



West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival

Celebrating culture and tradition since 1979

COURT OF REGINA MARIA QUALIFICATIONS

All members must meet the following criteria:

- 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 September 1, 2023, 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

Note: Age range of each court may vary slightly this year due to COVID accommodations.

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

- Senior Court: \$100.00
- Junior Court: \$100.00
- Minor Court: \$ 75.00

Acceptance fees include the cost of flowers/accessories for Festival weekend, 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
- Formal headshots of each court member will be taken at the Spring Gala to be used in press releases and the WVIHF Souvenir Book. If you are not able to be photographed that evening, you must provide a professional headshot to wvihf@wvihf.com (in JPEG format).
- Attend all designated events as noted below:

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline for Reservations for Spring Gala (no walk-ins or last minute reservations).....	Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Spring Gala-Court Announcements*.....	Saturday, April 29, 2023
Rehearsal for Coronation* Minor Court.....	Wednesday, August 30, 2023
Rehearsal for Coronation* Junior & Senior Court.....	Thursday, August 31, 2023
Coronation Ceremony*.....	Friday, September 1, 2023
Grand Parade*.....	Saturday, September 2, 2023
Outdoor Mass*.....	Sunday, September 3, 2023

* 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.

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