

# Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Program 2019 Application

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a part of the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Program.

Application Deadline (Extended): 5:00 pm, Friday, December 7, 2018

Date of the 2019 Queen Program: Saturday, April 13, 2019

For Questions: Email: [cherryblossomqueenprogram@gmail.com](mailto:cherryblossomqueenprogram@gmail.com)  
Phone: Contact Person- Miki Novitski (650) 642-4747

The Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival and the Northern California Cherry Blossom Queen Program will hereto forth be referred as "Festival" and "Queen Program" accordingly.

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1. **Email address \***

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## Contact Information & Personal Background

2. **Full Given Name \***

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3. **Date of Birth \***

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*Example: December 15, 2012*

4. **Age on Program Night \***

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5. **Email Address \***

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6. **Current Address \***

Address where you currently reside if different from below

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7. **Phone Number \***

Best phone number to reach you.

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**8. Height \***

(Used for Kimono Fitting)

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**9. Place of Birth \***

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**10. Hometown \***

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**11. Parent or Guardian Information \***

Please include all Parent or Guardian's name(s), current address, phone number, and email address below.

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**12. High School Attended/Are Attending \***

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**13. Year or Anticipated Year of High School Graduation \***

*Example: December 15, 2012*

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**14. College or University Attended/Are Attending \***

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**15. Declared Major \***

Please type "NA" if Not Applicable

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**16. Year or Anticipated Year of College Graduation \***

*Example: December 15, 2012*

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**17. Highest Degree Conferred \***

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**18. Do You Currently Work? \***

Tell us about your job responsibilities, where you work, and how long you've held your position(s).

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**19. Community Organizations and Extracurricular Activities \***

Please list the names of all such organizations and activities in which you have been or are currently active in. Please include name of organization(s), year(s) held, and responsibilities.

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**20. Hobbies \***

Please list hobbies in order of importance to you. (ie: Singing, Dancing, Instrument, Oratory, Fashion Demonstration). Please note that this answer may be published.

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**21. In 140 characters or less, please tell us about your professional attributions or goals in life. \***

Please note this answer will be published.

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**22. Creative Expression \***

What would you like to present to the audience and judges within 90 seconds during the Program Night?

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**23. Candidate Sponsors \***

*Mark only one oval.*

If selected as a candidate for the 2019 Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Program, I do NOT have a sponsor. I will, however, accept a sponsor selected for me by the Northern California Cherry Blossom Queen Program Committee.

If selected as a candidate to run for the 2019 Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Program, I DO have a sponsor.

**24. Sponsor Information**

If you already have a sponsor, please include the business or organization's name, contact person, sponsor's address, sponsor's phone numbers, and sponsor's email address.

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**Your Story**

**25. Speech**

Submit a speech of no more than two hundred (200) words, typed in English, on the following subject: "As part of this Court and a future community leader, how do I hope to contribute to the Northern California Japanese American Community?" Should you be selected as a Candidate, this submission shall be reviewed by the Committee who will provide you with feedback. You will have an opportunity to revise the speech if you wish to do so. However, by the third (3rd) rehearsal, you shall provide your final submission (which SHALL be given to the judges and used as your introductory speech on the night of the Program) to the Committee. NO CHANGES TO THE SPEECH SHALL BE PERMITTED THEREAFTER.

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**26. Personal Statement**

Please submit a personal statement answering the following question in two hundred and fifty (250) words or less: "What does the Japanese American Community of Northern California and the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival mean to me?" (This essay will be provided to the judges prior to the Program night for additional informational purposes only. This submission shall NOT be considered in the final judging). If written in Japanese, the submission must be accompanied by a direct English translation.

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## Supplemental Materials

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Along with your Speech and answer to the questions above, please share (in "edit" version so we may extract the document) the following documents on GoogleDrive with [cherryblossomqueenprogram@gmail.com](mailto:cherryblossomqueenprogram@gmail.com):

- 1.) One (1) or more written Letter of Recommendation on the organization's letterhead (if available) attesting to your community service involvement in Northern California. (References should include an address and contact phone number.)
- 2.) A recent photograph of yourself.

## Statements of Understanding

### Statements of Understanding: Application Process

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**27. I understand that, in order to qualify as a Candidate, I must adhere to all of the following. I must: \***

Please click each statement below agreeing that you qualify.  
*Check all that apply.*

- Be female of at least eighteen (18) years of age and not more than twenty-six (26) years of age as of April 13, 2019
- Be of at least 50% Japanese ancestry
- Graduate from high school by June 2019
- Be single, not have been previously married and not have any children
- Be available for a preliminary interview for the 2019 Queen Program selection process.
- Understanding that the preliminary interview shall NOT be considered in the final judging should I be selected as a candidate for the 2019 Queen Program
- Have been or am currently an active participant/volunteer in a Northern California community organization (ie: non-profit, volunteer, performance group, etc.)
- Submit one or more personal reference letters attesting to the aforementioned Northern California community service organization involvement
- Currently not a representative Court member of another organization nor will vie for a title in a similar program of another organization between January 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020.
- Submit a speech of no more than two hundred (200) words, typed in English, on the following subject: "As part of this Court and a future community leader, how do I hope to contribute to the Northern California Japanese American Community?" It is my understanding that this speech and verbal execution SHALL be considered in the final judging should I be selected as a Candidate for the 2018 Queen Program
- Submit a typed personal statement in English of no more than two hundred and fifty (250) words to the question "What does the Japanese American Community of Northern California and the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival mean to me?" An answer submitted in Japanese must be accompanied by an English translation. It is my understanding that this written submission shall NOT be considered in the final judging should I be selected as a Candidate for the 2019 Queen Program
- Submit this completed application form by 5:00 pm, Friday, December 7, 2018

**28. Citizenship & Residence Requirement: \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- A US citizen who has resided in Northern California for at least two years, prior to application date.
- A permanent resident who has resided in Northern California for at least three years, prior to application date.
- Foreign National who has resided in Northern California for at least three years prior to application date with a visa that will not expire for another two years.

