

2026 Autumn Glory Festival Royalty Court Applications

It is a great honor to be part of the Royalty Court and represent Garrett County. We would like to invite all those students in their junior year to **submit an application by Friday, April 24, 2026**. This year, we will be choosing a king and a queen for the Court. Both will receive an educational contribution.

As part of the application, you are required to submit a 300-word essay on why you think you should be selected to be part of the Royalty Court. **There is no longer an application fee to apply for Autumn Glory Royalty.**

Since it is important to support all facets of Autumn Glory, if selected, you must be able to attend the following events because it is very important to support all facets of Autumn Glory:

(dates subject to change)

- **Grantsville Days Parade** – Friday, June 26, 2026
- **Deep Creek Lake Boat Parade** – Saturday, June 27, 2026
- **Accident Homecoming 4th of July Parade** – Saturday, July 4, 2026
- **Garrett 250 Birthday Bash** – Saturday, July 18, 2026
- **Kitzmiller Homecoming** – Saturday, July 25, 2026
- **Friendsville Days Parade** – Saturday, August 15, 2026
- **Buckwheat Festival Parade** - Saturday, September 26, 2026
- **Autumn Glory Kick-off Reception & Dinner** – Wednesday, October 7, 2026
- **Oakland Fireman’s Parade** – Thursday, October 8, 2026
- **Banjo, Fiddle, & Mandolin Championships** – Friday, October 9, 2026
- **Autumn Glory Festival**
 - Saturday, October 10, 2026
 - Grand Feature Parade
 - Various Events
 - Fiddle Contest
 - Sunday, October 11, 2026
 - Various Events

Once you have completed your application, please return the application to ATTN: Nick Sharps, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, 15 Visitors Center Dr., McHenry, MD 21541. The Royalty Court Committee reviews the applications and interviews will be conducted in person. We hope to complete the process by June 1, 2026. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nick Sharps at the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce by calling (301) 387-8745 or emailing nick@garrettchamber.com.

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2026 Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Autumn Glory Royalty Application

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cell #: _____ email: _____

Extracurricular Activities:

School Leadership: _____

Community Activities: _____

Be sure to attach a 300-word essay on why you should be selected to represent Garrett County as a member of the 2026 Autumn Glory Royalty.

You are welcome to attach (up to 2) 300-word letters of recommendation to your application. Letters cannot be written by friends or family. This is optional and not required.

If selected as royalty, I agree to attend all activities as listed on the application in order to receive the educational contribution.

Please submit the application to the Chamber of Commerce by **Friday, April 24, 2026**. **Please note, there is no longer an application fee to apply for Autumn Glory Royalty.**

Interviews will be conducted by appointment in May 2026. Please include details for your day/time availability and you will be contacted to schedule an appointment:

Signature of Applicant

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Deadline for applying is Friday, April 24, 2026

Please mail application to:

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