



Queen Silver Star
Excellence Program

The Queen Silver Star Excellence Program is a personal development program for young women. This six month program works hard to provide opportunities and experiences for these young ladies to learn and grow. There is a wide variety of classes and events to attend throughout the program. Each year we work hard to fundraise so that we can award the candidates with numerous scholarships on the night of Proclamation. Any girls interested in joining the program can review the application and hand it into the Vernon Winter Carnival office by June 1st, 2015. The Program has been limited to a maximum of 12 applications being accepted on a first come first paid process.

You can pick up an application form from the Vernon Winter Carnival office or off the Carnival website www.vernonwintercarnival.com

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the Carnival office at 250 545 2236

Sincerely,

QSSEP Committee



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The Queen Silver Star Excellence Program is a self development program for young women ages 16 - 19 and it has been transforming the lives of young women in the Vernon area for over 50 years! This six month program provides opportunities and experiences for young ladies in our community and provides them with the opportunity to give back to our wonderful city! From September - February, candidates will attend classes 2-3 times a week (sometimes more) on topics such as:

- Speech Craft
- Hair care
- Automotive
- Self defence
- History of Vernon

- Mural and history tour
- Modeling
- Financial Planning
- Vernon Tourism

There are three main events to prepare for during the program, Fashion Show, Talent Show and Proclamation. In 2015 we awarded \$9000 in scholarships. The scholarships provided are:

- Congeniality
- Talent
- Speech
- Knowledge

- Blossom
- People's Choice Talent
- Top Fundraiser
- Pursuit of Excellence

The time commitment required around the events is extensive, it is often a challenge for candidates to have a part time job or extracurricular activities. However, candidates who join the program make long lasting friendships, enhance their resume, obtain required graduation volunteer hours, have the opportunity to win scholarship money and develop skills that will enhance their confidence and abilities.

The program requires a lot of hard work and dedication, but the skills that are learned will last a lifetime. The program is committed to assisting candidates perform well in school as well as in the program. If you have any questions or concerns about the time commitment, contact a committee member and we can discuss the program with you.

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Candidate Rules and Regulations

- 👑 Candidates must live within the North Okanagan Regional District.
- 👑 Candidates must be 16 years of age by December 31st of the current year and/ or have not reached her 19th birthday by December of the current year.
- 👑 Candidates must be attending school.
- 👑 Candidates may not become engaged, married, pregnant, or live common law during her candidacy or reign.
- 👑 Use of alcohol, cigarettes, drugs and vulgar language are not reflective of the goals of the Queen Silver Star Excellence Program and will not be tolerated. Candidates will be disqualified immediately if found using or under the influence of any kind of illegal substance.
- 👑 Candidates will be disqualified immediately if found to have been charged with, or convicted of, any offence under the Criminal Code of Canada or the Food and Drug Act.
- 👑 The Queens Committee will provide the tea suit, banner, name tag and tiara. Any alterations required are the responsibility of the candidate. This outfit along with shoes* is the Official Candidate Tea Suit and is always worn together. This outfit will need to be ready for the Media Event, September 2015. *The shoes will be selected by the committee but purchased by the candidate. If any of these items are lost, stolen or damaged, it is the responsibility of the candidate to replace the items at her own expense.
- 👑 The Queens Committee must approve all official/ promotional public appearances for all candidates.
- 👑 While in the program, candidates may not show any displays of public affection.(PDA)
- 👑 Gum chewing is not permitted during functions.
- 👑 Candidates will be disqualified immediately if found utilizing the internet in an illegal or inappropriate manner.
- 👑 Candidates using social media sites (such as Facebook) must use discretion when posting photos, comments etc. The Queens Committee has the right to ask you to take something off your site at anytime.
- 👑 It is expected that you will dress appropriately for all Queen Silver Star Excellence Program related events, activities and classes (not too short, too sheer, too little coverage, no navel showing). Visible tattoos may need to be covered. No visible body piercing other than ears. No major change in hair color or style during the course of the program. Thin strap tank tops, and/or any clothing with undergarments showing is prohibited. Skirts/dresses must not be shorter than two inches above the knee.
- 👑 Candidates must **arrive ten minutes early** to all classes and events.

