

Information for Junior Court Application 2011-2012

Please find attached an application, a list of Junior Court commitments and a copy of Standing Rules for the West Seattle Hi-Yu Junior Court. After you have completed the application, please call Christi Webster (206-935-3442) to set up an interview time. All interviews will be scheduled on **Friday, July 15th between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon.** Interviews will be held at Hiawatha Community Center and will consist of a panel of three to five judges. Your child's application should be mailed to PO Box 16130, Seattle, WA 98116 and must be received by **Tuesday, July 12, 2011.**

After the interview Friday morning, participants will need to meet back inside the Community Center promptly at 12:30 pm. It is important that all participants are there on time. **The Junior Court Coronation is set for 1:00 pm** and it is a scheduled event that takes place during the Hiawatha Kids Fun Festival. There will be a photographer taking pictures of the candidates and the new court members. These pictures may be published in the West Seattle Herald or the West Seattle Blog. The tiaras and sashes that the Queen and Princesses receive may be worn for the pictures, however, with respect to the present Junior Court, we ask that the tiaras not be worn after this time, with the exception of the Visiting Court Reception and West Seattle Kiddies parade on Saturday, July 23rd. The sashes they receive on the day of the coronation are okay to wear during the Fun Festival, the Visiting Court Reception, the Kiddies Parade and the Hi-Yu meetings.

The events the *new* Junior Court will need to be available for this summer are the West Seattle Kiddies Parade on Saturday, July 23rd at 10:30am at the Alaska Junction and the monthly Hi-Yu general membership meetings, held in the Parish Hall of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church (corner of California Ave and Hanford St) on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. More information will be distributed at the coronation for the new court.

For the interview, the participant should wear a nice, casual dress or something they feel comfortable in. They will not be judged on how fancy or expensively they are dressed, but how they present themselves to the judges. It's a good idea to make sure your child understands that they need to speak to the judges during the interview. The judges need this interaction with the candidates in order to make their decisions. You are welcome to come into the interview room with your child if you wish, but you are not allowed to talk to or for your child.

The Hiawatha Kids' Fun Festival offers many fun activities, so please stay and enjoy them. This is also important for the girls who are not selected, so that the coronation is not a major part of their day, just a part of the overall activities.

Thank you and good luck.

Diane Szender and Christi Webster
West Seattle Junior Court Coronation Coordinators

**WEST SEATTLE HI-YU JUNIOR COURT 2011-2012
APPLICATION FORM**

NAME _____ AGE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES AND INTERESTS _____

FAVORITES:

TV Show _____ Book _____

Person _____ Food _____

School Subject _____ Game _____

SCHOOL _____ LAST GRADE
COMPLETED _____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMEBR OF THE WEST SEATTLE HI-YU JUNIOR COURT:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

PARENT INFORMATION

FATHER

MOTHER

NAME _____ NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ PHONE _____

OCCUPATION _____ OCCUPATION _____

Interviews for the Junior Court will be held on Friday, July 15th between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon at the Hiawatha Community Center. The new Junior Court will be crowned on the outdoor stage during the Hiawatha Kids' Fun Festival at 1:00 PM. For an interview time, please call Christi Webster at 206-683-6603. **Please have the application completed and interview time scheduled by Tuesday, July 12, 2011.**

I have read the Standing Rules for the Hi-Yu Junior Court (attached to this application) and agree to abide by them if my child is selected. The runner-up will be substituted after one official warning from the Hi-Yu Board, should the rules not be complied with.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

Junior Court Standing Rules

1. Junior Court members must be a female between the ages of 8 and 11 by September 1st of the year they run. Siblings may not run for the Junior Court in the same year.
2. Court members must be a resident or attend school in West Seattle (including zip codes 98106, 98116, 98126, 98136, 98146)
3. The Junior Court reign runs from October 1st of the year that they are crowned through September 30th of the following year.
4. Crowns and permanent sashes will be provided to each girl. Neither is to be worn until October 1st of the year they are selected out of respect for the current reigning court. Temporary sashes can be worn.
5. Once you have been chosen as a Junior Court member, you may not run again for the Junior Court.
6. A float dress and Hi-Yu tee or polo shirt will be provided to each Junior Court member. All other clothing worn to Hi-Yu events should be purchased by and be the responsibility of the Court's parents or guardians. Typical attire includes white pants, skirts, or shorts, short dresses and long formal dresses. All court apparel should be coordinated between the court and their parents or guardians.
7. Junior Court members are expected to present a proper image of politeness, good manners, and a cooperative attitude.
8. Should a Junior Court member be unable to attend a parade, a substitute will be appointed. This person should have an affiliation with Hi-Yu, and we may need your assistance in finding someone. The float chairperson and Junior Court coordinator should be notified of this person's identity.
9. At least one parent or guardian of each Junior Court member should attend monthly Hi-Yu meetings with their daughter to keep abreast of all activities. At these meetings, the Junior Court will be introduced and will sit in front of the room. After the meeting starts, the Junior Court may go quietly to a table in the back of the room if they wish to read or do homework. They will be expected to remain quiet during the meeting.
10. The Hi-Yu Board will appoint a Junior Court Coordinator or Court Chaperone to assist the Junior Court in preparing for their activities and scheduled appearances.
11. While it is not a rule, it is suggested that the Junior Court select and follow through with a service project. Examples include visiting local nursing homes on holidays, delivering gifts to shelters, adopting a family, etc.
12. Any non Hi-Yu events that the Junior Court members attend as representatives of Hi-Yu (i.e., wearing sash and/or tiara or introducing themselves as Hi-Yu Junior Court members) needs Board approval.

