

2012 Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns Royal Court Application Instructions

To apply for a position on the Royal Court, you must complete a Royal Court Application Form and Checklist (Application) signed by you and your parent(s) or guardian(s). In addition to the completed Application, you must include the following with the Application:

1. **A short, original essay** that introduces you to the interview panel. It may include information about your family, academic achievements, interests, community service or other successes. Information in the essay may be used in Feast of Lanterns publications or in personal introductions at Feast of Lanterns events. The essay should be less than 1,000 words.
2. **Two letters of personal reference** from adults in the community who know you and understand the commitment and responsibilities expected of young women who serve on the Royal Court. One must be from a teacher with whom you currently interact or interacted in the recent past. The other must be an adult community member who knows you, such as a church leader, employer, mentor or other non-family friend. The letters should describe your character and why they believe you would be an asset to the Feast of Lanterns and represent the City of Pacific Grove well.
3. **A current photo** of yourself.
4. **Complete the Checklists** that are included on the reverse of the Application. One is for you to complete, and the other for your parent or guardian to complete. By initialing next to each statement you and your parent or guardian signify you have completed the assignment and you understand the requirements of the application process and the responsibilities and commitment serving on the Royal Court requires.
5. **Submit the completed Application with attachments** by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 11th, 2012. You may:
Mail it to:
Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns, Inc.
P.O. Box 809, Pacific Grove CA 93950
Or hand deliver it to:
Your school's office or
The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce
6. **Prepare for your personal interview** before a panel of five community members. The panel may ask you questions about the history of the Feast of Lanterns and why you want to serve on the Royal Court in addition to your community service, academics, extracurricular activities, and other responsibilities you hold. The panel will score your responses using a point system. You will also be scored on your appearance and grooming, poise, and written and verbal communication skills.

2012 Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns Royal Court Application and Checklist

Applicant's Checklist:

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- _____ I am a student in a grade from 8th through 12th and reside within the Pacific Grove Unified School District.
- _____ Application and Checklist is complete and signed by me and my parent(s) or guardian(s).
- _____ A short essay introducing me to the panel of interviewers is attached.
- _____ My two letters of reference are attached.
- _____ A current photo of me is attached.
- _____ My Application with attachments is ready for submission.
- _____ I am familiar with the history of the Feast of Lanterns, and can summarize it for anyone who asks me about it.
- _____ I am ready for my interview before a panel of community members.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Checklist:

Serving on the Royal Court involves limited expense and great responsibility for Royal Court members and their families. By submitting a signed application, you confirm your understanding of the responsibilities and commitments required of you, and agree to meet the requirements and commitments as described for you and your daughter. If your daughter is asked to serve on the Royal Court, you must arrange your schedule to attend and participate in all Feast of Lanterns activities and functions.

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- _____ We understand as parents/guardians of a member of the Royal Court our participation is necessary to the success of the Feast of Lanterns, and particularly significant during the months of June and July. We are prepared to adjust our family's schedule to accommodate this role.
- _____ We have reviewed and signed our daughter's application.
- _____ We plan to attend the parents/guardians information meeting April 9th, 2012.
- _____ We are familiar with Pacific Grove's history and the important role the Feast of Lanterns holds in it, and understand the important role our family will play in perpetuating it.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Information Meeting:

The Information Meeting will be held on Monday, April 9th, 2012 at the Pacific Grove Community Center. It begins at 6:30 PM and will be at least an hour long.

This meeting is mandatory for at least one parent or guardian of any applicant for the 2012 Feast of Lanterns Royal Court. The meeting will outline the commitments and responsibilities required of a Royal Court member, including the preliminary calendar (subject to change as events are added). Please bring any questions you may have to this meeting as there will be a question and answer session following.

For more information:

Please send an e-mail to j.birc@feast-of-lanterns.org.