



**Thank you for your interest in becoming a Sportsman's Holiday Court member! In this packet, you will find information about what being on court is all about. Please look through it carefully so that you understand what commitment is required. Sportsman's Holiday has a long standing tradition and we look forward to you being a part of it.**

If you have questions, please contact

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### **Court Mission Statement**

**The Sweet Home Sportsman's Holiday Court's mission is to provide young adults with an opportunity to represent Sweet Home. Our goal is that these young women are given real-world skills to help them with future endeavors such as interview skills, public speaking, socializing and interacting with community leaders as well as being good role models for our community youth. We also strive to provide each princess with scholarship money to help toward her educational goals.**

### **Court Information**

Applicant Qualifications:

- Attend school at Sweet Home High School, East Linn Christian Academy, any Sweet Home area private or charter school, or Homeschooled with a Sweet Home area residence.
- Preference will be given to applicants with a cumulative 3.00 GPA or higher
- Must be a junior in high school or have a junior ranking if homeschooled.
- Must be at least 16 years old by January 1, 2023.
- Complete initial application and submit it before the stated deadline.

The Court is traditionally composed of 3-5 members. Court reign is from March 2023-July 2024 (approx 16 months)

Applicants who are selected will be expected to be available to appear at court events throughout the year. A more detailed calendar of events will be available at the Informational meeting.

Court members will be provided all necessary articles of clothing for official court appearances and events, including, but not limited to: evening gown, day dress, shoes, festival t-shirt/sweatshirt, tiara, sash, jewelry. These items are paid for by sponsorships that the court members will solicit.

Also provided will be professional photos, both individual and group, as well as any necessary food or lodging during appearances. Transportation to events is provided by chaperones.

Court members may be asked to use their own wardrobe items for more casual appearances (Example: Jeans, tennis shoes).

In acknowledgment of your efforts to represent Sweet Home and Sportsman's Holiday, scholarships will be awarded based on eligibility and judging during Coronation. All court members will be eligible to receive a minimum of \$500 in scholarships. The Queen will also receive an additional \$500 in scholarships. Miss Congeniality will receive an additional \$250. Total scholarship amounts change yearly based on community contributions and funding availability. All Princesses are expected to participate in fundraising and soliciting sponsorships for the Court. Court committee will assist with this.

### **Court Application**

Completion of the following application and submission to the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce no later than **February 24th, 2023**. Please drop your completed application at the Chamber Office during Chamber Hours.

Informational meeting for prospective Candidates and their parent(s)/guardian(s), to be held on **February 22nd, 2023 at 6:30 pm**, addressing participation requirements and expectations. This meeting is not mandatory, but is a great time to learn about the court and to ask questions.

Individual interview with a panel of judges to select the final Court to be held the **week of March 6th**. (interview times will be emailed out after the submission deadline)

Announcement of the 2023 Sweet Home Sportsman's Holiday Court will be **March 10th**. Selected Princesses will be introduced at the Chamber Awards Banquet on **March 11th** (time TBA, likely evening)

If you have any conflicts with any dates listed, please contact us before submitting your application.

### **Court Selection Process**

All eligible candidates who submit a completed application prior to the deadline will be considered.

The top 10 candidates based on their application will be emailed to schedule a brief interview with a review panel of at least three judges. Each judge will ask pre-determined questions of the candidate, with the possibility of follow-up questions regarding her application.

The top candidates will be selected based on the highest cumulative scores across all judging criteria.

Each candidate will be notified regarding her standing by phone or email within 3 days of the panel interview.

## Court Expectations, Rules and Regulations

As a member of the Sportsman's Holiday Senior Court, you are one of Sweet Home's Ambassadors and a role model to its youth. You will be envied by some and talked about by others. You will be representing Sweet Home and your actions will be observed throughout the community. Therefore, the following rules and expectations will be enforced throughout the entire selection process and reign—ending at the following year's Queen's Coronation.

