

Step 1

To Be Or Not To Be - A Beadthrower

The first step to becoming a Memphis Blues Queen is by serving as a Beadthrower. This role will help you to qualify for ultimate queenliness and give you an opportunity to see for yourself what it involves and if this is something that you really want to do.

A Beadthrower must:

1. be nominated by a Memphis Blues Queen.
2. be approved by majority board vote (secret ballot).
3. be responsible for own arrangements and costs for accommodations and transportation at SPQ Parade in Jackson, MS.
4. be responsible for purchasing official MBQs Beadthrower costume (likes Blues Brother).
5. be responsible for costumes for self for all SPQ weekend events. Official MBQ costumes available for purchase, based on supply (i.e. Hal and Mal's ball, PJs and Pearls).
6. be responsible for SPQ Weekend Passes and Tickets for Events for self.
7. be able to make a firm commitment no later than two weeks prior to event.

Expectations of a Beadthrower:

1. To serve the Boss Queen.
2. To throw beads to crowd during Parade.
3. Protect queens from adoring crowd at Parade.
4. Assist Soul Men with Parade Wagon - set up with beads, sound system, side panels and cooler.

5. Assist Soul Men with water/ice in cooler for entire group during Parade.
6. Assist MBQs with emergencies during Parade, i.e., safety pins for costume malfunction or water for dehydration.
7. Remember that SPQ Weekend is a Girls Weekend of Bonding & Self-Indulgence.
8. Know that only MBQs can invite participants to the SPQ Weekend Events.
9. Be willing to serve All the MBQs in a queenly manner and not showing too much attention to any one queen, unless it is the Boss Queen.

Available slots based on need.

Step 2

To Be Or Not To Be - A Wannabe

A Wannabe must:

1. have first served as a Beadthrower.
2. be nominated by a MBQ or appointed by the Boss Queen. Beadthrower requesting Wannabe status will be advised when an open slot occurs.
3. be approved by majority board vote (secret ballot).
4. be responsible for all arrangements and costs for accommodations and transportation for self at SPQ Parade.
5. be responsible for purchasing Official costume for self.
6. be responsible for SPQ Weekend Passes and Tickets for Events for self

7. be responsible for own costume for all SPQ weekend events (i.e. Hal and Mal's ball, PJs and Pearls).

Expectations of a Wannabe:

1. To serve the Boss Queen.
2. Be willing to serve All the MBQs in a queenly manner.
3. Participate in monthly meetings.
4. To pay annual dues of \$120.
5. To know that SPQ Weekend is a Girls Weekend of Bonding & Self-Indulgence.
6. To know that only MBQs can invite participants to the SPQ Weekend Events.

Step 3

To Be Or Not To Be - A QUEEN!

A Queen must:

1. have first served as a Beadthrower, a Wannabe or be appointed by the Boss Queen.
2. never solicit/apply for Queen status as she must be nominated without pressure.
3. be nominated by a MBQ. Nomination will be presented in confidence to the board of directors. Nominee will not be informed of nomination (to avoid hurt feelings).
4. be approved by majority board vote (secret ballot).
5. be approved by majority membership vote (secret ballot).



MONETARY COMMITMENT:

(Based on 2006-07 SPQ Parades)

1. Memphis Blues Queens Costume
(Note: estimated costs based on 2006)
-Dress \$30.00
-Cape \$44.00
-Seamstress \$50.00
-Wig \$20.00
-Boots \$12.00
-Fishnet Stockings \$2.00
-Tiara \$20.00
-SPQ Sunglasses \$6.50
2. Costume for Hal's & Mal's Ball
-Blue Sparkly Jacket - \$60
-Hat optional
3. Costume for PJs & Pearls
-Royal Blue PJs
-Slippers
-Silver or white Top for PJs
4. Costume for Sunday Brunch:
Blue Robe
5. SPQ Weekend Pass = \$77.00
-Includes admission to all events except Brunch
plus shuttle bus transportation
6. SPQ Weekend Sunday Brunch
-\$28.00 (optional)
7. Cost of Hotel Accommodations
-split among members per room



Each MBQ is not limited to number of nominations, as all Queens should love the Wannabe by this time. Maximum number of MBQs at any given time is 20.

Once a Wannabe has qualified to be a Queen, she will receive a call from the Boss Queen, and an induction ceremony will be scheduled, and the celebration will begin!

Expectations of a Memphis Blues Queen:

1. To serve the Boss Queen.
2. To participate in monthly meetings.
3. To pay annual dues of \$120.
4. To be responsible for purchasing Official MBQ costume for self.
5. To be responsible for all costumes for all SPQ weekend events for self (i.e. Hal and Mal's Ball, PJs & Pearls, Sunday Brunch).
6. To be responsible for all costs related to accommodations and transportation for self for SPQ Weekend.
7. To participate in SPQ Weekend and bond with other Queens in true sisterhood.
8. To participate in all events as requested by the Boss Queen.
9. To support and encourage all other Memphis Blues Queens.
10. To have fun as much as possible! and ***ALWAYS BE PARTICULAR!!***

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