



KREWE OF OMEGA

ROYAL COURT PRINCESS & PAGE HANDBOOK

Congratulations on being selected as this year's Royal Court Princess or Page of Omega! While this may seem very overwhelming in the beginning, you are in for a "royal" treat and a wonderful reign! If you have any questions (and you will!), please do not hesitate to ask the Royalty Coordinator or Princess & Page Chairperson who will be happy to help you during your reign. We are very honored that you have chosen to represent the Krewe of Omega.

Princess & Page Obligations/ Responsibilities

As official ambassadors of the Krewe of Omega, the Princesses & Pages roles have multiple official obligations. The Omega Royal Court Princesses & Pages represent the Krewe of Omega at events and functions throughout the parish, encouraging the community to participate in our Krewe by membership, sponsorship or attendance at our parade. The Princesses & Pages, along with our King, Queen and Royal Maids & Dukes spread the spirit of Mardi Gras wherever they go. The Royal Princess Court is open to female children ages 6-17 and welcomes new children to participate. The Royal Prince Court is open to male children ages 6-17 and welcomes new children to participate.

Returning Court Members

The Krewe of Omega encourages returning court members to participate year after year. Special gifts will be presented to returning court members at the 6th year and 12th year mark.

Appearances

The Royalty Coordinator is appointed as the contact person for the Royal Court during their reign and will make all arrangements for all appearances. A Royal Court member shall make no personal appearance representing Krewe or displaying Krewe equipage without the prior approval of Krewe Royalty Coordinator.

Travel and miscellaneous expenses are the financial responsibility of the Royal Court member.

The Princess and Page roles are expected to:

- Consume NO alcohol any time they are representing the Krewe.
- Be available for local newspaper interviews and radio, TV, or local appearances *as requested* by the Captain and/or Royalty Coordinator and in the event the King or Queen are unable to do so. They should be able to handle interviews and represent the Krewe with dignity and respect.
- Advise the Royal Coordinator of any event they would like to attend in official capacity as representing the Krewe. The Royal Coordinator and Captain make all final decisions on participation.

- Princess & Pages are **encouraged** to purchase a Krewe of Omega polo and/or t-shirt for official appearances. These shirts may have title and/or name embroidered or printed on it.
- As ambassadors of the Krewe, Princesses & Pages are **encouraged** to participate in all Krewe community outreach opportunities where appropriate: Spirit baskets, Litter Abatement, Policeman Appreciation, etc.

Princess and Page Royalty Dues

The **Princess** royalty dues are \$295 each (\$275 for member child/grandchild). This fee covers:

- Royalty position in parade
- Crown & Royal Sash
- Ball Ticket for Court Member
- Coronation Ticket for Court Member

Items not covered:

- Throws
- Omega Coronation Attire
- Omega Royal Ball Attire
- Omega Parade Attire
- Chaperon Tickets for any event
- Any expenses incurred for optional events such as other parade entries

The **Page** royalty dues are \$100 each. This fee covers:

- Royalty position in parade
- Page Pin
- Royal Sash
- Ball Ticket for Court Member
- Coronation Ticket for Court Member

Items not covered:

- Throws
- Omega Coronation Attire
- Omega Royal Ball Attire
- Omega Parade Attire
- Chaperon Tickets for any event
- Any expenses incurred for optional events such as other parade entries

Attire

All attire for major Krewe events (*including Coronation, Royal Ball, and Parade*) must have approval of the Royalty Coordinator and Captain. Failure to comply may result in being refused participation of event and/or removal from the Royal Court.

- Princess: The Royalty Coordinator will designate dress & must approve all attire for coronation, ball & parade. All Princess gowns for the Royal Ball and Parade are required to complement each other. Attire for Coronation shall be “Sunday best” dress **or** approved theme related attire. Once attire has been approved by the Royalty Coordinator and Captain, there shall be no deviation from the selected attire without approval.

- Pages: The Royalty Coordinator will designate & must approve all attire for coronation, ball & parade. All Pages must be in black formal tux for Royal Ball and Parade. Attire for Coronation is a suit & tie **or** approved theme related attire. Once attire has been approved by the Royalty Coordinator and Captain, there shall be no deviation from the selected attire without approval.
- The Royal Court member is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their crown and sashes. Any damage caused while in their possession will be repaired at their expense.

Additionally, Royal Court Members shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- Maintain modest & socially acceptable attire when representing the Krewe at any event.
- Wear their crowns/pin and sashes at all Krewe-related events during their reign. This includes meetings, parties, interviews, other parades (if allowed) and any other functions where you are representing the Krewe of Omega.
- Dresses/Skirts: Casual dresses and skirts, and skirts that are split at or below the knee are acceptable. Dress and skirt length should be at a length at which you can sit comfortably in public. Dresses and skirts should fall no less than one hand-width above the top of the knee. Short, tight skirts are unacceptable. Shorts should be no less than fingertip length when standing with a straight back.
- Shirts: Inappropriate attire for while representing the Krewe includes midriff tops; halter tops; shirts with potentially offensive words, terms, logos, pictures, cartoons, or slogans.
- Properly fitting undergarments should be always worn. Undergarments should not be seen at any time. This includes exposed bra straps and panty lines. Excessive cleavage is strongly discouraged.