1. If conduct occurs which, in the opinion of the Court Committee, reflects adversely on Sportsman's Holiday or the City of Sweet Home, dismissal will be at the discretion of the Court Committee, with approval from the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. There will not be a public hearing.
2. Princesses will be expected to abide by all laws, not limited to those regulating drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products. In addition, unacceptable behavior that will not be tolerated by the Court Committee includes:
  - a. Missing parades or scheduled events not associated with a family emergency or without prior written Committee approval will result in elimination for consideration of Miss Congeniality or Queen's titles and scholarships and could result in dismissal. Requests for being excused from any event must be in writing and forwarded to the Committee Chair for approval. The Court member will receive a written response from the Court Committee regarding the status of the request.
  - b. During your reign, attendance in any social environment that compromises behavior, involves alcohol and/or illegal drugs will be grounds for immediate dismissal.
  - c. Should any information concerning unacceptable past or current behavior come to the attention of the board, this information could be used for dismissal of a Princess.
  - d. In the event the Committee is made aware of a Princess' concealment of information regarding unacceptable or illegal behaviors of a fellow Court member from the Court Committee or proper authorities, it will be considered grounds for her own dismissal.
3. Court members are expected to attend all functions, fittings and rehearsals as arranged by the Committee throughout your reign. Attendance by all Court members is required. This may include some Sunday appearances as well as an overnight trip. Though parents are encouraged to attend any official functions they choose, they will not travel with the Court, or stay overnight with the Court and chaperones on trips.
4. All members of the Court will ride with members of the Court Committee to and from parades and selected events. Travel will be coordinated with the Court Chaperone. A parent may provide transportation if deemed necessary and approved through the Court Chaperone, however, no princess shall be permitted to ride with anyone other than their own parent or a member of the Court Committee.
5. There will be some school missed over a six-month period. This includes luncheons, afternoon visits, etc. Every effort will be made to keep this to a minimum. It will be the responsibility of each Princess to arrange to make up any missed assignments and maintain good academic standing.
6. The use of cell phones during all Court appearances will be limited to emergencies only.
7. The Sportsman's Holiday Court Committee reserves the right to withhold or reduce scholarship funds from a Court member who exhibits unacceptable behavior not resulting in removal from the Court, or who does not attend all official court events as requested by the Court Chaperone without prior Committee approval of the absence as listed above. This will include parades and events AFTER Sportsman's Holiday, including returning for the following year's Queen's Coronation.
8. Scholarships will be paid, upon request of the Court member, directly to the school of their choice. A request form is available on the Chamber of Commerce website or at the Chamber of Commerce office.

**Please keep the previous pages for your reference regarding expectations and the application process.  
This page will need to be turned in with your application.**

## **Sportsman's Holiday Court Member Application**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ok to text? YES/NO

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name/Business (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Along with the above information, we ask you to submit the following:

- A resume. This should include a list of involvement in school; community activities; include any honors or recognitions you have received.
- 2 letters of reference from persons not related to you. Please be sure their name, phone number, and years that they have known you are included.
- Short Essay responses to each of the following questions (a detailed paragraph or two for each):

Why do you want to be on the Sportsman's Holiday Court?  
What are your education and career goals after graduation?  
What do you love most about Sweet Home?  
What does volunteerism look like to you? Detail an example.

We will have an *example* of a completed application at the informational meeting.

*This page will also need to be turned in with your application.*

### **Rules and Expectations Recognition**

In submitting this completed application, I attest that I have read, understood and consent to the Court Rules and Expectations. I agree to abide by the decisions of the Sportsman's Holiday Court Committee during my reign if I am selected. With the exception of family emergencies, I further understand that this responsibility will take precedence over all other activities.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **Release Authorization**

We hereby authorize the Sportsman's Holiday Court Committee to obtain information necessary for verification of information for the selection process of the Sportsman's Holiday Senior Court. This information may consist of student's school pictures, class schedules and verification of GPA and references included with application. This information will be kept as part of the Sportsman's Holiday Court Committee records.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **Media Release**

We hereby authorize the Sportsman's Holiday Court and the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce to use our student's photo and name in publications and on social media.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

In order to allow us to order things quickly once the court is selected, please provide the following:

Applicant T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Hooded Sweatshirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Shoe Size \_\_\_\_\_

Dress Size \_\_\_\_\_