



The Queen's Court, Inc.

Dear Nonprofit Executive Director/President,

The Queen's Court, a 501(c)(3) organization, cordially invites your nonprofit to nominate ladies for the 2026 Queen of Hearts Court. The 2026 Court will be celebrated and honored at the 67th Annual Queen of Hearts Ball.

The Queen of Hearts Ball was established in 1959 to recognize Pinellas County individuals whose nonprofit volunteer work and leadership are exceptional and to raise funds for two deserving nonprofits. The Queen's Court is operated solely by volunteers and 100% of the net proceeds from the 2026 Ball will support The Museum of Fine Arts St. Petersburg and Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay.

**The 67th Queen of Hearts Ball will be held:
Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club**

To date, the Queen's Court has recognized sixty-six community leaders as Queen and 464 volunteers as Princesses. We hope your nonprofit will nominate one or more of your volunteers for this significant honor.

Queen Nomination Requirements:

- Nominating Organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- Nominees must currently live and volunteer in Pinellas County
- Nominees must have lived in Pinellas County for the last five (5) years
- Nominees must demonstrate a depth and breadth of volunteer and leadership service to a nonprofit or a series of nonprofits
- Nominees may not receive a salary or payment for their volunteer service
- Read over the "Queen Eligibility List" enclosed – these are volunteers who have been a Princess for the requisite three (3) years. **You may nominate one (1) Queen Candidate from that list**
- **Nominee must be available to attend the Queen of Hearts Ball on Saturday, February 21, 2026**
- The Nomination Form must be signed by the Nonprofit Executive Director/President – other signatures will not be accepted
- **The Resume, according to the format outlined, and the Nomination Form must be delivered to the Chair of the Review Committee no later than November 7, 2025**

Princess Nomination Requirements:

- Nominating Organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- A Nonprofit can nominate **up to** two (2) Princesses
- Nominees must currently live and volunteer in Pinellas County
- Nominees must have lived in Pinellas County for the last five (5) years
- Nominees must demonstrate a depth and breadth of volunteer and leadership service to a nonprofit or a series of nonprofits
- Nominees may not receive a salary or payment for their volunteer service
- **Nominee must be available to attend the Queen of Hearts Ball on Saturday, February 21, 2026**
- The Nomination Form must be signed by the Nonprofit Executive Director/President – other signatures will not be accepted
- **The Resume, according to the format outlined, and the Nomination Form must be delivered to the Chair of the Review Committee no later than November 7, 2025**

If you have any questions, please email me at ufchloe@aol.com. Please put Queen of Hearts in the subject line. You may also call me at 727-204-2553.

Sincerely,

Chloe Firebaugh, Chair
Queen of Hearts Review Committee

Instruction Sheet

Overall Submission Criteria:

- Nominating Organization must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving Pinellas County.
- **Princess Nominees must have lived and volunteered in Pinellas County for the last five (5) years.**
- **Queen Nominees must have been a Princess of the Court for three (3) years and must have lived and volunteered in Pinellas County for the last five (5) years.**
- Nominees must demonstrate a depth and breadth of volunteer and leadership service to a nonprofit or a series of nonprofits.
- **Nominee must be available to attend the Queen of Hearts Ball on Saturday, February 21, 2026.**
- The Cover Sheet and Nomination Form must be signed by the Nonprofit Executive Director/President – other signatures will not be accepted.
- Five (5) copies of your Resume, typed according to the specified sample template, on unbound white paper and secured with staples or clips shall be submitted with the Cover Sheet and signed Nomination Form.
- The Cover Sheet and signed Information Form, and five (5) copies of the resume must be mailed and received or delivered to the Chair of the Review Committee no later than November 7, 2025.

Cover Sheet & Nomination Form:

- The Cover Sheet and Nomination Form is enclosed for the Review Committee's benefit.
- The judges do not see this form.
- Your name is to appear on the Cover Sheet and Nomination Form only.
- You must include a current and valid email address.
- If possible, please secure only one (1) nomination so other volunteers may have an opportunity to apply – Multiple nominations **do not impact the judging.**
- If you choose to have multiple nominations, each nominating organization's Executive Director or President must sign a Cover Sheet and Nomination Form – other signatures will not be accepted.

