



CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

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Aloha Prospective Queen Contestant!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Queen Contestant in the 66th Cherry Blossom Festival. The Cherry Blossom Festival is proudly sponsored by the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce (HJJCC) and is one of the longest, continuously running ethnic festivals in Hawaii. The festival is an important cultural event in our local community, with the support of numerous businesses, generous individuals and dedicated volunteers.

Enclosed are the following materials:

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

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 check payable to **Cherry Blossom Festival**.

Please mail the above submittals to the address below by **August 1, 2017 (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: 66th CBF Contestant Search
PO Box 1105
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

We look forward to receiving your application. Should you have any questions, please email at cbfsearch@hjcc.com.

Sincerely,

66th Cherry Blossom Festival
Contestant Search Committee

Enclosures



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66th Cherry Blossom Festival QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

1. Have at least 50% Japanese ancestry.
2. Be a United States citizen and Hawaii resident.
3. Be female by birth.
4. Be at least 19 years of age as of September 1, 2017, and not older than 28 years of age as of April 1, 2018.
5. Be a high school graduate.
6. Has never been married and does not intend to marry before the end of the Cherry Blossom Festival.
7. Has never given birth and does not intend to become pregnant before the end of the Cherry Blossom Festival.
8. Be of good moral character.
9. Has served in community service organizations, **or** has an interest in serving in community service organizations.
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 and/or dating a Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce member.



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66th Cherry Blossom Festival INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

1. Provide all requested information (type or print legibly). 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 1, 2017**. Only the first seventy-five (75) applicants who meet the qualifications will be considered.
3. Only applicants with of 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 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 1, 2017**; otherwise your application will be ineligible for consideration.
5. Copy of Hawaii driver's license or Hawaii State ID (as proof of Hawaii residency).
6. Documentation evidencing United States citizenship if not stated on birth certificate.



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- Mail your completed Contestant Application form, necessary birth certificate(s) and the \$30.00 application fee to: Cherry Blossom Festival, Attn: 66th CBF Contestant Search, PO Box 1105, Aiea, Hawaii 96701.

66th Cherry Blossom Festival **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.

Starting from the beginning of September 2017 through April 2018, 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, the amount of meetings, classes or events will vary. In addition, all non-public events are generally scheduled after normal work/school hours, and on weekends.

66th Cherry Blossom Festival **SAMPLE QUEEN CONTESTANT SCHEDULE**

SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Parent & Contestant Orientation 1 – 3 p.m.						
Contestant Orientation 1 p.m.						Sales Orientation 9 - 11 a.m.
Contestant & Group Photos 1 p.m.						



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OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Parent & Contestant Photos 9 a.m.	Japanese History Class 6 – 8 p.m.	Ikebana Class 6 – 8 p.m.				
Manju Making Class 1 – 3 p.m.			Speech Class #1 6 – 8 p.m.	Japanese Business Etiquette Class 6 – 8 p.m.		
						CBF History Class 9 – 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Visual Presentation Class #1 6 – 8 p.m.		Tea Ceremony Class 6 – 8 p.m.		Calligraphy Class 9 – 11 a.m.
				Speech Class #2 6 – 8 p.m.		
Origami Class 1 – 3 p.m.						

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Speech Class #3 6 – 8 p.m.	Aikido Class 6 – 8 p.m.	Court & Contestant Get Together
		Shiseido Class 6 – 8 p.m.		Visual Presentation Class #2 6- 8 p.m.		



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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Sushi Class & Poster Signing 3 – 6 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies 9 – 11 a.m.	Taiko Class #1 6 – 7 p.m.			Bon Odori Class 6 – 8 p.m.		
				Speech Class #4 6 – 8 p.m.		Kahala Mall Public Appearance 11 a.m.
	Taiko Class #2 6 – 7 p.m.					Pearlridge Mall Public Appearance 11 a.m.
FB Rehearsal 1 – 4 p.m.						

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Taiko Class #3 6 – 7 p.m.		Visual Presentation Class #3 6 – 8 p.m.			Windward Mall Appearance 11 a.m.
FB Rehearsal 1 – 4 p.m.	Taiko Class #4 6 – 7 p.m.					
						Mock Interview 9 a.m.
FB Rehearsal 1 – 4 p.m.	Taiko Class #5 6 – 7 p.m.				Golf Tournament 10 a.m.	Ala Moana Center Mall Appearance 2 p.m.
FB Rehearsal 1 – 4 p.m.	Taiko Class #6 6 – 7 p.m.					

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Contestant Reception 3 – 8 p.m.
FB Rehearsal 1 – 4 p.m.	Taiko Class #7 6 – 7 p.m.			Communication Panel 6 – 8 p.m.		
FB Rehearsal 1 – 4 p.m.	Taiko Class #8 6 – 7 p.m.					Judges Interview
FB Rehearsal 1 – 4 p.m.	Taiko Class #9 6 – 7 p.m.				Dress Rehearsal	Festival Ball
	Mandatory Court Meeting					

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Closing Ceremonies



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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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EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT (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
- Social Media
- Family Member/Friend
- HJJCC Member: _____
- Former CBF Participant: _____
- Other: _____



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Tell us about yourself (250 words or less) in the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper:

I, _____, hereby certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct. I have read and understand all the aforementioned terms and conditions and attest that I meet all Queen Contestant eligibility requirements of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Signature of Applicant

Date