



To: Chesapeake Bay Area Yacht Club Princesses
From: Queen of the Chesapeake Committee
Date: February 18, 2024
Subject: 2024-2025 Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant

Dear Princess,

Congratulations! You are invited to participate in the 2024-2025 Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant to be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Maryland Yacht Club. Included with this invitation is the following:

- The Queen of the Chesapeake Handbook
- Pageant Scoring Breakdown and Criteria Sheet
- Pageant Weekend Tentative Schedule
- **QOTC Handbook Acknowledgement Form**
- **Contestant Waiver/Agreement**
- **Photo Waiver/Agreement**
- **Sponsoring Yacht Club Form**

Your completed application and sponsoring clubs checks must be received or postmarked no later than May 1st. If you need more room to write your essay or answer the questions, you may do so on blank sheets of paper, but ensure you put your name at the top of each page. Please return your completed application, typed essay, and the three signed forms highlighted in red above, to:

Email to: QOTC@mdyc.org

Or mail to: QOTC Committee
1500 Fairview Beach Rd.
Pasadena, MD 21122

We look forward to seeing you as a contestant at the 77th Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant. The Queen of the Chesapeake Committee and I are dedicated to making your pageant experience an enjoyable one. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tobli Justice

Committee Chairperson
QOTC@mdyc.org



Please feel free to contact the committee with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Chairperson

Tobbi Justice (Maryland Yacht Club)

QOTC@mdyc.org

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Suenette Pope (Eastern Yacht Club)

Susan Hermann (Maryland Yacht Club)

Lee Budar-Danoff (Maryland Yacht Club)

Karen Davis (White Rocks Yacht Club)

Jeannie Elliott (Bush River Yacht Club)

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QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE PAGEANT APPLICATION

Return by May 1st to:

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1500 Fairview Beach Rd.
Pasadena, MD 21122

or

Email to: QOTC@mdyc.org

Contestant's Name: _____
(Please print clearly) Last First Middle

Email: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Grade in School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Escort Name: _____ Title: _____

Your Pageant Theme Song:

Title: _____

Artist: _____



ELEVATOR PITCH

If elevator pitch is a new phrase for you: imagine you step into an elevator with someone and they ask you a question. You only have the length of the elevator ride to speak your answer, because then they will exit the elevator and walk away forever. You want your answer to be short, sweet, and to the point, so that your elevator companion doesn't walk away with more questions than answers. Typical "pitches" that you want to be prepared for are answers to questions like: "Tell us about yourself?", "What's your platform/charity about?", "Why do you want the title of QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE?", "Why should we pick you over the other contestants?", etc. Your pitch should be roughly 30 secs.



SCORING BREAKDOWN & CRITERIA

Interview Process:

ACHIEVEMENTS – 20%

The Contestant's achievements will count for 20% of her final score. Her achievement score will be based on the information she provides in the achievement section of her Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant Application. Achievements can include any extracurricular activities, leadership experience, academic honors, and awards received. Categories include school honors, sports activities, school organizations, and community activities.

INTERVIEW – 25%

The interviews will count for 25% of your overall score. Interview questions will be pulled from your Elevator Pitch and the information that the Contestant supplies in the Achievement section of their Pageant Application. Contestants are expected to wear business attire to the interview, along with their sash and crown.

Pageant:

ESSAY - 20%

The Contestant's essay will count for 20% of her final score. Her essay should be 200-225 words on the specific topic which is included in her application. It should be submitted with her completed pageant application. Content will be the primary scoring criteria for this category. Following guidelines and using proper grammar will be considered as well in this category.

OPENINGS - 15%

The Contestant's total number of yacht club openings that she has attended this season will be prorated for 15% of her final score. Her attendance at openings reflects her participation and commitment to the yacht club community. She will announce this number during her introduction on Pageant Day. The judges will calculate her openings score using the following scale: One point per opening with the maximum amount of points available being 15.

POISE/PRESENTATION – 20%

The Contestant's poise/presentation will count for 20% of her final score. The Contestant's poise/presentation score will be based on the judges' overall impression while she is escorted, seated on stage, and speaking publicly during the Pageant. They will be looking for her ability to speak effectively and intelligently during her introduction, speech, and while answering questions. Her score will also be influenced by her ability to command both the judges' and the audience's attention by her poise and confidence.



PAGEANT APPLICATION

1. How would your greatest strength make you an effective QOTC?

2. What can you do to encourage civic engagement in your generation?

3. Describe a time you failed and what you learned from that experience.



4. What would you like your legacy as Queen of the Chesapeake to be?

5. If you could start a business or non-profit on the bay, what would it be and why?

6. What have you learned from representing your yacht club during your year Princess?



ACHIEVEMENTS

Use an (x) to indicate which honors, organizations, and activities apply to you in the **last three (3) years**. Please include a copy of your High School transcript, and attach documentation that supports the clubs and organizations that you are part of (this can be letters from the Club Advisor, newspaper clippings, or photos of you participating).

School Honors

- Academic Award
- Citizenship Award
- Honor Award
- National Honor Society
- Others
- _____
- _____

Sports Activities

- Basketball
- Cheerleader
- Drill Team / Flag Squad
- Field Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Other
- _____
- _____

School Organizations

- Band / Chorus / Music
- Debate Team
- Language Club
- ROTC
- SAAD
- School Paper
- STEM
- Student Government
- Yearbook
- Other
- _____
- _____

Community Activities

- Charity Activities
- Charity Fundraising
- Civic Activism
- Girl Scouts
- Hospital Aide
- Sea Scouts
- Other
- _____
- _____



AWARDS

List Awards (i.e., science, music, art, drama), honors, and leadership roles you have obtained. If additional space is required, use a separate sheet (be sure to label which achievement category you are responding to and ensure your name is also on the sheet.) Also, attach a school transcript or verifying documents in the organization(s), grade(s), and honor(s) you have listed above, and attach documentation that supports these awards.

To the best of my knowledge all the information above is true, accurate, and complete

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____



2024 QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE PAGEANT HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

We have received and fully understand the information regarding the pageant and responsibility of the queen as proved in:

2024 Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant Handbook

Contestant's Name (Printed): _____

Contestant's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Commodore's Signature: _____ Date _____



2024 QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE PAGEANT CONTESTANT WAIVER/AGREEMENT

Contestant's Name: _____

Yacht Club Affiliation: _____

Parent's Name: _____

I _____, (contestant) understand that I must be in compliance with all of the rules set forth by the pageant committee found in the **Queen of the Chesapeake Handbook** in order to participate in the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant.

I _____, (parent) understand that by taking part in the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant, there is a possibility of injury or illness to my/our daughter, and I/we knowingly and freely assume all such risk. I/we do hereby grant permission to emergency personnel or hospital staff members to administer immediate treatment to my/our daughter should she be injured or become ill.

I _____, (parent) agree to hold harmless Maryland Yacht Club and the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant Committee at the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant as a result of my/our daughter's participation.

I _____, (parent) give permission for myself/my daughter to be photographed and that these photographs may be used in various print and electronic media publications, i.e. CBYCA Roster Book, YCM Ship's Log and newsletter, various yacht club community websites, and the Queen's Kedge.

Contestant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Contact Number: _____



Photo Release Form Queen of the Chesapeake Program and Pageant

Photo release form policy:

Photos and videos captured The Queen of the Chesapeake Committee's volunteers or paid photographers can be used to help promote The QOTC Program through communication mediums (including but not limited to): social media platforms, website, e-newsletters, and print publications, or communicate to families and the yacht club community about what the girls are accomplishing. By signing this form, you are providing permission to use photos that are taken of your girls for QOTC promotions and communications. QOTC has the right to store and distribute photos on any third-party hosted environment. These hosted environments may have the ability to up-sell the images, as merchandise.

When parents and guardians register their girls to be a QOTC participant, they understand that “when participating in QOTC activities, the registrant may be photographed for print, video, or electronic imaging for the purpose of promotional materials, news releases, or other published formats either for the QOTC or other members of the yachting community.

I, being parent/guardian of, hereby consent that the photographs, video, and audio recordings for which my girl is the subject taken at QOTC activities may be used by the QOTC and others in the yachting community or third-party hosting in relation to promoting or communicating about QOTC activities, including television, radio, print, and electronic uses. I hereby hold the QOTC free and harmless of any and all liability arising out of the material’s subsequent publication and use of the resulting materials.

Name of Princess: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Yacht Club: _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

One copy of this Photo Release Form is to be retained on file by the QOTC



CODE OF CONDUCT

Violations of the Code of Conduct should be reported first to a responsible adult for assistance based on their club's established protocols. This can include a parent or other chaperone, a member of their princess committee, or their Commodore. If the Violation is of illegal activity, notify a Queen of the Chesapeake Committee member immediately. The offending Princess's Commodore will be informed of violations by the QOTC Committee. Misconduct will be evaluated by the Committee and may result in dismissal from the Queen of the Chesapeake Program. As a result, the offending Princess will be unable to participate in the Queen of the Chesapeake activities, nor compete in the Pageant.

All decisions of the Queen of the Chesapeake Committee are final.

I have received a copy of the Code of Conduct, Responsibilities and Protocol for the Queen and the Princesses in the Court of the Queen of the Chesapeake. By signing this document, I agree to uphold the spirit and letter of all standards of behaviors and rules herein. I recognize that failure to do so may result in me being dismissed from the Queen of the Chesapeake Program, which will render me unable to participate in the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant, its sponsored events, and may affect any scholarship awarded. I understand that all decisions by the Queen of the Chesapeake Committee are final.

Club Name: _____

Princess Name (please print): _____

Princess Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Commodore Name (please print): _____

Club Commodore Signature: _____ Date: _____



PRINCESS INFORMATION SHEET

Please fill out the form below for your contact information:

Please print clearly:

Princess Name: _____

Home Club: _____

Your Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Princess Birthdate: _____

Coronation Date: _____

Best Way to Contact You: Email ____ Text ____ Call ____

Parent Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Parent Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____



COMMODORE CONTACT SHEET

Please fill out the form below for your contact information:

Please print clearly:

Commodore Name: _____

First Mate's Name: _____

Princess Name: _____

Home Club Name: _____

Your Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Way to Contact You: Email ____ Text ____ Call ____



EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

Person's Name: _____

Person's Birth Date: _____

Your Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Relationship: _____

Power of Attorney (yes or no): _____

Phone Numbers: (Home, Cell, Work): _____

Secondary Contact Name: _____

Secondary Contact Relationship: _____

Power of Attorney (yes or no): _____

Phone Numbers: (Home, Cell, Work): _____

Insurance Information (will need a copy of your insurance card):

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Holder: _____

Policy Number: _____

Group Number: _____

Doctor Information:

Name of Primary Care Physician: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Specialist Doctor: _____

Phone Number: _____

List of drugs & daily dosage currently prescribed: _____

Allergies: _____

List of Medical Issues: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday MAY 1ST 2024 - 2024 PAGEANT APPLICATION AND FEES DUE

SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 2024 - Pageant Interviews at Maryland Yacht Club starting at 9:00 AM

All contestants are to return their **Penny War Jars** and **Opening Weekend Passports**

FRIDAY JUNE 21st - SATURDAY JUNE 22TH - QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE PAGEANT

FRIDAY JUNE 21st 2024 - Queen's farewell Pool Party - Maryland Yacht Club

SATURDAY JUNE 22TH 2024 - Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant



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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Yacht Club: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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