

*The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cherry Blossom Princess Program*

April 7 - 14, 2013 – Washington, DC  
c/o National Conference of State Societies  
Post Office Box 70175  
Washington, DC 20024



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**CHERRY BLOSSOM PRINCESS ABSENCE REQUEST – FORM H**

Society or Embassy: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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Princess Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Request

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved (your name will remain on the wheel).

\_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved (should you choose to disregard this decision, you will be **disqualified** from the opportunity to participate in the Queen Selection Process and your name will be removed from the wheel).

\_\_\_\_\_  
NCSS President Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTE:** It is **mandatory** that each Princess **attend ALL Public events** including the Princess Tea, Lantern Lighting Ceremony, the Opening Reception, Japanese Ambassador's Reception, Princess Luncheon, Congressional Reception, Grand Ball/Sushi Reception, National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade<sup>®</sup>, the Sakura Matsuri, and the Closing Reception. Attendance will be taken each day.

If a Princess cannot attend **ANY** event during the Princess week or use the NCSS bus, she must get a written excused absence from the Princess Chair **24 hours in advance**. Requests must be in writing, using this form, and approval will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Attendance at all events, or an approved absence, is required in order for the Princess representing a State or Territory to qualify for the opportunity to participate in the United States Cherry Blossom Queen Selection Process.