



Ducal Ball 2026: All In! A High Stakes Ducal Ball

Saturday, October 24, 2026 5pm Fresno City College

Candidate Application for Grand Duke/Grand Duchess/Grand Dux

Legal Name:

Stage Name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Category: ☐ Grand Duke 53 ☐ Grand Duchess 53 ☐ Grand Dux 53

Categories:

1. Can Shaking
2. Presentation/ Biography
3. Evening Wear
4. Talent

Requirements:

- Applications will only be accepted from September 1 - 2026 through October 2, 2026. Please complete the application online at www.idcfresno.org or email completed applications to Emperor53@idcfresno.org or Emprex53@idcfresno.org . You may also turn in the application to Emperor 53, Ruben Reyes or , Emprex 53, Vanity O'Hara Moore.
- \$50.00 Application Fee: Paid on the IDC website. This fee entitles the candidate entry into the event and a full-page ad in the event program. If the program ad will be different from their campaign poster, the ad/poster for the program must be submitted no later than October 2, 2026.
- All candidates must attend the Orientation meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 7:30 pm at Lincoln in the Tower District.
- Point System: 30 pts Presentation / 30 pts Evening Wear / 10 pts Question & Answer / 30 pts Talent = 100 points possible
 - o Extra Credit Points:
 - 1 point per \$100 raised over \$1000 total (unlimited)
 - 2 points per VIP Table sold
 - 5 Extra Point if theme is in all looks
- Candidates must reside in the territory of the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno Inc., which encompasses the counties of Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings and Kern.



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- Candidates are required to “Can Shake” to fundraise for points for the pageant. Each candidate will be provided with a tamper proof can for active donation collection. The cans must be turned in weekly. Time/Dates for “can” turn-in will be on a weekly basis. Collection dates are September 21, September 28, October 5, October 12, October 19, & day of event set up, October 24. Failure to attend can shaking turn in, even if the can is empty, will result in disqualification.
- Candidates are encouraged to fundraise towards their campaign via any creative outlet they desire, such as bake sales, benefit/drag show, yard/garage sale, opportunity drawings, car wash, direct online donations, etc. All fundraising events should be confirmed/approved by the Monarchs. Cash only fundraising monitored by the team of the candidate. The court will not provide POS or Zeffy link, cash box, or treasury team at any candidate events.
- Person(s) who tamper with their can, remove funds, make change with donated funds, or lose their can, will be disqualified. (a stolen can is deemed as lost).

Requirements:

- Winners **MUST** maintain active voting status in the Imperial Dove Court during their reign.
- Winners **MUST** attend the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno’s Coronation in May 2027.
- Winners **MUST** attend and represent at Alameda Ducal Coronation in July 2027 **AND** San Francisco Ducal Coronation in September 2027. Failure to do so will result in participating in the step down, Ducal Ball 2027.
- Winners **MUST** serve & participate on the Fresno Rainbow Pride parade planning committee. You must participate in the planning committee for the IDC in coordination of a parade entry for the court and participation in the festival booth.
- Winners **MUST** represent the IDC at the Fresno Rainbow Pride Festival & Parade June 2027.
- Winners **MUST** Actively Coordinate and serve on the committee for Ducal Ball 2027.
- Winners **MUST** coordinate a Warmth Drive to take place in November & December 2026.
- Winners **WILL** coordinate and host the December Second Sunday Show.
- Assist with events and logistic duties at the request of reigning monarchs during the reign from October 2026 through October 2027.

Failure to fulfill the requirements will result in the loss of the title and participating in a step down event in October 2027.

Candidate Posters:

- The court will create a social media poster/flyer for your use which will include event information, contestants photo, and QR fundraising code. Candidates **MUST** provide a photo to be used on the poster/flyer. This court created poster/flyer will be the one used in the event program. Please obtain permission from management prior to hanging posters (i.e., bars/ nightclubs/ schools/ resource centers.)
- Candidates are required to submit a bio which will be read during the presentation portion of the event. Bios are to be submitted to the Imperial Family event advisor by October 12, 2026..

The reigning monarchs reserve the right to set or change rules, regulations, requirements, and category regulations.



Self-Disclaimer:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor offense involving a minor? And as a result, required you to register as a sex offender.

YES NO

Have you ever been convicted of, or do you currently have a felony or misdemeanor charge pending for embezzlement? Convictions include a plea of guilty, no contender (no contest) and/or a finding of guilty by a judge or jury.

YES NO

Individuals who have indicated yes as their answer are ineligible for running for this pageant and for general membership to the Imperial Dove Court de Fresno.

I certify that all my application answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that falsifying my application could result in disciplinary action, up to and including my removal of membership and affiliation with the Imperial Dove Court for the remainder of this reign.

Printed Name

Signature

Date



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