

FOUNTAIN CITY MARDI GRAS



ROYAL MONARCH

HISTORY

The Royal Court is the scholarship and award program of the Fountain City Mardi Gras Association and was created simultaneous with its inception on March 15, 2017. The Royal Court and Junior Monarch members are envisioned as the official ambassadors of Mardi Gras and Carnival events. The mission the Fountain City Mardi Gras Association is to improve the greater area of Columbus by providing scholarship opportunities through Mardi Gras and Carnival inspired activities.

Mardi Gras is not a single day but rather part of Carnival season that occurs 47 days prior to Easter. Mardi Gras for Columbus is celebrated in spirit in the month of March prior to spring break. Despite popular belief of its origin; the first Mardi Gras celebration was held 1703 in Mobile, AL; 15 years before New Orleans was founded.

Carnival originated in Trinidad and Tobago in the late 18th century in but is muchly celebrated in several cities and locations around the country. Trinidad, its original home, is the still the biggest and wildest party, but there are many other locations where you can experience Carnival, almost year-round. Miami, FL; Houston, TX, Atlanta, GA, and now here in Columbus, GA.

Fountain City Mardi Gras is a mashup of Mardi Gras Carnival is a single day-long schedule of scholarship fundraising events meant to be a family-oriented celebration where all can take part, participate, and enjoy. Fountain City Mardi Gras is held the 2nd week in March prior to Columbus State University and Muscogee County School District Spring Break.



Dear Applicants/Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your interest in the Fountain City Mardi Gras Royal Court. We are excited about the opportunity to showcase emerging youth and young adults to the city of Columbus. We look forward to receiving your complete packet and good luck!

The Royal Court positions and requirements are:

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| ▪ The King of Mardi Gras | High School Senior to College Senior |
| ▪ The Queen of Mardi Gras | High School Senior to College Senior |
| ▪ The Duke of Mardi Gras | High School 10 th or 11 th Grade |
| ▪ The Duchess of Mardi Gras | High School 10 th or 11 th Grade |
| ▪ The Royal Page | High School |

The Junior Monarch positions and requirements are:

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| ▪ The Prince | 12yrs of age and under |
| ▪ The Princess | 12yrs of age and under |
| ▪ The Knight | 12yrs of age and under |
| ▪ The Lady in Waiting | 12yrs of age and under |
| ▪ The Carnival Princess | 12yrs of age and under |

Applications are available online at www.fountaincitymardigras.org. All applications and other material stated in the criteria must be postmarked by October 15 and mailed to

FCMGA

Attention: Royal Court Committee

P.O. Box 364

Columbus, GA 31902

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

What is the name of the organization?

Fountain City Mardi Gras Association

Tell us who you are and little bit about yourself?

Greeting – “Hello or Good Morning/afternoon”, My (Full Name) is and I attend school at__

What position are you applying for and why?

I am applying for_____ because_____

What is the Royal Court?

The Royal Court is the scholarship platform and senior representatives of The Fountain City Mardi Gras Association

What is Fountain City Mardi Gras Association?

Consolidated group of business owners, entrepreneurs, and organizations banded together to bring the culture of Mardi Gras and Carnival to Columbus

What do you want to Columbus to know about Fountain City Mardi Gras?

We want Columbus, Fort Benning, Phenix City, everybody to save the date, and plan to attend the next festival of the Mardi Gras Association.

When is the festival?

Saturday, March 14, 2020.

What is the Fountain City Mardi Gras Festival what things will there be to do?

The festival is a full day schedule of family oriented events that starts with a 5K run and walk at 8am. The art gallery, food vendors, and merchandise vendors open at 10am
The parade starts and 12 with the festival continuing immediately after the parade.

Where is the festival held at?

Columbus’s Historic Liberty District. Just across from the civic center on 5th and 6th Avenue.

What is the purpose of the Festival?

The signature flagship scholarship fundraising event of the FCMG Royal Court.

Where can people go to learn more about Fountain City Mardi Gras?

They can visit our website www.FountainCityMardiGras.org. or any of our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Snapchat) @FCMardiGras

What’s the last thing you want to say?

We look forward to seeing you Columbus, “LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL”.



