



Nordic Northwest's Official Oregon Lucia Program

First Light of Christmas

What is the Oregon Lucia Court Mission?

The official Oregon Lucia Program offers opportunities to outstanding young women in our Nordic community through community outreach, networking, and scholarships. The Oregon Lucia program spreads joy, warmth, and light in the dark days of winter through the practice and honoring of Nordic culture and traditions. The official Oregon Lucia Court is presented by Nordic Northwest and Sponsors.

What is the Oregon Lucia Court and what are the Program Benefits?

The Oregon Lucia Court is comprised of up to 7 outstanding young women chosen from applicants in Portland and surrounding areas. After their selection in early November, court members attend an orientation and a court selection event. The identity of the Official Oregon Lucia will not be known until the crowning in December. The crowned Lucia, receives a \$3000 educational scholarship; the runner-up receives a \$2500 educational scholarship and the other five court members each receive a \$1800 educational scholarship. Scholarships will be paid only after all expected mandatory events are completed and gowns are returned. Scholarship money will be received by court members once the recipients supply Nordic Northwest with their college student ID number and financial aid office information, including the paperwork the financial aid office requires from NNW to submit the donation. Along with other gifts, the court will receive lifelong friendships and connections within the Nordic community.

What is expected of the court?

Lucia of Oregon starts in November when she traditionally brings light to the darkest days of winter. The Lucia court continues throughout the year as ambassadors to Nordic NW appearing and participating in important Nordic events. Being selected in itself is a great honor. It also comes with a large responsibility that can be very rewarding. Beginning the 1st weekend of December, the Oregon Lucia Court will spend every weekend throughout the month visiting Nordic community events and doing community outreach. As youth ambassadors for the Nordic community, the Court's appearance, words, and actions should always be appropriate and respectful. Court responsibilities must be prioritized. Court members are expected to attend all mandatory events in December. All other events during the next year require at least a 70% attendance. Court members are generally responsible for their own transportation to and from events and must be on time.

Who can apply?

You have to

- be female
- be a US citizen or a permanent resident (green card holder)
- be age 16-20 (or at least a junior in HS)
- not a prior Lucia queen (previous court members who were not crowned Lucia can re-apply three times)

A complete Application, which is due on **October 30, 2024**, consists of the following:

- application form
- A 250 word typed essay on "Why I would Like to be Lucia"
- Picture (non-returnable)
- court rules and guidelines signed by both applicant and parent/guardian

Applications can be emailed, mailed or hand delivered to Nordia House,

Attn: Sassa Carver
Nordic Northwest
8800 SW Oleson Road
Portland, OR 97223
sassac@nordicnorthwest.org
503-977-0275

What is the Court Selection Process?

Applications will be reviewed by members of the Lucia Committee. A max number of 7 applicants will then be chosen to be members of the Lucia Court. The following criteria will guide them in their selection process:

- completion of application
- Lucia essay
- Volunteer and community involvement

Those selected to be on the Lucia Court will be notified on or before, **November 4, 2024**.

Note: The first selection will be made in private, and all applicants will be notified. Those selected will then attend an orientation, on Sunday, **November 17, 2024**. The orientation will include a short photoshoot in Lucia gowns and short court member intro videos.

The selected Court will compete for the Lucia Crown by giving a speech and interviewing with a panel of judges at the official selection & crowning event on Sunday, **November 24, 2024**. Each candidate will give a 2 to 4 minute speech introducing herself and talking about her 'passion for Nordic culture, tradition and heritage.' Individually each candidate will then meet with the panel of judges from the NNW Board of Directors and former Lucia Scholarship recipients.

You will be judged on:

- Nordic interest, passion and community involvement
- Good citizenship (participatory skills and the desire to help others)

2024-2025 Official Lucia of Oregon Application Form

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Heritage: _____ T-Shirt & Hoodie size _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____

Previous court member? ____ Year: ____ Mobile #: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name #1 _____ Mobile #1 _____

Parent or Guardian's Name #2 _____ Mobile #2 _____

Parent or Guardian's Email #1 _____

Parent or Guardian's Email #2 _____

Parent or Guardian Address: _____

Current High School: _____

City/State: _____ Grade Level: _____

Current College/University or other: _____

City/State: _____ Grade Level: _____

Major/Degree: _____

Involvement in the Nordic Community (please list organization(s)/event(s), hours/dates of service & short description of contributions):

Community activities (please list organization(s)/event(s), hours/dates of service & short description of contributions), hobbies and/or interests:

Name one thing that makes all 5 Nordic countries special in your opinion:

Is there anything we should be aware of to make your experience on the court the best it can be?

Feel free to use another sheet of paper/attach another document if you need more space.

*Complete this form and write a 250-word essay on the topic "Why I would like to be Lucia." Submit this form, your essay, the signed Lucia Court Rules and Guidelines page, and a picture of yourself to Nordic Northwest by **October 30, 2024**.*

Lucia Photo & Video Release

Photos and/or videos taken by Nordic Northwest and associated programs and events may be published in print or posted online in online photo albums, on photo/video sharing sites such as YouTube, and on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Photos and videos may also be made available via digital storage devices and/or through email at the discretion of Nordic Northwest.

I hereby authorize the photographing/filming of myself/my child, and/or the release of their name. I agree that Nordic Northwest may use such photos/films of myself/my child with or without their name for any lawful purpose. I also agree that photos/films of myself/my child shall be sole property of Nordic Northwest.

Name of person to be photographed/filmed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Official Oregon Lucia Court Rules and Guidelines

If selected to the Official Oregon Lucia Court, I agree to the following rules and guidelines:

1. The Official Oregon Lucia Program reserves the right to remove any court member or queen from the Official Oregon Lucia Court for any reason, at any given time.
2. Court members are not allowed to be in possession of tobacco products, drink alcoholic beverages, use drugs (other than prescription) or be involved in any illegal activities.
3. A Lucia Court Member's term of service is from the first court selection to the following year's court selection.
4. If the crowned Lucia is unable to attend an event the runner-up will fill in for her.
5. Court Members and their families must fully understand and agree to the time commitment of the Official Oregon Lucia Program and always be on time. Transportation to and from most events is the responsibility of the court members and their families.
6. Full effort must be made to attend all mandatory events. An attendance of at least 70% must be met for scholarship payment.
7. Applicants have two years to collect their scholarship. If all requirements are met, scholarships will be paid at the beginning of the first college year.
8. All Lucia Court members are responsible for the maintenance and returning of their borrowed gowns.
9. All Lucia Court members must RSVP "Yes" or "No" at least 7 days prior to all scheduled events. If RSVP is not received, attendance credit will not be granted.
10. The Nordic Northwest Lucia court committee members kindly provide rides for the Lucia court members, when needed, to get to events. I will not hold Nordic Northwest or the volunteer driver responsible for things like personal injury, death or loss of property.

I have read and understand all the above Rules & Guidelines, and understand the commitment required to participate in the Official Oregon Lucia Program. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. In case of emergency or necessary absence from scheduled Lucia Court events, I will contact the primary Lucia Court Chaperone in advance of the event appearance.

I, _____ have read and reviewed this application and agree with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Official Oregon Lucia Program.

Please enter my name in the Lucia election process.

Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

As the parent/guardian of _____, I, _____ have read and reviewed this application and agree with the rules, regulations and requirements of this scholarship opportunity.

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____