

THE CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL & ARTISAN MARKETPLACE

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a craft exhibitor at the Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace. Attached is an application for the Carolina Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace, running eight weekends each fall (roughly October and November). In addition to our weekend dates, the Festival schedules three "Student Days", weekday events geared toward schools as a field trip destination. See application (below) for specific dates.

Be sure to list all items you wish to sell at the Festival and provide as many photos as possible.

Here are answers to some commonly asked questions:

Do I have to attend all eight weekends of the Festival?

Yes, you are required to be open all eight weekends and all of our Student Days. You may hire a manager to run your booth if you are unable to attend yourself. We do not engage guest artisans.

Should I send money with this application?

No. Do not send any money at this time. If you are accepted, a contract will be sent to you. This will detail the fees and when they are due.

What are the requirements for vending at the Renaissance Festival?

Should your application be accepted and you are contracted for the Festival, you would have to provide your own exhibition structure and costume. Both your costume and exhibit/display (tent, cart or, if you prefer to build, booth) must fit within the "Renaissance" theme and be approved by Festival management. Photos or drawings of your proposed set-up and costume should be sent to the Festival with this application.

Can I use this form to apply to vend food items?

This form may be used to apply to vend any food items that are pre-packaged to take home and consume (such as canned items, dry teas or mixes). If you wish to sell food that is ready to eat on premises, you should write a proposal that states what you wish to sell, your pricing and infrastructure requirements. You may email it to Eli Kujolic, our Food & Beverage General Manager, at Eli@renfestinfo.com.

What sort of spaces may be available?

- **In-Line Spaces:** In-line spaces are for non-portable booth structures. The Carolina Festival is maturing and therefore building sites are limited. On occasion, existing booths are put up for sale. Please note on the application if you are interested in buying an existing shop. If there are booths available for sale a list will be provided to accepted craft applicants on request.
- **Cart/Portable/Pavilion:** We have a number of spaces for portable exhibits such as carts, covered decks or gazebos, pavilion tents and similar set ups. The Festival would need to approve the design. Measurements and drawings or photos should be submitted with your application.
- Please note: we rarely approve roving vendors as it affords an unfair advantage over those who are stationary. Exceptions will be considered for a product with minimal competition.

How do you decide who is accepted?

The decision as to who we can accept to fill the spaces available will be based on the quality of your craft and how your work fits into the current offerings at the Festival, combined with a clear understanding of your first and second choices with respect to booth type, size and design. If you aren't sure your product is acceptable or likely to be juried in, the best way to find out is to submit your application.

The Festival first looks for exhibitors who can build appropriately designed booths in any existing available spaces, or can purchase and maintain or upgrade a booth for sale. After that we look to fill in any remaining space with carts, tents and portable exhibits.

What if I am interested in purchasing a booth that is for sale?

If you're interested in purchasing a booth, note so on your application. Let us know what your second choice (in-line space, pathway or portable) would be in case there are no booths available. If your application is accepted, you will be informed immediately. Once accepted, if you have inquired about a booth for sale, we will put you in direct contact with any potential sellers in locations for which you are approved. We do not publish a list of shops for sale. If you indicate interest in purchasing a shop and your application is approved, we will send you flyers (including contact information) for any available shops which you are approved to purchase.

Can we rent a booth for the first year?

Booth rental is a rare exception rather than the rule at this Festival. Occasionally we may find a booth temporarily available for rent. You can always note on your application if that option should be considered. The alternative to booth rental, if you are not prepared to buy or build a booth, is a portable exhibit such as a cart, kiosk, covered deck or pavilion tent.

We look forward to receiving your application and we encourage you to attach a note with any questions or comments you wish to be addressed.

These two FAQ pages are a cover letter only, and may be retained for your reference. When you complete the application, be sure to list all items you wish to sell at the Festival and provide as many photos as possible. We encourage you to attach a note with any questions or comments you wish addressed. We look forward to receiving your application!

Cheers and regards,

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~Please complete and return the application pages to apply