

# 2026 Rice Street Royalty Candidate Information and Application



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## **Rice Street Royalty Program**

We are an alumni run, non-profit ambassador organization that represents the North End of Saint Paul and Little Canada areas. Our mission is to empower women through community leadership. We pursue our mission statement by volunteering in the Rice Street community, networking with other community ambassadors, providing opportunities for professional development and mentorship from the Rice Street Royalty Alumni, and representing the diverse and unique Rice Street community.

Rice Street Royalty candidates are provided the opportunity for professional development, to represent and volunteer in the Rice Street community, and network with other community ambassadors. Selected ambassadors serve for one year representing Rice Street Royalty and will each receive a \$500 scholarship upon successful completion of the year.

### **Who is eligible to participate?**

The Rice Street Royalty program is open to all women 20 years of age and older. There are no restrictions with regards to marital status, dependents, place of residence, or employment status. The Rice Street Royalty program does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, assigned gender at birth, or sexual orientation.

### **What does the selection process look like?**

A selection committee will be chosen to choose three women who best represent the Rice Street Royalty mission statement and vision. The selection committee will be determined after all applications have been submitted to ensure there are no pre-established personal relationships between candidates and selection committee members. If you have a previous personal connection with one of the chosen committee members please come forward right away.

Candidates will be observed and selected on their engagement, professionalism, ability to work on a team, attendance, leadership and commitment to future alumni involvement. The selection committee members are invited to attend all required candidate events, and their presence may not be announced. Two rounds of interviews will be held during candidacy to give the selection committee a chance to know the candidates better. These interviews should be treated like any other job interview.

### **What is the time commitment as a candidate?**

The candidate experience typically runs for 2 months, starting in June and ending at the beginning of August. Candidates will participate in 5-7 Rice Street Royalty hosted events, 2 interviews, and 6-8 community events throughout the summer. A more complete list with dates is provided after applications are due. Other optional events in the past have included candidate bonding, additional volunteering, and Rice Street community outings.

### **What are the personal costs involved?**

Candidates will be provided with a candidate shirt and name tag. Any tickets or entry fees for Rice Street Royalty hosted events and other required events will be purchased on your behalf. Candidates will be responsible for any travel costs to and from required events, as well as any additional food or beverages purchased at or after events. The following are wardrobe items candidates will be asked to provide: a white blouse, black business bottoms, business shoes, interview attire, cocktail attire, and a formal coronation outfit. You do not need to purchase new clothing items to wear to events; many alumni are willing to loan dresses and outfits if you are in need. We ask candidates to bring a dessert auction item for Candidate Dinner and to help create a raffle basket for RSR Showcase. If you have financial concerns related to bringing a dessert auction item or raffle basket, we will be able to assist you.

### **What am I responsible for?**

Candidates are responsible for turning in their application by **Friday, May 15th** and for securing their own sponsor by **Sunday, May 31st**. You should focus on local or family owned businesses in the North End or Little Canada areas. Sponsorship fees are \$500 and candidates may acquire 2 sponsorships at \$250 each if needed. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or problems securing a sponsor.

Candidates will also be responsible for communicating to the candidate committee as soon as possible if they are unable to attend any events. Any absences will be communicated to the selection committee. A candidate may provide a written statement to the selection committee regarding their absence. A list of event dates will be provided at the beginning of June, tentative dates are available upon request.

As part of the candidate experience, we ask candidates to help us fundraise for the upcoming year's expenses. We ask candidates to donate their time and resources by helping us sell our 2026 RSR buttons, bringing a dessert auction item for Candidate Dinner, and creating a raffle basket for RSR Showcase. Further details will be given at the Candidate Welcome Meeting.

### **Are accommodations available for me?**

We want to eliminate barriers you might have to ensure a successful and fun candidate experience by providing reasonable and necessary accommodations, so please let us know how we can help. Accommodation requests can be made in your application, or in writing at any time during candidacy. Some examples could include needing assistance due to a disability, required events falling on a religious holiday, concerns regarding the provided wardrobe and your religious practices, or dietary restrictions.

