

Greetings 2019 Ohio Rose Applicant!

We are so excited that you are applying for an incredible experience at the Rose of Tralee International Festival. Each year Rose Centres around the world select one Rose to represent her local Centre and her community at the Rose of Tralee International Festival in Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland. This year the Festival will be held in Tralee on August 23rd - 27th, 2019, with the Rose Tour starting in Kildare, Ireland on August 19th. The journey begins months before Ireland, as each Centre holds their own unique selection process, which celebrates the achievements and aspirations of all the women that apply. It is an opportunity for you to make new friends, develop and grow personally, and engage in the global Irish community.

Ohio's selection process will take place across two weekends in February 2019. It is important to block out the dates of **February 9th and 15th - 17th, 2019**.* Our Centre is located in **Westlake, OH**, just outside of Cleveland. Most events will take place in the Westlake/Greater Cleveland area. During this process you will get to know the other applicants and Ohio Rose Community members, meet and network with sponsors and organizations, undergo interviews, and tour the Cleveland area. Our Selection Night is **Saturday, February 16th, 2019**.* Family and friends are welcome to participate in this evening's celebration, where the 2019 Ohio Rose will be announced!

Please fill out the following application to the best of your ability. There are no trick questions, we just require basic information and want to get to know you. Our application deadline is **December 31st, 2018**. If you have any questions about the application process, be sure to check the website for further details and feel free to reach out to the Ohio Rose Centre by emailing us at **info@ohiorose.com**.

Most of all, we are excited to meet and learn about you!

-The Ohio Rose Centre

**We reserve the right to change the dates of the Ohio Selection Celebration and will notify applicants/sponsors in the event of a change as soon as possible.*



Ohio Rose Supplemental Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31st, 2018

Packet Contains:

- ✓ Ohio Rose Applicant Information Form
- ✓ Applicant Sponsorship Form

In addition, please include the following:

- ✓ 150 word Biography (typed, see directions for submission)
- ✓ One 8x10 Portrait-style photograph (see directions for submission)
- ✓ Individual Non-refundable Application Fee **\$50***
- ✓ Individual Sponsorship Fee **\$100***

Send all items completed to the address below,
postmarked on/before December 31st, 2018:

**Ohio Rose Centre
P.O. Box 45512
Westlake, Ohio 44145**

*Make all checks payable to Westlake World Partners Co.

Applicant Information Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

How did you hear of the Ohio Rose Centre? _____

Please read the information & sign on the line below to complete this form:

By signing this application, I acknowledge that if I am selected as the 2019 Ohio Rose I will make every reasonable effort to maintain my eligibility, including availability for travel to Ohio Rose events and the Rose of Tralee International Festival. I understand that I will be called upon to assist with promoting and attending the 2020 Ohio Rose Centre's selection event in order to welcome my successor. I also agree to release to Westlake World Partners Co., manager of the Ohio Rose Centre, at no compensation to me, the use of photographs, video clips and media information relating to my participation in the Ohio Rose Centre's Rose selection process, as well as during my tenure as the 2019 Ohio Rose. I acknowledge that the referenced material may be used on the International Rose of Tralee website, as well as that of the Ohio Rose Centre's website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, Westlake World Partners' website, in press releases, publications, advertisements, programs and promotional materials. The same covenant also applies to any television, radio and/or other public appearances as a participant of the Ohio Rose Centre's selection event or my tenure as the 2019 Ohio Rose.

Applicant Signature_____
Date



Applicant Sponsorship Form

Thank you for agreeing to support an outstanding woman of Irish Heritage who wishes to participate in the 2019 Ohio Rose Selection, in affiliation with The Rose of Tralee International Festival, by covering her \$100 sponsorship fee.* As part of the application process, each applicant affirms her eligibility to participate in our local event.

Your kindness will be recognized in several ways, including in our program, via a listing on the Ohio Centre's website, and on the sash that your sponsored participant will be wearing at the local selection that will be held Saturday, February 16th, 2019.*

Please complete the information below and return this form and your check made payable to Westlake World Partners Co. (which hosts the Ohio Rose Centre) to your Rose Applicant, who will then submit it to the Ohio Rose Centre as part of her application package.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

Sponsor Phone: _____

Sponsor Email: _____

Name of Sponsor as it should appear on Applicant's Sash:

Westlake World Partners Co., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was formed to help promote educational, cultural and civic exchange through the sharing of ideas and forming international friendships in conjunction with Westlake's Sister Cities program. The Ohio Rose Selection Celebration is its major annual fund-raising event. Westlake is a Sister City of Tralee, Ireland.

*Although we have not received final arrangement from Tralee, last year the sponsor for the 2018 Ohio Rose was asked to make an additional sponsorship fee of \$300 for the International Festival, with recognition for sponsorship on the online/social media platforms.

**Westlake World Partners Co. reserves the right to adjust these dates in which case sponsors will be notified.

Directions/Additional Information

Concerning Fees/Sponsorship:

There is a \$50 Individual Application Fee and a \$100 Sponsorship Fee. Each Rose Applicant is asked to seek out a sponsor. This can be a business or organization with or without Irish affiliation. The sponsorship will be recognized in several ways, including in our program, on the website, and on the sash of the sponsored participant. If an applicant has any issues with obtaining a sponsor or meeting the Application Fee requirement, please contact the Ohio Centre at: info@ohiorose.com.

Submitting your Portrait-Style Photograph:

Portrait-style refers to head/shoulders, facing front, or slightly the side. High resolution photos (300dpi) are preferred, as they will be used in our program and on our media channels. Our media team accepts most common file formats (such as .jpeg). At the very least, please do not submit smart phone photos (especially selfies) or photographs that are cropped of you standing next to someone. By submitting your photo, you consent to use the photos in the printed program and on media channels (without photo credits).

*There are two ways to submit your portrait style photograph.

1. You may include a printed copy in your completed application packet mailed to the Ohio Rose Centre.
2. You may email a copy to info@ohiorose.com with the subject line "Applicant Your First and Last Name Photograph"

Submitting your Autobiography:

Please type and submit with your completed autobiography of no more than 150 words with your completed application packet. This biography will be used in **our program for selection night**, and we reserve the right to edit. It must be written in first person and include the following:

- a personal introduction ("Hello, my name is Kathleen. I'm a.")
- age, where you are from and any other information about educational or career status
- involvement in the arts or sports, interests, hobbies, what county they trace their ancestry to, community involvement, etc.

Additional Information:

Additional information about Ohio Rose Selection events will be emailed to applicants after January 1st. Please check your email regularly!

Also, Rose applicants are entitled to 3 Selection Night Event tickets at half price. Additional ticket information will be available at OhioRose.com as the event date approaches.