Resume Do's:

- Please follow the format outlined in the Sample Resume.
- Do not put your name on any pages of the resume.
- There is no limit to the number of pages you can submit, however be brief in describing your volunteer and leadership endeavors.
- You must have lived and volunteered in Pinellas County within the last five (5) years. There is no limit on the number of years of volunteer service provided if all is performed in Pinellas County.
- Exceptions will be made for regional and national work that directly benefits Pinellas County. The benefit must be established.
- Quality of leadership is more important than the length of service.
- List in order of importance to you, all community, civic, and nonprofits/charitable organizations of which you are, or have been a member, be sure to include leadership roles held in those organizations and listing your most recent position first.
- Be as accurate as possible, otherwise your resume may not be considered.
- Give an explanation, if necessary, of the organization's mission, your volunteer activities and list the amount of time you devote or have devoted to that organization.
- Volunteer work on behalf of religious organizations or alumnae groups that directly benefit Pinellas County may be considered, but the benefit must be established.
- Special awards and other forms of recognition should be listed on a separate page at the end of the resume.

- Five (5) copies of your Resume, typed according to the specified sample template, on unbound white paper and secured with staples or clips shall be submitted with a signed Cover Sheet and Nomination Form.
- The Cover Sheet and signed Information Form, and five (5) copies of the resume must be mailed and received or delivered to the Chair of the Review Committee no later than November 7, 2025.

Resume Do Not's:

- Narrative descriptions are not accepted.
- Do not use nonprofit logos.
- Do not use color enhancements of font.
- Do not use any form of creative resumes.
- No political, social, or homeowner association activities should be listed.
- Do not include monetary amounts raised.
- Do not include organizations where monetary donations indicate membership (e.g. Women in Philanthropy, etc.)
- Paid work is not accepted.



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Dear Queen of Hearts Nominee,

Congratulations! You have been chosen for consideration as a nominee to the 67th Queen of Hearts Court.

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Five independent community leaders will evaluate and judge your nomination and resume based on the depth and breadth of volunteer and leadership service to a nonprofit or a series of nonprofits in Pinellas County. Enclosed in this nomination packet is:

1. Instruction Sheet
2. Cover Sheet and Nomination Form
3. Resume Template
4. Sample Resume
5. Important Dates

Please follow the instructions and submit your required documents in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions, contact me at: 727-204-2553 or ufchloe@aol.com. If you email me, please put Queen of Hearts in the subject line.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Chloe Firebaugh", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chloe Firebaugh, Chair
Queen of Hearts Review Committee

**COVER SHEET
2026 QUEEN OF HEARTS NOMINATION
PRINCESS CANDIDATE**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

EMAIL: (required) _____

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN PINELLAS COUNTY: _____

☐ I certify that I have resided in Pinellas County for the last 5 years.

☐ I certify that all information presented in this application is truthful and accurate.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: _____

You must live in and list only Pinellas County volunteer work on your resume.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: _____

☐ Yes, this is a 501(c)3 organization.

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE: _____

TITLE: ☐ President ☐ Executive Director

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Must be original signature.

DATE SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Five (5) stapled copies of your typewritten resume on white paper must be delivered by **November 7, 2025**. The candidate is expected to complete the resume and cover sheet and the **President/Director** of the organization must sign this cover sheet.

Please mail or deliver the resumes and cover sheet by the deadline to:

Chloe Firebaugh, Review Chair
728 46th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33703

**COVER SHEET
2026 QUEEN OF HEARTS NOMINATION
QUEEN CANDIDATE**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

EMAIL: (required) _____

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN PINELLAS COUNTY: _____

☐ I certify that I have resided in Pinellas County for the last 5 years.

☐ I certify that all information in this application and on my resume is truthful and accurate.

☐ I have read the Bylaws of The Queen's Court and understand the duties of the Reigning Queen.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE: _____

You must live in and list only Pinellas County volunteer work on your resume.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: _____

☐ Yes, this is a 501(c)3 organization.

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE: _____

TITLE: ☐ President ☐ Executive Director

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Must be original signature.

DATE SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Five (5) stapled copies of your typewritten resume on white paper must be delivered by **November 7, 2025**. The candidate is expected to complete the resume and cover sheet and the **President/Director** of the organization must sign this cover sheet.

