

Dress Requirements

Salute to South





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We are so excited that your daughter will be joining us for our Salute to Youth Celebration. It is really a beautiful event!

The ball gown guidelines are designed with modesty and safety in mind. When purchasing the gown, please remember that your daughter will be walking up several steps onto a stage and curtsying before the trustees, parents, other students and monks and stay in the dress the whole evening.



All gowns must be approved at or before the Salute to Youth rehearsal taking place on **Sunday, April 12, 2026**. If you are unsure about a particular dress, PLEASE send a picture of the young lady in the dress PRIOR to purchasing the dress to ensure it meets the requirements.

The best method for sending a dress is via text to Jessica Brown (Events Manager) at (630) 815-1200!

PLEASE NOTE: The specifications are **strictly adhered to**

Dress & Accessory Requirements



White Dress

No color can be on the dress not even in the form of stitching, rhinestones, flowers or broches. Beads must be clear or pearl white.



Floor Length

Floor-length dress means that the dress should just graze the floor. Your shoes should not be visible when you are standing still. The length should be the same all the way around the dress. No trains!

Be sure to hem the dress with the shoes you will be wearing the evening of Salute.



Full Skirt

Dresses must flare out at the natural waistline.

Dresses cannot hug the hips!

No drop waist or basque waist styles

No slits in the skirt are allowed- must be sewn shut if the dress comes that way.



Neckline, Back & Sides

Very Modest neckline is required. Sweetheart or "V" cut dresses must be pre-approved by sending a photo of the young lady wearing the dress.

No mesh or netting at bust

The back can not go lower than the bra line. NO EXCEPTIONS.

If back is lace-up, must add panel or fabric under the ribbons so that no skin is showing below bra line.

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Sleeves

Three-quarter, Short, Cap or Sleeveless dresses are permitted.

Straps must be a minimum of 2" wide and sit **firmly on the shoulder**.

NO off-shoulder, strapless, backless, halter or spaghetti straps.



Shoes

Shoes must be of a formal nature and can be either White or Silver. No wedges or two-tone shoes.

Open toe, close toed and strappy formal sandals ARE acceptable.

Shoes are to be worn all evening, so please be sure to pick a heel height that you will be comfortable in.



Gloves - REQUIRED

Satin, Wrist Length gloves are to be worn with long-sleeve gowns.

Satin, Elbow-length gloves are to be worn with short-sleeve/sleeveless gowns.

No fingerless gloves are allowed.

Easy to find on Amazon!



Jewelry

Please keep jewelry modest and simple with no accent colors. No statement jewelry.

Pearls or diamond like jewelry is encouraged.

NO TIARA'S

Jewelry, gloves, shoes and dress are all checked at the Dress Rehearsal

NO TATTOOS NO NOSE PIERCINGS

Per the Marmion Academy Student Handbook, these guidelines apply to both young men and young women attending Salute to Youth:

NO Tattoos: All tattoos must be completely covered, either with makeup or by wearing long sleeves. Tattoos may not be visible at any time during the evening of Salute to Youth.

Nose Piercings: Nose piercings are not permitted. Please remove them prior to the event.

If you have any questions or are unsure whether your attire meets the requirements, you may text or email Miss Brown and send a photo for clarification.



Where do people buy dresses?

Bridal Stores

Dress Boutiques and Prom Shops

Amazon -we have a great recommendation under \$100 and a list of required alterations- email me at jbrown@marmion.org for the link and details!

With online shopping, please note origin of dress, it could affect shipping times and actual size of dress

Facebook re-sale Page- [CLICK HERE](#)



Who do I reach out to with questions?

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you might have.

The best thing to do... **text me** the dress and I can get to you quickly and with clear suggestions or approval!!

We are so excited for Salute 2026 on Saturday, April 25th! Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in attending Salute to Youth and would like to be introduced to
one of our Marmion Seniors, please have your parent email me to let me know by
March 1st.

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