

# WEST VIRGINIA Italian Heritage Festival

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## **COURT OF REGINA MARIA QUALIFICATIONS**

### All members must:

- Be of Italian descent: adopted children that have a parent of Italian descent are accepted.
- Never have been married nor have borne a child.
- Member, their parents and/or grandparents must be residents of West Virginia or former residents of the state.
- No visible tattoos, facial piercings, ear gauges or body piercings.

#### Meet the age requirements as of August 31, 2018, as follows:

- Senior Court: High School Freshman (9th grade) and up to age 25 at Festival time
- Junior Court: Grades 6-8 at Festival time
- Minor Court: Ages 6-10 at Festival time

#### Be able to accept the financial obligation of the acceptance (must accompany the questionnaire) as follows:

- Senior Court: \$225.00
- Junior Court: \$175.00
- Minor Court: \$125.00

Acceptance fees include the cost of flowers/accessories for Festival weekend, and also one Gala Ticket (April), and one ticket for the VIP Brunch (following the Parade). More information will follow.

- Be able to accept the financial obligation of the gown/tux to be worn during the Coronation Ceremony, Parade and Mass (design and style of gown/tux will be chosen by the respective committee)
- Provide or pay for overnight lodging, if necessary
- Provide a head shot (head and shoulders only) photo of the member to the Festival office. (jpg format sent by email is preferred)
- Attend all designated events as noted below

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Deadline for Reservations for Spring Gala (no walk-ins or last minute reservations)	Friday, April 20, 2018
Spring Gala-Court Announcements*	Saturday, April 28, 2018
Bocce Tournament**	Saturday, August 18, 2018
Pasta Cook Off**	Saturday, August 25, 2018
Deadline for Reservations for VIP Brunch (no walk-ins or last minute reservations	Friday, August 17, 2018
Rehearsal for Coronation*	Thursday, August 30, 2018
Coronation Ceremony*	Friday, August 31, 2018
Grand Parade*	Saturday, September 1, 2018
VIP Brunch*	Saturday, September 1, 2018
Outdoor Mass*	Sunday, September 2, 2018

\* As a Court Member of Regina Maria, you are expected to be at this event

\*\* Local Court Members are expected to make every effort to attend this event

The Festival, in long standing tradition, holds Regina Maria and her court members in high regard and in return expects them to possess high moral standards exemplifying, to the fullest extent, the ideals of Italian-Americans in West Virginia.