

Dear Nominator,

It is time once again to recommend a young lady whom you feel could represent our organization and the community as a member of the Queen's Court. This is one of the most important responsibilities we, as members of this organization, take on each year. The committee is working hard to identify different sources of candidates for the Queens Court, but our membership has always been and remains an extremely valuable source of recommendations.

Upon receipt of your nomination, the Queen Selection Committee will review your candidates and a notification of nomination will be sent to those meeting the requirements. The Committee will interview each contestant personally, selecting the young women to represent the Hernando de Soto Historical Society during the 2017 De Soto Heritage Festival. Contestants absolutely must meet the following requirements:

1. At least 18 years of age, but not over 22.
2. A high School graduate by June, 2016.
3. Permanent resident of Manatee County/or within 25 miles for the last 6 months.
4. Single, never having been married or had marriage annulled.
5. Free of any charges or conviction of a crime.
6. No involvement in illegal drugs.
7. Contestant has not previously been on the Queen's Court.

Your nominee(s) should be given consideration on the basis of character, appearance, scholastic ability, high morals, and personality, the young woman you recommend may very well become an Ambassador for the Hernando de Soto Historical Society and Manatee County.

DO NOT DISCLOSE YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR NOMINEE(S). IT WOULD RESULT IN EMBARRASSMENT ON EVERYONE'S PART IF A YOUNG WOMAN YOU RECOMMEND IS NOT ACCEPTED.

You may recommend as many young women as you wish. If you presented the name of a young woman last year who was not old enough, or was not a member of the 2016 Queen's Court, please consider submitting her name again. In addition, if you can suggest of any leaders of community organizations such as dance teams, girls service clubs or schools, we would like to contact them for their recommendations of young ladies.

Please forward your recommendation(s), IN WRITING, along with her/their address and telephone number to Queen Selection Committee, 910 Third Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205, or by email to kelly@desotohq.com BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016.

Sincerely,

John DeLesline

Queen Selection Committee Chairman

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