meetings, scheduled community service projects, trainings, etc.). **The Royalty Program requires each participant to commit the time necessary to fully engage in the events.** Each Royalty Program participant must be prepared to set aside personal or alternative obligations if they conflict with Royalty Program events. If alternative obligations prevent her from being able to fully engage in the Royalty Program, the Royalty Program participant may be removed from her position as outlined in #21 below.

2. Be available and on time for all scheduled events. Understand that the SLFA will schedule appearances during school hours, evenings, and weekends. Acknowledge that it is the Royalty Program participant's responsibility to keep up with schoolwork and to contact teachers and the attendance office if a SLFA event takes the Royalty Program participant out of class.
3. Understand that SLFA may not provide transportation to in town events and that the Royalty Program participant must have a reliable form of transportation. The Royalty Program participant is responsible for coordinating her own transportation.
4. Arrive 15 minutes early for all appearances, meetings, and interviews. Be properly prepared and presentable at the time of arrival, wearing the assigned outfit unless instructed otherwise by the Vice President of Royalty or their designee.
5. 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, and conducting independent research when necessary. For appearances, Royalty Program participants shall write their own speeches, specifically targeting them towards the audiences being addressed.
6. Acknowledge that one approved absence as a Lilac Royal Candidate is permissible. The Lilac Royal Candidate must notify the Vice President of Royalty at least 24 hours in advance if she must miss an event. More than one missed event during the training period may disqualify the Lilac Royal Candidate from the Royalty Program.
7. Acknowledge that three approved absences as a Royal Court Member are permissible. (**Absences will not be approved for Lilac Festival Week May 10th-18th, 2025**). The Royal Court Member must notify the Vice President of Royalty at least 24 hours in advance if she must miss an event. More than three absences may result in her removal from the Lilac Royal Court and forfeiture of all benefits and scholarships.
8. Acknowledge that while SLFA will make every effort to accommodate important school events, tests, etc., the Royal Court may be asked to forgo personal events as part of their SLFA commitment.
9. Acknowledge that the SLFA selects or approves all attire worn by the Royalty Program participants while at SLFA events. Each Royalty Program participant is responsible for the upkeep of her SLFA wardrobe, including cleaning, repair (for any damage beyond normal wear), or replacement. All wardrobe provided on loan from the SLFA must be returned in a wearable condition or be replaced. Royal Court Members may be responsible for the cost of alteration to the formal Lilac Royalty gown.
10. Royalty Program participants will wear the appropriate attire for each event as instructed and will refrain from wearing SLFA issued clothing outside of those events. If a Royalty Program participant is not dressed appropriately, she may be excluded from participating in the scheduled Lilac Festival event.
11. Understand that the SLFA requires the Royalty Program participant attire of black dress 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 (on loan).
 - c. The SLFA may provide other garments (on loan).
12. Understand that the Festival chaperones and directors are responsible for each Royalty Program participant's care and protection. Understand that they will contact Royalty Program participant's parents/guardians if the Royalty Program participant does not arrive at the designated event at the

appointed time. Festival chaperones and directors shall only deliver each Royalty Program participant back only to her homes, a previously agreed upon location, or school.

13. Acknowledge that no Royalty Program participant shall give any written, verbal, or visual endorsement of any commodity or service not associated with the Spokane Lilac Festival. No Royalty Program participant shall schedule or make any unauthorized SLFA-related public appearance or give any SLFA-related interviews without permission from the Vice President of Royalty. All public appearances will be done with a Lilac Festival chaperone and/or director present.
14. Agree to behave in a manner that is exemplary to other young people and is a credit to the Royalty Program participant's school, the SLFA, and Spokane County.
15. Refrain from participating in gossip, derogatory comments and/or actions against the SLFA, or any Royalty Program participant, director, volunteer, or any other community member and/or dignitary.
16. Acknowledge that the SLFA reserves the right to conduct Coronation according to the procedures now in effect, or as may be amended by the SLFA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors. By agreeing to participate in the Lilac Royalty Scholarship & Development Program, each Royalty Program participant waives her right to contest any aspect of the judging, Coronation, or queen selection process. No Royal Court Member or parent/guardian may be in the company of, contact, attempt to contact, or speak to any judge prior to or immediately after any event/s associated with Coronation.
17. Understand that if a Royalty Program participant must withdraw for any reason within or beyond her control, there will be no replacement. She must return all scholarships, loaned apparel, SFLA gifts, and similar.
18. Each Royalty Program participant acknowledges that photographs, video, or similar will be taken of the Royalty Program participant. Each Royalty Program participant grants permission for the SFLA to take and reproduce her pictures.
19. Acknowledge that these photographs may be used for memorabilia for the SLFA and will not be sold to any person or publication.
20. Acknowledge that all social media (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok, Snapchat, Linked-In, etc.) must be used respectfully. Each Royalty Program participant is held to a high standard of character and expected to exercise good taste in all social media. No Royalty Program participant shall post or be tagged in any post, tweet, or similar which features inappropriate content (nudity, unlawful drug or alcohol use, etc.) or uses inappropriate language. Each Royalty Program participant shall add the various official SLFA accounts to her friends list and/or followers. Royal Court Member's accounts will be periodically checked for content.
21. Understand that if any Royalty Program participant 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 Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors for disciplinary action, potentially including her removal from the SLFA Royalty Scholarship Program. The Executive Committee has the ultimate authority to determine what constitutes dishonest or inappropriate behavior on the part of any Royalty Program participant and has the authority to remove any Royal Court Member from the Royal Court.

Understood and agreed by:

(Applicant) _____ (Parent/Guardian) _____

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ALL EXPECTATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, CRITERIA, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED IN THE LILAC ROYALTY SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT. IF I FAIL TO UPHOLD THIS AGREEMENT, I MAY BE INVOLUNTARILY REMOVED FROM MY POSITION.

Candidate Name (please print)

Candidate Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE CANDIDATE'S SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

Candidate GPA: _____

I certify that the candidate is on track to graduate in Spring of the current academic year:

Yes No

School Counselor Name (please print)

School Counselor Signature

Date

Letter of Acceptance and Understanding

**To be filled out by the SLFA Office only.*

The Spokane Lilac Festival Association hereby APPROVES this application and grants a Letter of Acceptance. The applicant may participate in the Lilac Royalty Scholarship & Development Program pursuant to the terms of the Lilac Royalty Scholarship & Development Program Agreement.

VPof Royalty (please print)

VP of Royalty (Signature)

Date

President of SLFA (please print)

President of SLFA Signature

Date