Please mail or deliver the resumes and cover sheet by the deadline to:

Chloe Firebaugh, Review Chair
728 46th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33703

Official Resume#: _____
Queen: _____
Princess: _____
Page#: _____

OFFICIAL RESUME FORM

Organization

Leadership Roles

Years

Official Resume#: _____

Queen: _____

Princess: _____

Page#: _____

SAMPLE RESUME

Please list in order of their importance to you all community, civic, and charitable organizations, listing your most recent positions first. Logos, color enhancements, narrative or creative resumes will not be accepted. Awards and special recognitions should be listed separately. **No political, social, homeowner's association activities, monetary amounts raised, or paid work may be included. Volunteer work done on behalf of religious organizations or alumnae groups must directly benefit the community. Regional and national volunteer work that directly benefits Pinellas County will be considered.**

Please be as accurate as possible in stating your volunteer service, otherwise your resume or parts of your resume will not be considered. The use of gridlines as shown in this sample resume is optional.

Organization

Leadership Roles

Years

Science Center Guild	President Yearbook Chairman Family Day Volunteer	2016-2017 2010 2009
All Children's Hospital Guild	Secretary Fashion Show Chairman Volunteer	2018-2019 2016 2009-2015
Cub Scouts	Den Mother	2000-2007
Pinellas Association for Retarded Children (PARC)	Chairman Black Tie Ball Black Tie Ball Committee Member	2009-2010 2005-2008
The Garden Club	Local President to Community Executive	2008
The Exchange Club	Ways and Means Chair	2007
American Heart Association	Volunteer	2005-2015

Important Dates to Know for the 2026 Queen of Hearts Court

November 7, 2025

Resumes and signed cover sheet due to Review Chairman. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

November 26, 2025

Outside date for all nominees to be notified, provided we can reach you.

December 2, 2025

Orientation meeting for the 2026 Queen of Hearts Court. **It is required that you attend the orientation.**

January 13, 2026, 3:30 PM

Rehearsal/Practice for the Presentation of the 2026 Queen of Hearts Court. A photographer will be present to take the court picture. Please come dressed in your gown or you may change your clothes on location. **It is required that you attend the rehearsal.**

January 20, 2026

Queen of Hearts Ball Committee Meeting. You will be introduced to the Ball Planning Committee.

February 21, 2026

67th Queen of Hearts Ball at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. **Each member of the 2026 Queen of Hearts Court will receive one (1) complimentary, non-transferable ticket to the 2026 Ball in honor of their volunteerism.**

April 14, 2026

Queen's Court Grant Meeting. At this meeting, we will present the checks to the 2026 Charitable Recipients and vote for the 2027 Charitable Recipients.

More detailed information will be given to the 2026 Queen of Hearts Court upon acceptance of their nomination and at the Orientation Meeting.

