

FAQ

Neewollah Escorts

Q: What is the Escort commitment?

A: Escorts will practice every Sunday starting August 2, 2020 through Oct. 25, 2020 with the exception of Sunday, September 6th. Summer vacations and school activities are excused. Practice times will be announced but are generally in the late afternoon and last for an hour to an hour and a half. Performances are Monday, Oct. 26 and Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020. You will miss some school on performance days.

Q: What are Escorts responsibilities?

A: Being a Neewollah Escort is an important job. You will be responsible for attending dance practices along with Neelah Debs and participating, on a smaller scale, in the dance the Debs will perform on stage both Talent and Coronation night. Escorts will attend talent practices with queen candidates starting the first Sunday in October. During this time you will be asked to help move stage props on and off as the candidates practice their talents. Because Escorts are backstage with the queen candidates you need to be supportive of ALL candidates all the time. This might include giving them an encouraging word as they enter and exit the stage. You will be backstage during Talent. An Escort may be asked to “escort” a queen candidate from the car they arrive in up the stairs into Memorial Hall. Don’t worry, we practice this a couple of times. During Coronation, you will “escort” queen candidates from the back of the stage to the runway and wait until they walk the runway and are ready to exit the stage. Escorts are also randomly asked to help with other tasks; such as striking the musical set on Sunday afternoon.

Q: How are Escorts selected?

A: Neewollah Escorts are high school seniors. An application must be filled out and returned on or before the application deadline. Deadline will be posted on the Neewollah website and Facebook page. A selection committee reviews the applications and applies a rubric based on the information provided in the application. The rubric accounts for academic performance, student Neewollah experience, family Neewollah experience and student activity involvement and citizenship. More information regarding this can be found on the application.

Q: How many Escorts are selected?

A: The number of Escorts is determined by the Generalissimo each year and varies.

Q: Do I have to have dance experience?

A: No, an Escort does not have to have previous dance experience. That's why practices start in early August.

Q: What does it cost to be an Escort?

A: Escorts are asked to furnish shoes and basic costume pieces such as socks. (Not to exceed \$75.00) Neewollah will rent your tux.

Q: What should I list on my application in regards to Neewollah activities?

A: List anything and everything you've done to participate or help with Neewollah since you can remember. This might include running in the Fun Run as a child, running in the 5K and 10K, trying out or being in a Neewollah musical. The more you list the better but remember, it must be legitimate.

Q: Can an Escort also be in the Musical or part of the Musical orchestra?

A: Yes, you will be very busy on Sunday afternoons but you can participate in both. Please let the Musical Producers, Queen Directors and the Escort co-chairs know you are in both so we can accommodate you.

Q: Who can attend the practices?

A: The Debs, Escorts, Deb and Escort Chairs and the dance choreographer are the only individuals that can attend practices. The Generalissimo, Queen Directors and Co-Chairs or members from the Neewollah Board may also attend but it won't be on a regular basis.

Q: How will I be notified if I'm an Escort?

A: A letter will be mailed to all applicants' home address. The letter will contain a link and an announcement date and time. You can visit the link at the specified date and time to see if your name is listed.

Neewollah is fortunate to receive a lot of applicants for both Debs and Escorts. And while Neewollah would love to have room for everyone to participate, it's simply not feasible. If you are not selected, please don't let that ruin your summer. There are many opportunities every year and in the future to enjoy what Neewollah has to offer. We truly appreciate your interest.