

# 2019 Maine Lobster Festival Sea Princess Eligibility Guidelines

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

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

## **Application Requirements:**

*Any incomplete applications (or postmarked before Monday, February 11, 2019) will not be accepted, and will be returned to the applicant. Deadline for submitting applications is Saturday March 30, 2019. Applications postmarked after March 31st may not be accepted*

## **Applicants:**

- Must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Maine
- Must be a high school ( or equivalent GED) graduate
- Be no more than 21 years of age on July 31, 2019
- May only participate in the pageant once
- Must represent and warrant that you are a female (recognized medically and legally as a female in the United States)
- Must never have been married or become married during the pageant
- Must never have given birth to a child and cannot currently be pregnant during the pageant
- Have no past or pending civil or criminal charges exceeding moving violations

## **Further, as an accepted applicant, a Sea Princess:**

- Is **REQUIRED** to volunteer a minimum of four hours **BEFORE** the Festival opens
- Is **REQUIRED** to abide by Maine State Laws pertaining to illicit drugs, alcohol, cannabis or any other substance use
- Is expected to mingle on the grounds a minimum of two hours every day wearing appropriate dress and sash. (You are an Ambassador for the Maine Lobster Festival and the Midcoast area. Be polite and courteous in whatever you do)
- Are responsible to provide their own car (convertible) and driver for the parade; however, we understand that it may be difficult and if unable to provide a car please contact us

## **Sea Goddess Requirements:**

Additional requirements that must be met if crowned the Sea Goddess to retain her title

She must:

- Be present daily on the festival grounds wearing your crown and sash, according to a schedule that will be provided during rehearsals. You will be 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 of various events such as the Crate Race, Cooking Contest, Cod Fish Carry, Lobster Eating Contest, Baby Crawl and others.
- **Represent the Festival at the:**
  - Lobster Festival Volunteer Appreciation Day (if applicable).
  - Union Fair/Maine Blueberry Festival Coronation Monday August. TBA, (arrive early, usually 5:30ish for photo shoots - wear gown, sash and crown.)
  - Attend the Eastern States Exposition (BIG E) in Springfield, MA. [TBA] you will be representing the Maine Lobster Festival and the Midcoast area on Maine Day
  - Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Ceremony - Nov.TBA
  - Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights Parade - Nov. TBA
  - Thomaston 4th of July Parade
  - Yarmouth Clam Festival Parade — TBA
  - 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 of 2019.
- **Consider attending and representing the Festival at:**
  - the Boston International Seafood Show TBA (if applicable)
  - the Memorial Day Parade TBA
  - the Lobster Boat Races TBA (if applicable).
  - the Boothbay Windjammer Days Parade TBA
  - the Friendship Sloop Days Parade TBA
  - Additional opportunities that may become available during the year

*There may be additional opportunities to participate in other events throughout the year*

## **Crown Princess Requirements:**

The Crown Princess also has additional requirements that must be met for her to retain her title.

She should:

- Be present daily on the festival grounds wearing your crown and sash, according to a schedule that will be provided during rehearsals. You will be 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 of various events such as the Crate Race, Cooking Contest, Cod Fish Carry, Lobster Eating Contest, Baby Crawl and others.
- Attend the Eastern States Exposition (BIG E) in Springfield, MA. [TBA] you will be representing the Maine Lobster Festival and the Midcoast area on Maine Day
- Attend all 2020 Sea Princess functions leading up to the Festival
- Invite other Maine Royalty to our Festival and introduce them on stage during the 2020 Coronation
- Ride in the Maine Lobster Festival Parade of 2019.
  
- Consider attending and representing the Festival at the:
  - Boston International Seafood Show TBA (if applicable)
  - Memorial Day Parade TBA
  - Lobster Boat Races TBA (if applicable).
  - Boothbay Windjammer Days Parade June TBA
  - The Friendship Sloop Days Parade TBA
  - Additional opportunities that may become available during the year

*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.*

*Should the Sea Goddess be unable to fulfill her responsibilities and/or be asked to step down as Sea Goddess, the Crown Princess will assume the title of Sea Goddess*

## **Resignations and Grounds for Exclusion or Relinquishment of Titles:**

1. Becoming married or pregnant during the competition or your reigning year
2. Being charged with civil and criminal offenses whether or not they are ultimately dismissed (other than moving violations)
3. Failing as a role model for our community. This includes evidence of inappropriate or illegal activities

*Any contestant or title holder found to be in violation of any of the above, will be grounds for disqualification or relinquishment of titles at the discretion of the Festival Committee*

**Social Media:**

If you have a Facebook or other social media account, please be aware of what you are putting on there. **ANY** inappropriate or illegal activities in the form of pictures, behaviors or script on your site by you or others could be cause for relinquishing your title.

**Illegal Activities:**

**ANY** contestant found consuming any illegal, controlled, dangerous substance or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances will be grounds for IMMEDIATE disqualification or title relinquish.

**ANY** contestant found to be in violation of Maine State Laws will be grounds for disqualification or title relinquish

**Sea Princess Requirements:**

**ANY** contestant or title holder to be found in violation of any of the above listed requirements will be grounds for disqualification or title relinquish.

If a Sea Princess is expelled or decides to withdraw from the competition the sea princess is responsible for providing their entrance fee of \$500 back to their sponsors. The Coronation Committee and Lobster Festival are not responsible for any refunds .

Any Sea Goddess, Crown Princess or Miss Congeniality who resigns or is removed from office may be required to return cash prize award money back to the Lobster Festival. The Coronation Committee and Lobster Festival are not responsible for any refunds.