**PLEASE DO NOT VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO
HAVE ALREADY BEEN NAMED QUEEN OF HEARTS**

Joann Barger

Paula Blanda

Karol Bullard

Sharon Clayton

Roseanna Costa

Judy Cunniff

Patsy Dunlap

Chloe Firebaugh

Sparky Ierna

Joan Jaicks

Mary Maloof

Rebecca Malowany

Maggi McQueen

Elise Minkoff

Nora Pearson

Gail Phares

Sally Poynter

Joy Rudnicki

Candy Scherer

Mary Shuh

Maritza Smith

Sheila Tempelmann

Teresa Wittstruck

Princesses Eligible for 2026 Queen of Hearts

Mrs. Stephen Abelman
Mrs. Lewis Apter
Mrs. Barbara Aylesworth
Mrs. Verne Barnes
Mrs. Sheila Barry-Oliver
Ms. Brenda Battaglia
Ms. Susanna Bellafante
Mrs. John Biesinger
Mrs. Gentry Blackwood
Mrs. John Bonanno
Mrs. Shirley Bonney
Mrs. Fernando Borges
Ms. Margaret J. Bowman
Mrs. Timothy Brett
Ms. Janice Brinkley
Mrs. Jim Brown
Mrs. Beverly Buchan
Mrs. Paul Bumiller
Mrs. Mark Carlson
Mrs. Lloyd Chapin
Mrs. Julie Cline
Ms. Dianne Cohrs
Ms. Tonya Corder
Mrs. Donna Cothron
Mrs. Kenneth J. Cowan
Mrs. Jack Critchfield
Mrs. Murray Cross
Mrs. William Marshall Cullen
Mrs. Peter Danna
Mrs. William A. Dawson
Mrs. Robert deHaan
Mrs. Barbara Deininger
Mrs. Logan DeVicente
Mrs. Rachael Russell DeVicente
Mrs. Haviland Kebler Dorsett
Mrs. Tuesdi Dyer
Ms. Diane Fair
Mrs. Marsha Pardee Fetchik
Mrs. Frank X. Fox
Mrs. Edward Frasso
Mrs. Thomas Gaffney
Mrs. Peter Gairing
Mrs. Sara Galiger

Mrs. Aria Garling
Mrs. Stacy Gerardo
Mrs. Allan Gilgosch Hickey
Mrs. Del Goforth
Mrs. Cynthia Gramberg
Ms. Brenda Griffin
Mrs. Bill Grom
Mrs. Robert Guckenberger
Ms. Elizabeth Hammer
Mrs. Jeff Harring
Mrs. Awilda Harrington
Ms. Jeancarol Hart
Mrs. Marie Hartner
Mrs. Pam Hatton
Ms. Luisa Harvey-Perez
Mrs. Liz Heinkel
Mr. Elizabeth Hendricks
Mrs. Mack Hicks
Mrs. Richard Lee Hilburn
Mrs. Chris Hilton
Mrs. David Hobbs
Mrs. Steven Hodges
Mrs. Langston Holland
Mrs. Troy Holland
Mrs. Melody Stang Howart
Mrs. Trey Howell
Mrs. Ronald Hume
Mrs. Joseph Incorvia
Mrs. Joseph Insoft
Mrs. Doug Jackson
Ms. Sharyn Jacobson
Mrs. Scott Johni
Mrs. Norman Joyal
Mrs. Clifford Keim
Mrs. Ford Kyes
Mrs. Walter Larson
Mrs. Darryl LeClair
Mrs. Keith Leclerc
Ms. Alison Lescarbeau
Mrs. Laura Liebel
Mrs. Anne Long
Ms. Sarah Lonquist
Mrs. Carl Mainguth

Princesses Eligible for 2026 Queen of Hearts

Mrs. Thomas R. Malin
Mrs. William F. Mallette
Ms. Celma Mastry
Mrs. Michael McDonough
Mrs. Kelly Lee McFrederick-Rice
Mrs. Edward Medley
Mrs. Lawrence Merritt
Mrs. Michael Mikurak
Ms. Alvina Miller
Ms. Kathy Mize
Mrs. Sarah Morrow
Mrs. James Nagelson
Mrs. Sam Newman
Ms. Lenee Nicklaus
Ms Jackie O'Brien
Ms. Barbara Paonessa
Mrs. Charles Park
Mrs. Kathleen Peters
Ms. Carol Phelps
Mrs. Carol Piper
Mrs. Valerie Rankin
Ms. Janet Raymond
Mrs. Mary Reed
Ms. Susan Romero
Mrs. Loretta Ross
Mrs. Angela Rouson
Mrs. J.C. Russell
Ms. Melissa Rutland
Mrs. Gary Sanchez
Mrs. C. W. Sanders, Jr.
Mrs. Van Sayler
Mrs. John Scheuren
Mrs. Jerry Seaborn
Mrs. Edward Shamas
Ms. Sydni Shollenberger
Ms. Tami Simms
Mrs. Ann Taylor
Mrs. Robert Timberlake
Mrs. James Van Middlesworth
Mrs. Daniel Vickstrom
Mrs. William Walker
Mrs. Larry Wallace
Ms. Verda Watson

Mrs. Douglas C. Weatherby
Mrs. Linda Noble Welch
Mrs. Nancy Westphal
Mrs. Donald Whitehead
Mrs. Stan Wilkins
Ms. Brandi Winans
Mrs. Andrea Winning
Mrs. Roberta Yancey
Ms. Bernie Young