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Application/Nomination to be a member of the CMF 40 Court



Introduction

Thank you for your interest in becoming, a member of the Court of Crape Myrtle Festival 40 (CMF 40). The purpose of CMF is not just to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and hold fundraisers for those affected by this disease in our community. Through volunteerism, CMF helps to enhance personal skills, promote teamwork and create leaders in our community.

Mission of CMF

The mission of CMF is *“To encourage and promote the development of services for persons with AIDS and/or HIV infection, additionally, to raise money to provide financial assistance, outreach and education to realized needs within the local gay and lesbian community. To encourage the growth and healthy diversity, creativity and communication within the gay and lesbian community and to honor these accomplishments through grand celebration.”*

Our History

CMF has a rich history as one of the oldest non-profit in the nation with the purpose of raising money for gay men’s health issues specifically HIV and AIDS. Over the years, CMF has grown and evolved into a successful 501c3 non-profit organization whose benefactors include a variety of LGBT organizations as well as organizations who directly serve persons living with HIV/AIDS.

CMF has been a 100% all volunteer organization for 39 years. Each year, we have two main sources of revenue which are: 1) We raise money by holding special events throughout the year and 2) Accepting CMF Host Level donations from businesses, corporations and individuals. We use the money we raise to fund annual grant applications we receive from organizations in the community. To learn more about CMF and our past grant recipients, please visit www.crapemyrtlefest.org.

The work of the CMF 39 Court and Board resulted in raising over \$100,000 before expenses in 2018-2019. This was possible only through the amazing efforts of our dedicated volunteers and no paid staff. As a CMF Court member, your diligent contribution of time, talents and abilities will successfully continue the legacy of CMF.

Application

Applications submitted to serve as a member of the CMF 40 Court will be reviewed CMF Executive Board of Directors. All members of the CMF40 court will be selected by unanimous vote of the board. Once selected as a CMF 40 Court member, you will receive notification by email and by phone. All CMF40 court nominees must attend our annual orientation and interview session with the CMF Board of Directors.

CMF Court Roles and Responsibilities

As a member of the court, you are expected to fulfil the following duties:

- a. Attend all court meetings or notify the co-chairs when you can't make it.
- b. Attend all CMF events or notify co-chairs when you can't make it.
- c. Wear the CMF medals at all CMF events.
- d. Wear CMF T-shirt to various events when asked to do so.
- e. Make small donations of alcohol, mixer and/or food for several events. Additionally, we encourage, but do not require, court members to become a CMF host donor if possible.
- f. Obtain donations from businesses of items to be used at events as door prizes. Obtain items for the CMF Grand Gala silent auction. In addition you may be asked to obtain donated items for other events.
- g. Obtain donations of food items for various events from local restaurants and caterers.
- h. Invite your friends, family and co-workers to like us on Face Book, attend CMF events, and become CMF Host Level donor.
- i. Read the CMF Handbook and conduct yourself accordingly.
- j. Familiarize yourself with the CMF Standard Operating Procedures for the committees you are assigned. You are to perform tasks in these procedures to the best of your ability and in a timely manner. If you are unable to perform your assigned task you are required to notify the co-chairs and/or find a substitute court member.
- k. As representatives of CMF, conduct yourself in a professional and appropriate manner at all times.
- l. Promote CMF through your personal social media pages and twitter feeds.

The Crape Myrtle Festival is only successful because of the voluntary efforts of each member. Court members are expected to not only attend events but plan, prepare for and contribute to the overall success of each event. Once accepted into the CMF40 Court you will be asked to sign a commitment letter restating the aforementioned list of responsibilities.

Again, thank you for considering joining the CMF Family. We, the Board of Directors, look forward to your application.

Once you have completed your application please email it to chairs@crapemyrtlefest.org.

Thank you!

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CMF Court Application/Nomination Form



Applicant/Nominee Information:

Name: (First, MI, Last) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of business/school: _____

Skills / Areas of Expertise (check any/all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Print Layout / Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal consulting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Database Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Facilitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floral / Display / Prop Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting / Bookkeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Food / Beverage Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design / Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Networking | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Activism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing / Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Committees of Interest:

What CMF committees would you be willing to serve on? Indicate three committees and your preference numerically 1, 2 and 3. 1 = most preferred

Marketing _____
Events _____
Sponsorship/Finance _____
Outreach/Education _____

Other Organization Affiliations:

Previous Employment / Careers That Might Be of Interest:

Free Text: What is your current or previous participation with Crape Myrtle and why do you want to be a CMF Court member?

If there is only one thing you could accomplish on the CMF Court, what do you hope it would be?

Have the duties and responsibilities (and benefits) of being on the CMF Court been adequately explained?

Applicant/Nominee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Referral: Section to be completed by a current court or community member making the nomination:
Why are you nominating this person? / Why do you think he/she will make a good court member?

Applicant Signature _____

Referral Signature _____