- 👑 Attendance and promptness are mandatory for all classes. School work, social engagements, or work is not acceptable excuses for being absent. If you are unable to attend, **you personally** must contact a **Queen's Committee member** before the class. Unexcused absences will result in point deductions by the judges.
- 👑 Conduct that is considered to be inappropriate by the Vernon Winter Carnival and/ or the Queens Committee will be addressed and may result in disqualification.
- 👑 Candidates are required to fulfill **20 hours** of volunteer service with agencies selected by the candidates and approved by the Queen's Committee. Failure to do so will result in point deduction by the judges.
- 👑 Candidates are not permitted to approach their sponsor for additional funds that may be incurred during the QSSEP. This is the sole responsibility of the candidates and/or parents/ guardians.
- 👑 A committee member must be notified if a candidate has been requested to attend a sponsor function; it must be approved by the committee if you are asked to attend in the official tea suit. Tiara and banner cannot be worn without the tea suit clothing.
- 👑 Candidates are not to speak to the press about the Queen Silver Star Excellence Program or their candidacy (before, during or after the program) unless a Queens Committee member is present.
- 👑 Cell phones are not to be used during classes or events.
- 👑 Candidates will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all functions either private or public with grace, respect, poise, dignity and a cheerful/ positive attitude towards committee members, instructors, fellow candidates, judges, sponsors, the media and the program.
- 👑 For each of the main events, candidates will be given tickets to sell. These tickets are the sole responsibility of the candidates. The candidate will be responsible for paying back the amount of the tickets if lost or stolen.
- 👑 A new wardrobe is not necessary; *please* do not go to great expense. You will be required to have a floor length formal gown (not strapless). You may choose to purchase borrow or use something you currently own. You will need this gown for the Official Fashion Show and Debut in November 2015.
- 👑 The official tea suit, including shoes are not to be worn at any time except for a Queen Silver Star event when instructed, or to a class. They remain the property of the program until it is over in February.
- 👑 If for any reason a candidate chooses to leave the program for other than a legitimate medical reason (letter from physician required), **the candidate is solely responsible** for repaying her sponsor's full sponsorship fee of \$700.00.
- 👑 If for any reasons a candidate is dismissed from the program **the candidate is solely responsible** for repaying her sponsor's full sponsorship fee of \$700.00.

- 👑 Scholarship funds awarded will not be released until a proof of payment to a Post Secondary Institution is provided. Two years is proved to obtain funds, a one year extension may be requested in writing before the two years are over.
- 👑 If you are chosen as new Royalty you will remain under the jurisdiction of the Queens Committee and a new contract will be signed. If you are not chosen, you will remain under this contract until your sponsor has chosen a new candidate.

***FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES WILL RESULT IN A
REVIEW OF YOUR POSITION, WHICH MAY RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR
CANDIDACY.***



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Candidate Application Form

Candidate Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Home number _____ Cell number _____

Email address _____

Mother/ Guardian Name _____

Father / Guardian Name _____

Parent Home phone _____ Parent Cell number _____
(If different than above)

Birth date _____

Education Status _____ Place of Employment _____

Sport Activities _____

Community Involvement _____

Hobbies _____

Future Ambitions _____

Dietary Concerns _____

Allergies _____

Dress size _____ Height _____ Shoe Size _____

Candidate Contract

I have read and fully understand the Candidate Rules and Regulations. I understand that failure to comply with the rules and regulations will result in a review of my position as a Candidate which may result in disqualification. In turn, I am responsible to repay the sponsor fee to the organization or business that sponsored me.

I agree to allow my name and photograph to be made public by those associated with the Queen's Committee and the Vernon Winter Carnival.

Date: _____

Candidate Name (please print clearly)

Candidate Signature

Parent/ Guardian Name (please print clearly)

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Application package must include:

A school photo

Three letters of reference

(Reference letters cannot be completed by relatives or persons under the age of 19)
150 word, typed paragraph of why you would like to enter the QSSEP

**Candidate Application and Contract must be submitted to the Winter Carnival office by
June 1, 2015**

Late or incomplete packages will not be considered.

Once you are accepted into the program we will provide a list of candidates to potential sponsors who will phone you for an interview. You are welcome to bring in your own sponsor; but please note you must still complete an interview with the Queens committee prior to being accepted into the program.

If you have any questions please contact Diana 250 545 2236