**29. Future Residency Plan Requirement: \***

*Check all that apply.*

- Plan on residing in and be an active member of the Northern California Japanese American community for at least another two years.

**Statements of Understanding: Court Year**

**30. I understand that if I am chosen as an official representative and court member, I must adhere to all of the following....**

Please click each statement below acknowledging you accept the following conditions.

*Check all that apply.*

- I will be available for and attend the Orientation, Press Conference and Photo Shoot and will adhere to the dress code requested by the Queen Program Committee
- I will attend all the rehearsals prior to Program night
- I understand the importance of time management and will prioritize accordingly to ensure efficiency in all aspects of this Program
- I will participate in the creative expression component
- I will reserve the weekends of the 2019 Festival and attend all mandatory major events leading up to the Festival as requested by the Queen Committee
- I will have access to a business suit, any props and costume used for my creative expression (if applicable), and an evening gown
- I will not question and will support the final placement results determined by the judges of the Program
- I will not institute any suits or actions, at law or in equity against any individual, association, organization or corporation for any causes whatsoever arising out of my participation in the Queen Program or any function of the Festival
- I will abide by the Queen Program protocol and procedures set forth by the Queen Program Committee
- I will participate in the presentation festivities the day after the Program
- I will participate in the Queen Program and Festival activities on the second weekend of the Festival as well as the Grand Parade
- I will participate in all activities and/or events requested by the Queen Program Committee from the time I am selected as a Candidate to the end of May of the following year
- I will not participate in any beauty or popularity contests of any nature within a period of one (1) year from the date of my selection unless approved by the Queen Program Committee, including the Festival General Chairperson(s)
- I will not participate in any protests or demonstrations where my presence will be a reference to the Festival or the Queen Program unless approved by the Queen Committee AND the Festival General Chairperson(s)
- I will not participate in or support any commercial publicity event of any media advertisement where reference to the Festival or the Queen Program unless approved by the Queen Committee, including the General Chairperson(s)
- I will not correspond with nor submit any written announcement, essay, questionnaire, article, etc., to be published on any form of publicly circulated medium without the approval by the Cherry Blossom Queen Committee, including the Cherry Blossom Festival General Chairperson(s)
- I understand that if I am selected as the Festival Queen, I will reserve a time (exact dates to be determined and announced later), to make a goodwill tour to Tokyo, Japan and any other goodwill visits as determined by the Queen Committee as a representative of the Queen Program, and the Northern California Japanese American Community, in Japan. I also understand the grand prize of the round trip airfare to Japan does not include any other paid expenses associated with the Japan trip. In the event that I am unable or unwilling to attend the goodwill tour to Japan, I further agree to surrender my airline ticket(s) and any other arrangements to the person designed as a suitable representative by the Queen Program Committee Chairperson. Provided two (2) tickets be issued, one will be reserved for the designated representative ticket and the other will be a chaperone/parent/guardian or appropriately designated individual to be approved by the Queen Program Chairperson. If a designated companion is not selected or approved, the Queen Program Chairperson will select the secondary representative

- As a representative of the Northern California Japanese American Community, I will reside in the Northern California area for the period of April 13th, 2019 to May 31, 2020
- As a representative of the Northern California Japanese American Community, I will abide by all rules set forth by the Queen Program Committee and what is expected of a representative including but not limited to body piercings, body art, attire, etc.
- If any questions or disagreements arise concerning this application, I will present them in writing at the time of submission of this application
- I will abide and comply with the rules set forth in this application, and to any changes and additions to said rules that may be made by the Queen Program Committee
- I understand that any violation of the rules, non-participation at events without prior approval from the Committee Chairperson and/or conditions contained herein is immediate cause to RETRACT APPLICATION, BAR FURTHER PARTICIPATION AS A COURT MEMBER OR DISMISSAL FROM THE QUEEN PROGRAM (including the return of ALL gifts/prizes attained as a Court member)

## Examples of Events to Attend Throughout the Year

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For a SAMPLE of events past courts have volunteered at, please visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/NCCBFQP> and Google Docs [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wrgn1pqsjs8hZN9rJxifOzkRIj8AiOL88ri\\_Qsssi4c/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wrgn1pqsjs8hZN9rJxifOzkRIj8AiOL88ri_Qsssi4c/edit?usp=sharing)

## Apply Today

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31. **By clicking "I would like to officially apply" below, I hereby apply for a position in the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Program and on the 2019 Northern California Cherry Blossom Court of the 52nd Annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival and state that the information contained on this application is true and correct. \***

*Check all that apply.*

- I would like to officially apply.
- Send me a copy of my responses.

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