



## RULES FOR 2017 VALLEY OF FLOWERS QUEEN CANDIDATES

1. Candidate must meet the following:
  - A. be single.
  - B. never have been married.
  - C. not be pregnant or ever had a child.
  - D. be a resident of the City of Florissant.
  - E. be a **Junior** in high school.
  - F. may not have been a former Candidate
  - G. have reached her 16th year before April 30, 2017 and not 18 before April 30, 2017
2. All candidates will be sponsored and must obtain their own sponsor. The sponsor must provide the candidates fee and furnish a car or float for the candidate to ride in during the parade. Sponsorship fee is \$150. The candidate's must decorate the car or float, if decorated by the sponsor. All cars except antique cars (50 plus years old) must be 100% covered by decorations. Parade Applications will be given to the Queen Candidate. The applicant must communicate with your sponsor regarding your parade application. All information will be sent to the person who completes the application i.e. Queen candidate or sponsor. This year, the festival theme is "Valley of Flowers Celebrates Wonders of the World."
3. All applications must be accompanied by proof of age (photocopy of Florissant Resident Card and photocopy of driver's license) plus one (1) small photograph and one (1) large photograph as stated on the application form.
4. Applications will be accepted from December 1, 2016 to Feb. 24, 2017 by mail, in person at the Valley of Flowers office, 601 rue St. Charles, Florissant, MO 63031, e-mail: [valley-of-flowers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valley-of-flowers@sbcglobal.net) or from the website - [www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com](http://www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com). Competition is limited to 25 candidates; however, six candidates are reserved for the Valley of Flowers Benefactors (a group of organizations and businesses who are longtime supporters of the festival). The Benefactors are: Citizen's Bank, Commerce Bank, Rotary Club of Florissant, Greater North County Chamber of Commerce, Henefers Jewelers, and Knights of Columbus Duchesne Council #2951. The other nineteen applicants are accepted in the order received.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF QUEEN CANDIDATES.** Missing any of the following events will cause you to forfeit your rights to become a queen candidate.

1. Attend the Get Acquainted meeting on March 19, 2017.
2. Attend the Tea and Queen's Dinner on Sunday, April 9, 2017. At the dinner the candidates are presented to the Committee, Sponsors, families and friends.
3. Attend such events as may be scheduled for all candidates; i.e. parades, other festival activities.
4. Ride in the Valley of Flowers Parade, Sunday, May 7, 2017.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VALLEY OF FLOWERS 2017 COURT**

1. During their reign the Queen and her court must remain single, must not become pregnant, and must remain a Florissant resident.
2. Fulfill requests made by the Committee regarding personal appearances not limited to parades and appearances at local civic events. There will be certain dress requirements for these events.
3. Notify the Committee immediately if unable to meet all duties of the Queen. If this occurs you will relinquish all rights to the title.
4. Attend the 2018 Valley of Flower's Queens Tea, Dinner and Parade.
5. If the duties above are not met, the First Runner-Up will automatically become Queen for the duration of the reign and will assume the obligations of the Queen. All gifts not yet awarded to the Queen will be presented to the First Runner-Up.

**If after serious consideration of the requirements you believe that you cannot fulfill all of them, please do not submit the application for candidacy.**

Please keep these rules in a safe place for future reference. If you have any questions, please call the office at 837-0033 or e-mail [valley-of-flowers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valley-of-flowers@sbcglobal.net).