

**McCleary Bear Festival Royalty Court
2012 Application**

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Address if different than above: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ (2011-2012 academic years)

Parent/guardian name(s): _____

Contact Numbers: _____

Requirements

- All applications must be postmarked by **Thursday, November 10, 2011**.
Please mail to: McCleary Bear Festival, PO Box 408, McCleary, WA 98557
- Contestants must be a resident of Fire District 12 in Grays Harbor County (subject to change)
- Contestant must be a student enrolled in school, entering grades 8-11 in the fall of 2011.
- Contestants must provide 3 professional references with application (i.e. Teacher, coach, pastor, school counselor).
- Contestants must maintain 3.0 GPA throughout the year & provide progress reports when requested.
- Typed bio introducing contestant needs to accompany application. (Bio introducing you will be used in Coronation Ceremony, on the website and any other printed materials pertaining to the BEAR FESTIVAL.)
- All Contestants must write a 500 word essay to be submitted with application

Judging/Points

- 500 Word Essay ~ 100 points 1st place, 75 points 2nd place, 50 points 3rd place, 25 points 4th place.
- Button Sales ~ Each Princess will be awarded 1 point for each button sold.
- Personnel Interview with the Bear Festival Board
100 points 1st place, 75 points 2nd place, 50 points 3rd place, 25 points 4th place
- Community Service ~ 20 points for approved activities, must have form completed at time of service.
- Bear Festival Fundraisers ~ 5 points for participation in each event

Scholarship

- \$1000.00 college scholarship for the contestant who is crowned Queen.
- The Queen will receive scholarship funds in her second semester of college by providing proof of college enrollment for that semester.
- Resigning or termination of your reign will result in no scholarship funds.

Rules and Regulations (**Contestant and Parent- PLEASE INITIAL each bullet**)

- Contestants must sell a **minimum of 400 buttons**.
- Contestants are required to get a **minimum of \$350 in sponsorships** from businesses and individuals, sponsor letters will be provided.
- Contestants already crowned Queen may not run again. Previous princesses may re-apply.
- Contestants will be asked to spend time during the McCleary Bear Festival with various activities throughout the entire weekend, beginning with Friday morning and concluding on Sunday late afternoon. A Bear Fest weekend schedule will be provided to the contestant and parent at the by the 1st of July 2012.
- The contestant whose name is signed below gives permission to the McCleary Bear Festival and their licenses to use photographs for publicity purposes in connections with the pageant or festival.
- Decisions of the Executive Officers of the Bear Festival will be final.
- Contestants will serve until new court is selected. Exceptions will be made at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.
- Contestants will attend all Royalty activities (weekend or otherwise) as requested. If exceptions need to be made, it is the responsibility of the Royalty Member to contact the Board in a timely manner.
- Contestants will be on time to all events. If an emergency occurs, it is the responsibility of the Royalty Member to contact the parent chaperone.
- The McCleary Bear Festival will purchase contestants Royal attire. McCleary Bear Festival will pay 100% of the Royal attire up to \$300.00. If at any time the contestant decides to remove herself from the McCleary Bear Festival Court, the contestant will be responsible for repaying the McCleary Bear Festival all funds that have been spent on the contestant within 30 days of notification. A royal meeting will be held to discuss further financial responsibility.
- Contestants must keep royal attire clean, unbroken, and presentable at all McCleary Bear Festival functions. If any part of attire is broken, lost or missing, contestant will be responsible to replace immediately before participation in any festival related functions will be allowed.
- Contestants understand the McCleary Bear Festival Queen will be chosen based on the following criteria:
 - Button Sales
 - 500 word essay
 - Personal Interview
 - Community Service
 - Fundraiser participation
- Contestants are responsible for all buttons signed out to sell. She will be responsible to make weekly deposits at Sterling Savings Bank. She will turn in any unsold buttons and all money collected from her button sales on Friday, July 13, 2012 (Time TBA).
- Contestant understands that she will receive 10% of her total button sales at the end of September, after she has fulfilled the obligations to the McCleary Bear Festival.
- Contestant understands that if she is not crowned McCleary Bear Festival Queen, she is still obligated to fulfill all obligations to the court following coronation. If she fails to fulfill those obligations through September 2012, she automatically forfeits the money that she earned from the button sales.