**What should I expect if selected?**

The Rice Street Royalty Queen and Princesses serve as ambassadors and have the privilege of representing the Rice Street Royalty Program for one year. During the year ambassadors will attend approximately 150 events, with the majority occurring during the summer months, and January. Most events are held on weekends and evenings, and many past ambassadors have served successfully while being full time undergraduate or graduate students, full time professionals, and even mothers.

Selected ambassadors will be responsible for any travel costs to and from required events, but all event entry will be paid for. Additional food and beverages will be out of pocket. The majority of the ambassador wardrobe will be provided, including one formal gown, business wear, crown, sash and nametag. Additional items may need to be purchased throughout the year at the advisement of the Wardrobe Committee.

## 2026 Rice Street Royalty Candidate Application

Applications are due Friday, May 15th:

**Candidate Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate preferred name (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Most Recent School:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Information (Due 5/31/2026. See Attached Sponsorship Letter to be used as a Guide)

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Contact Person Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Contact Person Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Why would you like to be a Rice Street Royalty candidate?

2. Why would you like to be selected as a Rice Street Royalty ambassador?

3. How would a friend describe your best qualities?

4. What are your leadership experiences?

5. What are community or volunteer activities you are currently involved in?

**Please write a brief, 100 word, bio introducing yourself in 3rd person. This will be included in upcoming event scripts and read to the audience.:**

On behalf of the entire Rice Street Royalty Board and Alumni, thank you for taking time to complete this application, we are excited to have you join us this summer!

By signing, I acknowledge that the information I provided is true and correct, and that I have read and understand the materials provided regarding commitment to the Rice Street Royalty program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information is collected to help the Rice Street Royalty Program's Candidate Committee ensure a safe candidacy for all participants and to allow the committee to begin purchasing pieces for the candidate wardrobe. The following information will NOT be shared with the selection committee.**

**You are not obligated to provide your private health information. By completing the questions, you are consenting for Rice Street Royalty to disclose the following private health information to chaperones, RSR Board, and any other necessary party**

**Dietary Allergies and/or Restrictions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Environmental Allergies (ex. Pollen, bee stings, grass):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Request for an accommodation:** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If YES please explain in detail:

**Emergency Contact Name and Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Clothing Sizes**  
**Please fill out the form below to the best of your ability.**

Name:		
Height:		Do You Order: Short, Normal or Long?
Women's Shoe Size (Flats and Heels):		
	Letter Size (ex. M/L)	Number Size (ex. 6/8)
Women's Blouse Sizes(s):		
Women's Bottom (Pant/Skirt) Size(s):		
Women's Dress Size(s):		
Unisex T-Shirt Size(s):		
Do you have anything you would want to cover (i.e. tattoos, birthmark, scar, medical device)?		
List any additional comments or concerns, or any requested wardrobe accommodations:		



Dear Valued Business Owner:

I am applying to become a part of the 2026-2027 Rice Street Royalty Program as an ambassador candidate. The Rice Street Royalty Program serves to empower women through community leadership. Rice Street Royalty Ambassadors provide the opportunity for professional development and mentorship from the Rice Street Royalty Alumni, to represent and volunteer in the Rice Street community, and network with other community ambassadors.

A requirement of my candidacy is to obtain a sponsorship. Your sponsorship will go directly to my entry fee into all required events, required attire, and for future leadership opportunities.

As a candidate sponsor you will be featured on the Rice Street Royalty social media pages through June of 2027, and your business name will be announced at all Rice Street Royalty hosted candidate events. Three women are selected to serve as ambassadors for the year and if I am one of them, your business will continue to be showcased throughout the next year.

You will also receive one free ticket to our Candidate Dinner and one free ticket to our coronation, you will receive information on how to claim your tickets via email.

Sponsorship fees are \$500 and candidates may acquire 2 sponsorships at \$250 each if needed. In this situation both names will be announced or displayed equally. The sponsorship fee is due May 31st, 2026.

Sponsorship fees can be paid on the [RiceStreetRoyalty.com](http://RiceStreetRoyalty.com) website under the donate tab or by check. Please include my name in the description. Checks should be made out to Rice Street Royalty and mailed to our treasurer at the address listed below:

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration!