



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

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Aloha Prospective Contestant!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Queen Contestant in the 59th Cherry Blossom Festival. The Cherry Blossom Festival is proudly sponsored by the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce (HJJCC) and is one of the oldest, continuous running ethnic festivals in Hawaii. The festival is also an important cultural event in our local community, with the support of numerous businesses, generous individuals and dedicated volunteers.

Enclosed are the following materials:

- Queen Contestant Qualification Requirements
- Instructions for completing the Queen Contestant Application
- Queen Contestant Application Form (3 pages)
- Queen Contestant Estimated Time Commitment

Please review all materials carefully and fill out the Application Form completely.

You are required to submit:

- A complete Queen Contestant Application Form;
- Copies of necessary birth certificates; and
- Application fee of \$30. Please make checks payable to **Cherry Blossom Festival**.

Please mail the above submittal to the address below by **August 2, 2010 (postmark date)**. Please note that only the first seventy-five (75) qualified applicants will be accepted. Completed applications must be mailed to:

Cherry Blossom Festival
Attn: 59th CBF Contestant Search
PO Box 1105
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

Thank you once again for considering being a part of the Cherry Blossom Festival. We look forward to receiving your application. Should you have any questions, please contact the HJJCC Office at 949-2255.

Sincerely,

59th Cherry Blossom Festival
Contestant Search Committee

Enclosures



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59th Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Contestant Qualification Requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following qualifications to be considered a Queen Contestant Candidate:

1. Be of at least 50% Japanese ancestry.
2. Be a U.S. citizen and Hawaii resident.
3. Be female by birth.
4. Be at least 19 years of age as of January 1, 2010, and not older than 26 years of age as of June 30, 2011.
5. Be a high school graduate.
6. Has never been married and will not marry before the end of the Cherry Blossom Festival.
7. Has never given birth and will not become pregnant before the end of the Cherry Blossom Festival.
8. Be of good moral character.
9. Has served in community service organizations and/or charities, **or** has an interest in serving in community service organizations and charities.
10. Be able to provide own transportation to and from all Cherry Blossom Festival events, cultural classes and rehearsals.
11. Cannot be a member of the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce.
12. Cannot be an immediate family member of a Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce member.

_____ *initial*

_____ *date*



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59th Cherry Blossom Festival Instructions for Completing the Queen Contestant Application

1. Provide all requested information (type or print legibly using black ink only). Be sure to initial and date each page as well as sign the last page. Applications received without initials and/or signature will be considered incomplete and ineligible for consideration.
2. Your completed application and a copy of your birth certificate must be postmarked no later than **August 2, 2010**. Only the first seventy-five (75) applicants who meet the qualifications will be considered.
3. Only applicants who are at least fifty-percent (50%) Japanese ancestry will be accepted as prospective candidates. We will be using your birth certificate to verify your ancestry. If this information is not indicated on your birth certificate, please include a copy of your mother's and/or father's birth certificate.

These are the possible marriage combinations that will qualify you as having at least 50% Japanese ancestry:

	Parent 1	Parent 2	Birth Certificates Needed For
1.	Full Japanese	Full Japanese	Either Parent 1 <u>or</u> 2
2.	Other ethnicity	Full Japanese	Parent 2
3.	50% Japanese	50% Japanese	Both Parents 1 <u>and</u> 2

Important Note: If the birth certificates submitted do not clearly identify you as being at least 50% Japanese ancestry, it is then your responsibility to produce the documents that can verify your ethnicity.

For your information, **at your request in person**, the Department of Health's Vital Statistics and Records Department can process your Hawaii birth certificate stating your ethnicity/race. Records that are readily available can be processed in four weeks. There is a fee of \$10. If you have further questions, you can call the Department of Health at 586-4539 or 586-4542. (This information is subject to change.)

4. Any application that is received without a birth certificate will be considered incomplete and ineligible for consideration. However, if you are in the process of filing for a duplicate birth certificate for yourself, your parents or grandparents, you must include a copy of your receipt from the Department of Health or other government agency. All birth certificates must be **received** by **August 2, 2010**; otherwise your application will be ineligible for consideration.
5. Mail your completed Contestant Application form, necessary birth certificate(s) and the \$30.00 application fee to:

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Attn: 59th CBF Contestant Search
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59th Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Contestant Estimated Time Commitment

The Queen Contestant process is a very rich and fulfilling experience for a young woman. In order to obtain the complete benefit that the Festival has to offer, it requires a serious time commitment on the part of the Contestant.

The following is a tentative overall schedule to give you an idea of the time commitment necessary to be a Contestant. Both non-public and public events are **mandatory**. Please note that this is **not** a final schedule or timetable.

Tentative Schedule of Non-Public Events:

Starting from the beginning of October 2010 through mid April 2011, Contestants will be required to attend various meetings, practices, cultural classes, community service projects and other events each week. On average, this may require two days a week, and on average three to four hours each day. Each week will vary on the amount of meetings, classes or events. In addition, all non-public events are generally scheduled after normal work/school hours, and on weekends.

Tentative Schedule of Public Events:

In addition to the regular meetings and classes, there are the Festival's official events. This tentative schedule is subject to change:

January 2011:
Opening Ceremonies
Public Appearances

February 2011:
Public Appearances

March 2011:
Public Appearances
Heritage Fair
Contestant Reception/Fashion Show
Festival Ball

April 2011:
Golf Tournament
Closing Ceremonies

Please see the attached **SAMPLE** schedule to get an idea of the time commitment required of Queen Contestants.

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_____ *date*



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PERSONAL DATA (type or print legibly)

Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Address: _____
Street *City / State* *Zip Code*

Cell phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Birth date: _____ Birth place: _____

U.S. citizen? Yes No Hawaii resident? Yes No

Father's name: _____ Employer: _____

Mother's name: _____ Employer: _____

EDUCATION (past)

High School: _____ Year graduated: _____

College: _____ Year graduated: _____

Vocational: _____ Year graduated: _____

EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT (current)

School: _____

Major: _____ Credit load: _____

Employer: _____

Employment department: _____

Employment position: _____

Business phone: _____ Full time Part time

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_____ *date*



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EDUCATION / EMPLOYEMENT (cont'd)

Work/School Schedule:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Ex:	8am – 1pm	9am–11am 3pm – 5pm	8am – 1pm	9am–11am 3pm – 5pm	8am – 1pm	

CULTURAL EXPOSURE

Cultural Organizations: _____

Cultural Interests: _____

Cultural Training or Instruction: _____

OTHER ACTIVITIES (Charities, Community service organizations, sororities, etc)

Organization or Club: _____ Organization type: _____

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How did you hear about the Cherry Blossom Festival?

- Poster
- Website
- News/Radio
- Family Member/Friend
- HJJCC Member: _____
- Other: _____

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59th Cherry Blossom Festival SAMPLE QUEEN CONTESTANT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Japanese History Class 6pm - 8pm			
Group/Individual Photo Sessions 4:00pm - 8:00pm		Parent/Contestant Photo Session #1 5:00pm - 7:00pm			Japanese Business Etiquette Class 6:00pm - 8:00pm	
Manju Making Class 1:00pm - 3:30pm	Parent/Contestant Photo Session #2 5:00pm - 7:00pm					

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Pageant Training Class #1 6:00pm - 8:00pm		
			Ikebana Class 6:00pm - 9:00pm			
Origami Class 1:00pm - 3:30pm						
					Japanese Tea Ceremony Class 6:30pm - 8:30pm	

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Odori Class 6:00pm - 8:00pm			Pageant Training Class #2 6:00pm - 8:00pm	
		Court/Contestant Get Together 6:30pm - 9:30pm		Taisho Koto Class 6:00pm - 7:30pm		
			Contestant Xmas Get Together 6:30pm - 9:30pm	Japanese Calligraphy Class 6:00pm - 8:00pm		



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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Kimono Class #1 6:00pm - 8:00pm		Taiko Class #1 8:00pm - 9:30pm	Pageant Training Class #3 6:00pm - 8:00pm		Sales Orientation 9:00am - 10:30am
				Shiseido Make-Up Class 6:00pm - 8:00pm		
			Taiko Class #2 8:00pm - 9:30pm			Opening Ceremony 9:00am - 1:00pm
			Taiko Class #3 8:00pm - 9:30pm			

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Kahala Mall Public Appearance 11:00am - 1:00pm
	Kimono Class #2 6:00pm - 8:00pm		Taiko Class #4 8:00pm - 9:30pm			Windward Mall Public Appearance 11:00am - 1:00pm
Festival Ball Rehearsal 2:00pm - 5:00pm			Taiko Class #5 8:00pm - 9:30pm			Pearlridge Public Appearance 11:00am - 1:00pm
Festival Ball Rehearsal 2:00pm - 5:00pm			Taiko Class #6 8:00pm - 9:30pm			Ala Moana Public Appearance 11:00am - 1:00pm
Festival Ball Rehearsal 2:00pm - 5:00pm	Kimono Class #3 6:00pm - 8:00pm		Taiko Class #7 8:00pm - 9:30pm			Heritage Fair 12:30pm - 2:30pm

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Festival Ball Rehearsal 2:00pm - 5:00pm			Taiko Class #8 8:00pm - 9:30pm		Mock Interview 6:00pm - 8:00pm	
Festival Ball Rehearsal 2:00pm - 5:00pm			Taiko Class #9 8:00pm - 9:30pm			Judge's Interview 8:00am - 12:00pm
Last Contestant Get Together 12:00pm			Festival Ball Dress Rehearsal 4:00pm - 11:00pm		Festival Ball 12:00pm - 11:00pm	
					Golf Tournament	