- Boyfriends or girlfriends WILL NOT be allowed to accompany or associate with the Royalty Court at any appearance and will be asked to leave if failure to adhere to this rule occurs.
- Public displays of affection (PDA) will not be tolerated.
- Contestants are to remain with the appointed chaperone at all times.
- Contestants will travel with the chaperone (or appointed transportation) to and from all events. Requests for exceptions will only be considered if one week notice is given; written and signed by the parent/guardian of the royalty member and the other party involved.
- **Contestants will maintain the HIGHEST level of integrity and poise, and will avoid even the implication of inappropriate behavior.**
- Contestants will follow directions given by the chaperone or Royalty Court Chairperson(s). Any refusal or attempt to overpower will result in dismissal from the court. No exceptions will be made.
- *If at any time the contestant is dismissed from the McCleary Bear Festival Court for violations of this contract, the contestant will be responsible for repaying the McCleary Bear Festival all funds that have been spent on the contestant within 30 days of notification. A royal meeting will be held to discuss further financial responsibility.*
- If the Queen should resign, the alternate is at the SOLE DISCRETION of the association. Same rule follows if another royalty member should resign.
- Unless specified, the activities permissible while riding the McCleary Bear Festival Royalty Float are limited to smiling and waving. Small, polite conversation is permissible at the discretion of the association and the float chaperones. All activities done on the float will be in good taste. Only chaperones appointed by the organization are allowed to accompany the float.
- **Contestant and parent(s)/guardian(s) are REQUIRED to volunteer on the Royal Float committee,** which will include, but not be limited to, helping in the construction of the float, helping (at the chaperone's discretion) in the assembly and disassembly of the float before and after parades, and other work deemed necessary by the Float Chairpersons or organization. Exceptions will be made at the sole discretion of the Executive Board.
- All McCleary Bear Festival meetings are mandatory, failure to appear will result in consequences at the sole discretion of the organization. Exceptions will be made if the matter is discussed in a timely manner.
- Any Royalty Member will be dismissed if any of the following occur:
 - a. She should become pregnant.
 - b. She should become married or engaged.
 - c. She should leave home.
 - d. She is caught in any vulgar acts.
 - e. She is caught in any illegal activities.
 - f. She is disrespectful to any of the organization members, sponsors, or anyone affiliated with McCleary Bear Festival in any way.
- The organization holds the sole discretion to terminate a Royalty Member's reign.
- The Royalty member is given a chance to speak on his/her own behalf in front of the association if asked to resign.

I, _____ have read the above terms and conditions and I fully understand them and agree to join the McCleary Bear Festival Royalty.

Signature Royal Court Candidate

Date

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

I, the undersigned agree to hold harmless the McCleary Bear Festival, and any other officer affiliated with the organization or festival, of any liability in the event of accident to or caused by my child. This includes but is not limited to, auto accident, destruction of property caused by my child while representing the festival. This is to include destruction of property by others not affiliated with the organization or festival. I understand that I will be expected to help with the Royal Court to the best of my ability. I understand that I may be asked to give a ride to another princess in my personal vehicle, if they do not have a ride. I have read and agree to all conditions listed above.

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

McCleary Bear Festival Royalty Court 2012 Essay Guidelines

This essay is judged in the competition and the top 4-5 chosen will determine who will be accepted on the BEAR FESTIVAL Royal Court.

1. Essay Topic: Why are festivals important?
2. Essays must be typed, double spaced in Times New Roman font size 12, 500 words, and no longer than 2 pages.
3. Type name in upper right hand corner.
4. Use proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
5. Use standard paragraph format.
6. Please do not talk about previous royalty experiences
7. Attach with Application