Causes For Removal From the Royal Court & Penalties

Royal Court Members shall not:

- Fail to adhere to the guidelines set forth in this handbook.
- Consumption of alcohol during any Krewe function
- Abuse any controlled dangerous substances during the period of their reign.
- Conduct themselves in any inappropriate manner including but not limited to:
 - Disrespecting any Krewe Board Member or other responsible person including but not limited to personnel of any other Festival, Fair or Event.
 - Consume alcohol, to the point of inebriation, while representing the Krewe.
 - Any other conduct specifically prohibited by Krewe.
 - Commission of or arrested for any felony.
- Complaints or violations of the above and foregoing rules shall be handled as follows:
 - On the first complaint from a public source Krewe Royalty Coordinator shall give a warning
 - On any second or subsequent complaint from the same source or three complaints from different public sources the Court member shall appear before Krewe Board of Directors. The Krewe Board of Directors may take any action it deems necessary including, but not limited to, removal.

- Arrest for any felony shall constitute grounds for immediate removal.
- In the event of removal, the removed Royal Court member shall return all Krewe property including, but not limited to, crown and sash within 24 hours. If it necessary for the Krewe to obtain an attorney to enforce this provision, the removed Court member shall be responsible for any attorney's fees and court costs incurred.

Events

In addition to numerous optional fun events, the following activities are mandatory for all Royal Court Members in the 2022-2023 season.

- Coronation Rehearsal
- Krewe of Omega Coronation and presentation of the Royal Court
- Twelfth Night Celebration
- Royal Court formal portrait session
- Mardi Gras Ball Rehearsal
- Mardi Gras Ball
- Krewe of Omega Parade

**MOST IMPORTANT – RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR ROYAL REIGN!!
ALL HAIL OMEGA!!**



Krewe of Omega Princess & Page Royal Court Application 2022-2023

Dear Prospective Royal Court Parents and/or Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the Krewe of Omega Royal Court! This is an exciting opportunity for your child to experience a wide array of formal and social Mardi Gras activities, as well as allowing them to become an Ambassador of the Krewe of Omega in our community. The Royal Court is open to children ages 6-18. Past Royal Court Members are welcome to participate again!

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Royal Court participants are required to adhere to all guidelines and requirements as set forth in the current handbook; including wearing formal attire for the Omega Ball and Parade. Female participants are required to wear long white formal evening gowns (as specified in handbook) and will be provided with a Royal Court Sash and Tiara. Male participants are required to wear black formal attire and will be provided with a Royal Court lapel pin. Specific ordering details for formal attire will be provided to Royal Court Members in early Fall prior to the Coronation.

Applicants must submit a completed application and a letter of recommendation from a teacher, family or community member. Completed packets must be received by August 1, 2022, along with the Application Fee in the form of a check, cashier's check or money order made payable to "Krewe of Omega" for the \$50 application fee. Please note that the application fee is refundable should your child not be eligible to participate in the 2022-2023 Royal Court. If your child becomes a member of the Royal Court, the \$50 application fee will be deducted from their program fees.

2022-2023 PROGRAM FEES: Please note that fees are due in full before the Coronation and Presentation of the Royal Court.

Princesses: \$295 (\$275 for daughters or granddaughters of current Omega Members)

Royal Pages: \$100

Questions:

Princess/Page Chairperson – Linda Ross (985) 634-6208 or lindross52@gmail.com

Royalty Coordinator – Julie Rock-Chatellier (985) 351-4131 julie.rockchatellier@gmail.com

Please mail completed application, letter of recommendation and application fee to:

Krewe of Omega
P.O. Box 2207
Hammond, LA 70404

**Krewe of Omega
Princess & Page Royal Court Application
2022-2023**

Name of Child Applicant _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone (or n/a) _____

Contact Email Address (primary) _____

Contact Email Address (other) _____

Grade Entering Fall 2022 _____ Age as of August 1, 2022 _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Krewe Member? Y N

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone (or n/a) _____

Contact Email Address (primary) _____

Contact Email Address (other) _____

I hereby give permission for _____ to take part in the 2022-2023

Krewe of Omega Royal Court. I also agree to be responsible for personal costs associated with her/his participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Person Supervising Court Applicant _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Please remit \$50 refundable application fee with this Application, and letter of recommendation. Check, cashier check, or money order should be made payable to the "Krewe of Omega". Please mail completed application, required documents, and application fee to:

Krewe of Omega
P.O. Box 2207
Hammond, LA 70404