



2020 Maine Lobster Festival

Sea Princess Eligibility Guidelines

The Maine Sea Goddess Pageant is open to 20 participants who meet the Maine Lobster Festivals' guidelines, submit a completed application (along with all required Check List Items) with sponsor contributions of \$500 and mail to:

**Maine Lobster Festival
C/O Coronation Committee
PO Box 552
Rockland, ME 04841**

Application Requirements:

Any incomplete applications (or postmarked before Saturday, February 15, 2020) will not be accepted, and will be returned to the applicant. Deadline for submitting applications is Sunday, March 31, 2020. 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, 2020
- May only participate in the pageant once
- Must not be, or planning on becoming, pregnant during the pageant or after, if crowned
- 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, footwear, and sash. (You are an Ambassador for the Maine Lobster Festival and the Fishing/Lobster industry. Be polite and courteous in whatever you do)
- Is responsible to provide their own car (convertible) and driver for the Maine Lobster Festival 2020 parade; however, contact the Coronation Committee for guidance

Resignations and/or Grounds for Exclusion or Relinquishment of Titles:

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, if crowned.

Illegal Activities:

ANY participant found consuming any illegal, controlled, dangerous substances, abusing the use of alcohol, and/or consuming alcohol illegally, will be grounds for review of potential disqualification or title relinquish by the Coronation Committee and Rockland Festival Corporation Executive Board.

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

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 Coronation Committee and Rockland Festival Corporation Executive Board

- *If a Sea Princess is expelled, or decides to withdraw from the competition, the Sea Princess is responsible for returning their entrance fee of \$500 back to their sponsor(s). The Coronation Committee and Rockland Festival Corporation 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 Maine Lobster Festival treasurer. The Coronation Committee and Rockland Festival Corporation are not responsible for any refunds.*

Sea Princess Schedule Requirements:

Following the application process, selected Sea Princesses will be requested to attend a series of events leading up to the 73rd Maine Lobster Festival. These events will be used for judges to get to know the participants, build relationships with other participants, gain knowledge of the Fishing/Lobster Industry that the Sea Goddess represents, and most importantly, HAVE FUN.

It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that each participant makes every effort to attend all pre-Coronation events that are not listed as a REQUIRED EVENT. This will give participants information needed for potential questions during the Coronation Banquet and to interact with other participants.

Pre-Coronation Events/Tours:

- Coast Guard Station; Bixby Factory – July 14, 2020
- Additional tours may be planned

Required Events:

- 1:1 Interview - date TBD
- Volunteering on the Grounds (4 hours minimum)
- Coronation Banquet – Samoset July 24, 2020
- Coronation Luncheon – July 29, 2020 - TBD
- Coronation Dress Rehearsals – dates TBD
- Coronation Night – July 29, 2020

Sea Goddess Schedule Requirements:

The following are requirements that must be adhered to if crowned the Sea Goddess.

Concluding the 2020 Maine Lobster Festival Coronation, the Sea Goddess 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 Maine Lobster Festival at the following required events:

***If unable to attend an event, the Sea Goddess will coordinate with the Crown Princess to attend in her place*

- Ride in the 2020 Maine Lobster Festival Parade – August 3, 2020
- Union Fair/Maine Blueberry Festival Coronation - August 2020 TBA
- Eastern States Exposition (BIG E) in Springfield, MA. September 2020 - TBA
- Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Ceremony - Nov. 2020 -TBA
- Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights Parade - Nov. 2020 -TBA
- Thomaston 4th of July Parade 2021 – Saturday, July 4, 2021
- Yarmouth Clam Festival Parade — July 2021 - TBA
- Attend the 2021 Sea Princess functions leading up to the 74th Maine Lobster Festival

- Open the 74th Maine Lobster Festival with King Neptune and his court - TBA
- Appear on stage during the Coronation for the 74th Maine Lobster Festival and give a small speech relating to 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)

Consider attending and representing the Festival at:

- Boston International Seafood Show - TBA (if applicable)
- Memorial Day Parade, Rockland Maine - TBA
- Lobster Boat Races - TBA (if scheduled)
- Boothbay Windjammer Days Parade - TBA
- Friendship Sloop Days Parade – TBA
- Warren Day Parade - TBA

**Additional opportunities may become available during the year and will be communicated by the Coronation Committee

Crown Princess Schedule Requirements:

The Crown Princess also has additional requirements that must be met when being crowned Crown Princess. Also, the Crown Princess may need to step in and represent the Maine Lobster Festival and Fishing/Lobster Industry on behalf of the Sea Goddess.