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13. The Junior Court should attend all official Hi-Yu activities and monthly meetings as directed by the Hi-Yu Board.
14. The Junior Court will accompany the Hi-Yu Parade Float to selected parades. A parent or guardian is expected to chaperone and provide transportation for the Junior Court to these parades. Often, parents of the Junior Court are expected to walk in these parades. This requires the parent or guardian to be available to attend the full parade and wear reds and whites or other attire as decided upon by the float chairperson. Parades are usually on Saturdays and several parades are out of town.
15. At all Hi-Yu functions and events, Junior Court royalty are to be with a Hi-Yu member, chaperone, or the parent or guardian.
16. Junior Court royalty and families are encouraged to participate in the float's design and construction along with assisting with the setup and tear down of the festival's parade float at the scheduled parades. Float design meetings run from November to February, with the construction going from January through early May. Weekend work parties are planned. (Senior court members are encouraged to help also.)
17. You should be early to all events. The court coordinator should be notified of any late arrivals or early departures. You should always check in and out when arriving or leaving an event.
18. Family members are encouraged to become a member of Hi-Yu during their daughter's reign. Non-members have no voting rights on issues that are presented at the Hi-Yu general membership meetings. Members must be 18 or older.
19. Between the coordinator and court member families, you will have to arrange transportation to and from events and parades. Sometimes you may choose to stay overnight in the city or out of town parades. Any transportation or lodging costs are the responsibility of the court and their parents/guardians.
20. If the Junior Court is attending a parade that the float does not attend, they may ride in a convertible. Locating, picking up, and returning the convertible is the responsibility of the court coordinator and the court's families.
21. The year after your reign, past junior court royalty and parents/guardians are asked to organize two events: the White Rose reception and the Visiting Court reception before the American Legion parade. This tradition allows the current courts to enjoy these events. (These events are also planned with the past Senior Court royalty/parents/guardians.)
22. Junior Court members and their families should respect the rights, privileges, and property of other court members of Hi-Yu and visitors, and should refrain from actions that would interfere with Hi-Yu functions or would endanger the health, safety, or welfare of other persons, or would expose the organization to legal risk.

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23. Notify the President or a Board member when faced with a problem or an ethical dilemma relating to Hi-Yu.
24. Any form of harassment relating to sexual orientation, race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, disability, or medical condition will be considered unethical.
25. Any action suggested or calculated to cause harm to Hi-Yu or undermine the duly elected Board of Directors or court members shall be deemed not in Hi-Yu's best interest and will result in a special disciplinary board meeting.
26. Any violation of these rules shall result in the following: First time, a written warning. Second, a meeting with the Board. Third, dismissal from your position as Hi-Yu Junior Court member. If the violation is on the part of the parent or guardian, a Board meeting will be held to decide if the action warrants the dismissal of both the parent and the child or strictly the parent.
27. New in 2011, crowned Junior Court members will each receive a \$100 scholarship after their year of reign. This money is intended for court members to continue their participation in sports, music lessons, acting, scouting, religious affiliation events, etc. or to try new activities.

Please sign and date that you have read, understood, and agree to follow these rules during your reign (and your daughter's reign) as a West Seattle Hi-Yu Junior Court member.

Junior Court Member's Name

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Name

Signature

Date

Hi-Yu JUNIOR COURT COMMITMENTS

These may vary from year to year, but the following is a list of what the Junior Court has done previously during their reign from October 1 through September 30:

October	Hi-Yu General Meeting Halloween Carnival at Hiawatha Community Center
November	Hi-Yu General Meeting Help design the float
December	Hi-Yu General Meeting Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast Junction Hometown Holiday Events Help design the float & button
January	Hi-Yu General Meeting Help design the float Help with the detail work on the float (painting and glittering)
February	Hi-Yu General Meeting Hi-Yu Valentines Tea or Spring Tea Help with the detail work on the float
March	Hi-Yu General Meeting Help with the detail work on the float
April	Hi-Yu General Meeting Egg Hunt with Hiawatha and American Legion Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby
May	Hi-Yu General Meeting Sequim Irrigation Festival Parade Port Townsend Rhododendron Parade
June	Hi-Yu General Meeting Shelton Paul Bunyon Parade Marysville Strawberry Festival Parade Port Orchard Fathoms O' Fun Parade White Rose Reception
July	Hi-Yu General Meeting Admiral Neighborhood 4 th of July parade Burien 4 th of July Parade Pirates Landing at Alki Beach Junction Association – West Seattle Summer Fest weekend Kent Cornucopia Parade Concert in the Park

Hiawatha Kids' Fun Festival and Junior Court Coronation

July	Visiting Court Reception West Seattle American Legion Grand Parade Senior Care Facility visits with the Seafair Pirates Miss West Seattle Hi-Yu Scholarship Pageant Seafair Torchlight Parade
August	Hi-Yu General Meeting Lake City Pioneer Days Parade
September	Hi-Yu General Meeting
October	Issaquah Salmon Days Parade

Other suggestions:

Put flags out at Forest Lawn for Memorial Day
Visit Senior Centers on Holidays
Visit Elementary Schools to recruit new Junior Court

Please check any activities the Junior Court wishes to do with the Hi-Yu Board for notification and approval.