ROYAL COURT APPLICATION (Check one)

- King of Mardi Gras** - HS or College Senior
- Queen of Mardi Gras** - HS or College Senior
- Duke of Mardi Gras** - 10th or 11th Grade
- Duchess of Mardi Gras** - 10th or 11th Grade
- Royal Page** - High School

JUNIOR MONARCH APPLICATION (Check one)

- Prince of Mardi Gras** - 12 and under
- Princess of Mardi Gras** - 12 and under
- Knight** - 12 and under
- Lady** - 12 and under
- Carnival Princess** - 12 and under

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ GPA: _____

Scholastic and Career Ambition: _____

Awards and Accomplishments: _____

Hobbies, Activities, and Community Service: _____

Parent or Sponsor Name (Not needed for college age applicants)

Parent/Sponsor/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Contestant: _____

I hereby certify that the information provided herein is factual and correct to the best extent of my knowledge. By signing, I agree to comply with the rules of the FCMGA Royal Court Pageant. Further, I give permission for the above information to be released to the media.

Contestant's Signature or Parent/Legal Guardian



ROYAL COURT BIOGRAPHY QUESTIONNAIRE (Used for portfolio if selected)

1. Are you originally from Columbus, GA? ___ Yes ___ No, If no, where? _____

2. What are your parent(s)/guardian(s) full name? _____

3. What are your parent(s)/guardian(s) occupation? _____

4. What school do you attend? _____

5. What is your major? (College Only) _____

5. What clubs do you belong to? _____

6. What organizations are you a member of? _____

7. What are your hobbies? _____

8. Do you have any special awards or recognition? _____

9. What are your plans after high school; college? _____

10. Tell us a little more about yourself. (Use additional sheet of paper if necessary) _____



ROYAL COURT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I, _____, hereby apply as a contestant in the FCMG Royal Court selection.

I CERTIFY to the Fountain City Mardi Gras Association, Inc. that I am enrolled in a College or University. I am between the age 6 and 29, or I will be or appropriate age prior to the Fountain City Mardi Gras Festival, and my age will not exceed 29 years prior to the festival on that day.

I CERTIFY that I am available to participate in Royal Court on the day of Fountain City Mardi Gras.

I understand that if I am elected for the Royal Court, the title belongs to the Royal Court of Fountain City Mardi Gras Association, Inc., and I am only holding the title until the end of the Day of Reign. I understand the time of my reign, if I am selected, I cannot endorse, make appearances, advertise, or take photographs with or for any products, institutions, organizations, or persons, on behalf of the Royal Court, without written permission from the Royal Court Committee Chair.

I hereby give permission to the Royal Court committee to use my photographs, voice, and service gratis in connection with the Pageant.

I hereby release the Royal Court / Fountain City Mardi Gras Association, Inc., from any and all claims for damages or injuries which may be sustained while participating in any activity of the court or during any time of my reign.

I agree that any conduct on my part, at anytime, which in the eyes of the Royal Court Pageant committee will discredit the good image of the court or Fountain City Mardi Gras Association, shall result in my immediate dismissal from all court activities, and forfeiture of all rights, titles, and privileges connected thereto.

I understand that my signature to the foot of this Official Applicant's Agreement, I am committed to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Royal Court Contestant's Rules and Guidelines.

I CERTIFY that I have read, understand and meet the requirements of all the above stipulations and have made all the statements in this Official Applicant's Agreement.

Applicant/Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Royal Court Incentive Schedule (Subject to Change)

The Royal Court Incentive Schedule is designed to encourage importance of participation from court members throughout their time of reign. The Royal Court Committee will assist members ensure they have full understanding in order to maximize their selection award.

Requirements:

1. Initial briefing to Royal Court.
2. Exercise where members conduct community service
3. Participate in local media interview.
4. Selling raffle tickets at fall homecoming games.
5. Participate in formal introduction ceremony.
6. Participate in 2020 MLK Day Procession
7. Participate in local media interview
8. Attend day trip to Mobile for Mardi Gras
9. Family day arts and craft activity at MLT Library
10. Participate in Fountain City Mardi Gras Festival

I CERTIFY that I have read, understand and agree to all of the above requirements.

Applicant/Parent/Guardian

Signature _____ Date _____

ACTIVITY WORKSHEET		
1.	In-brief	5
2.	Team Building	5
3.	Photo Shoot	20
4.	Tailgate & Tickets	5
5.	Coronation	20
6.	MLK Parade	5
7.	TV Interview	5
8.	Road Trip	5
9.	Family Night	5
10.	Festival	20
TOTAL		