 **2019 Cherry Blossom Princess Program – Apply Today!**

 **A Signature Program of the National Conference of State Societies (NCSS) Since 1948**

**Check Your Eligibility & Qualifications**

**All candidates for selection as a 2019 Cherry Blossom Princess must meet the following minimum requirements. Additional requirements may also be added by State and Territory Societies – please contact them for further information (Links to all the State/Territory Societies can be found at:** <http://bit.ly/2tCjPRe>**)**

**Minimum Requirements:**

* + **Residency** – Must be resident of and/or has spent significant time (ex. attending college/university) in the U.S. State or Territory that she will represent.

 *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 their State or Territory Society with the approval of the 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 to attend **ALL** scheduled NCSS Princess Program events and activities held across the Washington, DC area during the period of Sunday, April 7th to Saturday, April 13, 2019. Events are generally held from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM each day during this period and include cultural, professional development, and community service events both public and private in nature. Additionally, if selected as the 2019 U.S. Cherry Blossom Queen, you must be available to travel to Japan for approximately two (2) weeks in the May/June 2019 timeframe. *Note: Failure to participate in ALL NCSS events will disqualify a Princess from the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Queen Selection Process.*
* **Wardrobe –** Must wear professional business attire during daytime events along with dresses appropriate for evening receptions. For the Cherry Blossom Ball, she must wear 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. More details about wardrobe requirements and specifications will be provided by the Princess Program Director.
* **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.
* **Other –** Must not have visible tattoos or body piercings – for clarification and questions please contact the Princess Program Director (cbprincessprogram@gmail.com).

**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 Cherry Blossom Princess and why you are the best person to represent your State or Territory during the National Cherry Blossom Festival©.
* **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 Your State or Territory Society** – Please contact the applicable Society for further information about additional requirements.

**Submit Application to Your State or Territory Society**

**Submit your completed application to include your digital photograph (see requirements above) via email to your State Society President and/or the designated representative for 2019 Cherry Blossom Princess Selection. Please return completed application to Janet Bouchard –** **gg9603@gmail.com****. Questions – call 302-424-4425.**

**Individual State Society Application Submission Deadlines Vary – Please note that the deadline for 2019 Cherry Blossom Princess Class Selection by State Societies is NOVEMBER 15, 2018**



 **2019 Cherry Blossom Princess Program Application**

 **For State or Territory Princess Selection**

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**Full Name** **Age**  **U.S. State/Territory Representing**

**Contact Information**

**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**

**Contact Information**

**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**

**Contact Information**

**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 Cherry Blossom Princess.**

**Signature Date**

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**Statement of Interest**

**Please describe below why you are the best candidate to represent MAINE as a Cherry Blossom Princess and if chosen as the United States Cherry Blossom Queen, the best candidate to represent the United States.**