

2018 SEA PRINCESS ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The Maine Sea Goddess Pageant is open to 20 ladies who meet the Maine Lobster Festival's guidelines, submit a completed application with sponsors contributions of \$500 and mail to the:

**Maine Lobster Festival
Coronation Committee
P.O. Box 552
Rockland, ME 04841**

1. See Checklist for easy application submission.
2. Any incomplete applications (or postmarked before Tuesday, February 13, 2017) will not be accepted, and will be returned to the applicant. Deadline for submitting applications is Saturday, March 31, 2018 . Applications postmarked after March 31st will not be accepted.
3. Applicant must be a single young lady, a high school (or equivalent GED) graduate, not more than 21 years of age on August 1, 2018 and a Maine resident.
4. Contestant can only participate in the pageant once.
5. A Sea Princess is required to volunteer a minimum of four hours **before** the Festival opens on Wednesday, August 1, 2018.
6. **During the Festival**, all Sea Princesses are required to mingle on the grounds a minimum of two hours every day wearing appropriate dress and your sash. You are an Ambassador for the Maine Lobster Festival and the Midcoast area, be polite and courteous in whatever you do.
7. When obtaining your sponsor(s) explain that they are helping with the costs of your gown, sash, flowers, meals, some traveling expenses, etc. This is a great advertising tool for your sponsors; they will be mentioned at all your public events, in the news media and on your car in the parade. The new Sea Goddess will be advertising for them throughout the year across Maine and New England in parades and special functions. Checks should be made out to the **Rockland Festival Corp.** It is *suggested* at least one of your sponsors be a member of the Fishing/Lobstering Industry, (seafood stores, restaurants, lobster pounds, marine supply stores, fisherman, etc.).

ALL PRINCESSES ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN CAR (CONVERTABLE) AND DRIVER FOR THE PARADE

8. The young ladies chosen to be the 2018 Maine Sea Goddess and Crown Princess are required to do the following:
 - The Sea Goddess will attend **all** hometown affairs representing the Maine Lobster Festival and Coastal Communities. (Example: Festival of Lights, etc.)
 - Should the Sea Goddess not be able to perform her duties at any given time throughout the year, the Crown Princess **may** represent the Maine Lobster Festival in her stead.
 - The Sea Goddess **and** Crown Princess are required to be present daily on the festival grounds wearing your crown and sash, mingling with King Neptune, Black Beard and at times the King's

Court, having your picture taken, handing out awards to contestant winners and medallions to the contestants in the “The Great International Crate Race.” Be present and pass out awards at other various events throughout the Festival. Example; but not limited to, children’s events on Sunday at the Main Stage, Cooking Contest, etc.

Sea Goddess Required Participation:

- Should the Sea Goddess not be able to perform her duties at any given time throughout the year, the Crown Princess **may** represent the Maine Lobster Festival in her stead.
- Union Fair/Maine Blueberry Festival Coronation Monday August 20, 2018 @ 7:30 PM, (arrive early, usually 5:30ish for photo shoots - wear gown, sash and crown.) *Fair dates 8-18 thru 25-2018*
- Attend the Eastern States Exposition (BIG E) in Springfield, MA. [Sept. 14 - Sept. 16, 2018] you will be representing the Maine Lobster Festival and the Midcoast area on Maine Day Saturday, *September 15, 2018*. (We attend the Maine Day weekend, leave on **Friday 9-14 and return on that Sunday 9-16-18.**)
- Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Ceremony - Nov. TBA, 2018
- Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights Parade – Nov. TBA, 2018
- Lobster Festival Volunteer Appreciation Day (if applicable).
- Thomaston 4th of July Parade
- Yarmouth Clam Festival Parade – (July XX, 2019)
- Attend 2019 Sea Princess functions leading up to the Festival.
- Open the 72nd Maine Lobster Festival with King Neptune and his court.
- Appear on stage during the Coronation for the 72nd festival and give a small speech relating your experiences over the past year. (At the end of your reign provide a report for the next crowned Sea Goddess of your experience. Please provide two copies – one for the new Sea Goddess and one for the Coronation file. Please give this to the Coronation Chairman prior to the crowning of the new Sea Goddess)
- Ride in the Maine Lobster Festival Parade 2018 & 2019.

Suggested Participation in:

- Boston International Seafood Show TBA (if applicable).
- Memorial Day Parade TBA
- Lobster Boat Races TBA (if applicable).
- Boothbay Windjammer Days Parade (June xx, 2019)
- Friendship Sloop Days Parade TBA

There also may be additional opportunities to participate in other events throughout the year. you’ll be kept informed.