Concluding the 2020 Maine Lobster Festival Coronation, she must:

- Be present, daily, on the festival grounds wearing your crown and sash, according to a schedule that will be provided during rehearsals.
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- Attend 2021 Sea Princess functions leading up to the 74th Maine Lobster Festival
- Appear on stage during the Coronation for the 74th Maine Lobster Festival and give a small speech relating to 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)

If the Sea Goddess is unable to attend, you must attend the following in her place:

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- Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Ceremony - Nov. 2020 -TBA
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Sea Goddess Application Check List

1. Completed Application Form (**Not** to be postmarked before 2-15-2020 or after 3-31-2020)
2. Two COLOR photos, wallet size or larger, nothing smaller (a glossy **head shot ONLY**, suitable for printing in newspapers and other media.)
3. Copy of your Driver's License or State-Issued Photo ID
4. Check or checks totaling \$500.00 all made payable to: "**Rockland Festival Corp.**"
5. Your essay page, between 250 and 500 words.
6. One letter of recommendation (non-relative)
7. 3 minute video about yourself and why you want to be the next Sea Goddess

Don't forget, when asking for sponsorship, explain the money will be used to purchase your gown, sash, flowers, meals, some of your traveling expenses, etc. If your sponsor is a business, it may be tax deductible on their taxes as an advertising expense. Your sponsors will be in the papers, our Official Program (circulation to cover all of Maine and parts of New England), mentioned at all your public functions, on your car in the parade, plus the new Sea Goddess will be providing a year's worth of advertising throughout the state of Maine, New Hampshire and The Big E in Springfield, MA.

The Coronation Committee is looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our 73rd Maine Lobster Festival.

SEA PRINCESS APPLICATION – 2020 MAINE LOBSTER FESTIVAL

Please type or print all the information requested. Submit this application and 2 wallet-size up to 8X10 **head shot (ONLY) glossy print, portrait quality** suitable for newspaper reproduction, (not enclosed in plastic); in color & a copy of your Driver's License or State-Issued Photo ID certificate of age to:

Maine Lobster Festival. c/o Coronation Committee. P.O. Box 552. Rockland. ME 04841

For any questions, please contact Abby Peabody at 207-859-0079 or abigail.peabody@aol.com **DEADLINE: 3/31/19**

NOTE: No application will be accepted unless accompanied by the full \$500 entrance fee. Checks should be made payable to **Rockland Festival Corp.** Be sure we have full name and contact information of sponsor(s). Incomplete applications or applications postmarked before February 15, 2019 will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant.

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT'S NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (DAY:) _____ (NIGHT:) _____ HEIGHT: _____ DRESS SIZE: _____

(CELL:) _____ (EMAIL ADDRESS :) _____

HOBBIES: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____ YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

SCHOOLACTIVITIES: _____

FUTURE PLANS: _____

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT/SCHOOL: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OR CURRENTLY HAVE ANY PENDING CIVIL OR CRIMINAL CHARGES EXCEEDING MOVING VIOLATIONS? YES OR NO (PLEASE CIRCLE)

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

SPONSORS:

When obtaining sponsor (s) explain that they are helping with the costs of your gowns, sash, flowers, meals, some traveling expenses, etc. This is a great advertising tool for your sponsor; they will be mentioned at all of your public events, in the news media and on your cars during the parade. The new Sea Goddess will be advertising her sponsors throughout the year and across Maine and New England in parades and special functions.

*It is **suggested**, but not required to have at least one of your sponsors be a member of the Fishing/Lobstering Industry (seafood stores, restaurants, lobster pounds, marine supple stores, fisherman, etc.)

NAME: _____ CONTACT _____ AMT. \$ _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

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2020 ROCKLAND FESTIVAL CORPORATION

Coronation Contest Consent Form

In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I hereby agree that I have read, understood and will abide by the Guidelines set forth in this contest. I also hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims from damages I may have against the sponsors and officials for any and all injuries suffered by me in this contest.

Participant Name (Print)

Witness

Signature of Participant/Parent or Guardian

Date

PHOTO CONSENT FORM

I, _____ consent that the photographs, artwork, audio, video, or writing submitted may be used by the Rockland Festival Corporation, its assigns or successors, in whatever way they desire, including television, CD-ROMs, and any other form for the storage, retrieval and reproduction of information, images; furthermore, I hereby consent that such information, photographs, videos, and the plates and/or tapes from which they are made shall be their property, and they shall have the right to duplicate, reproduce and make other uses of such information, photographs, videos, recordings, and plates as they may desire free and clear of any claim whatsoever on my part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand, in the State of Maine on this ___ day of _____, 2020.

Name: _____

Age: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian or Witness: _____
(If under the age of 18)

Signature: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Participant/Guardian Permission Form Food Allergy

Participant/Guardian agreement to participate in the 2020 Maine Sea Goddess Coronation.

_____ (Name of Participant) will be eating at several locations during activities leading up to the 2020 Maine Sea Goddess Coronation. It is important for the Coronation Committee, restaurants that we attend, and others who may be participating and providing food to know that an individual may have a food allergy. All individuals and food allergies will be kept confidential. We will provide food alternatives for these individuals.

We please ask that you disclose any known food allergies or restrictions to ensure the safety of _____ Has no known food allergies or restrictions.

_____ (Name of Participant). Participant and Guardian, please initial next to the corresponding statement.

____ ____ Has known food allergies and/or restrictions which include,

I have read the above statements and I understand the importance to report any known food allergies for the safety of my child while participating in the 2020 Maine Sea Goddess Coronation.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

***** Please contact Abby Peabody with any questions at 207-859-0079*****