

WEST KELOWNA YOUTH AMBASSADORIAL PROGRAM

CANDIDATE'S
INFORMATION PACKAGE

2017

WEST KELOWNA YOUTH AMBASSADORIAL PROGRAM (W.K.Y.A.P)

MISSION STATEMENT: (W.K.Y.A.P.)

“Prepares youth, between the ages of 15 and 17, to develop their abilities, skills, knowledge, enhancing their personal respect and integrity for adulthood and thus enabling them to proudly represent their families and their community.”

The Ambassadorial Program has 3 Components:

1. The Candidates Program:

a) Sponsorship – Candidate Contract

- Each Candidate must have a sponsor from West Kelowna which exists from the business sector and organizations which are in turn promoted in the community by the Candidate.

b) Candidate’s Contract

- Each Candidate must sign a contract with his/her parents and sponsor as a partnership and commitment which lays out all the rules and regulations which has to be adhered to throughout the duration of the self-development program.

c) Community Volunteering

- Each Candidate must volunteer in a variety of community events. Participation and hours are recorded and given to the judges (All candidates’ hours of credit can also be used towards graduation requirements)

d) Self-Improvement Activities

- Each Candidate participates in a variety of program activities laid out by the community annually.

Such Activities could include:

- Public Speaking skills, effective communication (listening) modeling and deportment, Etiquette, job searching skills, interviewing skills, nutrition, wellness and recreation, community history awareness, social dancing, simple mechanics, grooming, personal banking, self defense lessons, fitness, circuit training, rock climbing and many more.

Judged Events:

- the following are judged events by impartial judges: Talent, Fashion, Speech, Personal Interview, Personal Appearance, and Impromptu Questions. Criterion points are accumulated and titles are awarded to

successful candidates: Male and Female Ambassador, Male and Female Vice-Ambassadors. Other awards given are: Congeniality (which is chosen by the other candidates (peers), Speech Award, Talent Award, Youth – Citizenship Award, and Most Improved Candidate.

2. **The Ambassadors Year:**

Those successful Candidates who are awarded the positions of Ambassador for West Kelowna are entitled to participate in a year long calendar of community events and also visit to other municipality's around the Province of British Columbia. They travel to represent the program, their community, their family, the municipality, and themselves. This is reflected in the MISSION STATEMENT, which is the committees guiding mandate.

Community Service Commitment

Each Ambassador is required, when asked: to serve in a variety of community events. Participation and hours are recorded. All Ambassadors hours of credit can be used towards graduation requirements. Such participation includes: Special day celebrations, Civic Holidays (Community Halloween Party), Business Trade Shows, Canada Celebrations (Westside Daze celebration), Community Awards (Citizen of the Year Award), Remembrance Day celebration, Christmas light up etc.

Representing Away from the Community

Ambassadors will attend other Youth Ambassador elections around BC during their reign (Pageants). This could include: Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Peachland, Kamloops, Merritt, Castlegar, Summerland, White Rock, Quesnel, Revelstoke, Oliver, Osoyoos, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Williams Lake, Salmon Arm, Nakusp, New Denver, Trail etc.

3. **Community Representative to the Youth Ambassador Program of BC**

Title holders are eligible to represent the Ambassadorial Committee and the Municipality of West Kelowna at the Provincial Competitions for Scholarship Awards and Titles. The W.K.Y.A.P initially pays for the entrance fees, advertisements and flowers for the candidate to compete. The candidate's responsibility is to fundraise for the BC Youth Ambassador Program. This enables the provincial program to continue. The winning candidates (3 who are elected) represent the youth pageant programs in the various communities, for one year and travel to the towns and cities around BC.

Directions and Commitment

The W.K.Y.A.P committee places academic excellence above any volunteerism. First comes school, then school activities, then paid employment and then the Ambassadorial program of volunteering. The W.K.Y.A.P encourages the candidates and ambassadors to connect with all age groups of West Kelowna citizens. One important aspect of this program is the Youth Service of volunteerism. It is envisioned that candidates and ambassadors attend municipal functions and activities arranged for the youth within the community. This program enables the youth of West Kelowna to expand their knowledge of different programs which will be offer to them during their candidacy and reign.

Some of the Youth involvement options could be:

- a) Youth Representative on council (Mock council experience, committee member or chairing a Mayors Youth Committee on Youth Liaison to community groups, clubs, organizations and societies;
- b) Shadow council or mentoring by current councillors;
- c) Chamber of Commerce volunteerism opportunities;
- d) Community Policing;
- e) Job Training Assignment (i.e CAPP – Career and Personal Training) with School District #23
- f) Recreational Assistance to Program
- g) Wellness Centre Volunteer timetabling/involvement etc

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The following contract is an agreement between the following parties:

1. West Kelowna Youth Ambassadorial Committee;
2. Ambassadorial Candidate;
3. Parent (s) and/or Guardians of the Candidate; and
4. West Kelowna Sponsor of the Candidate

The CANDIDATE, and (if chosen AMBASSADOR), and (If eligible to a Youth Ambassador representative) must be prepared to fulfill all requirements of the W.K.Y.A. Program and:

1. have not previously entered into other pageants;
2. be between the ages of 15 and 17, attending school;
3. be a permanent resident of West Kelowna living at home with a parent or guardian;
4. be single, never had been married, not live or have lived in a companionate relationship, and have not engaged in parenthood or adoption;
5. conduct him/her self in an exemplary manner at all times and refrain in all public places, meetings, training sessions, rehearsals and functions from engaging in illegal activities of smoking, drugs, consuming alcoholic beverages, promiscuity etc)
6. follow the DRESS CODE established for proper decorum and deportment in public functions relating to the W.K.Y.A.P (includes crowns, tiaras, sashes, medals and name tags)
7. represent him/her self related to the MISSION STATEMENT of the W.K.Y.A.P
8. participate in all JUDGED-events as established for point accumulations by judges
9. agree to the decisions of the judges and auditor as FINAL
10. acknowledge the judges and auditor when in their presence
11. participate in volunteer-scheduled events to accumulate at least 30 hours of Community Service
12. prepare a personal biography for the judges (typed and well detailed)
13. prepare a TALENT ROUTINE with his/her own props and not exceeding 3 minutes
14. attend all TOASTMASTER sessions in preparation for personal topic for his/her scheduled Public Speaking and impromptu judging events.
15. Attend a scheduled PERSONAL INTERVIEW with the judges on pageant day
16. Not be involved in any PUBLICITY relating to the W.K.Y.A.P without prior permission from the Committee
17. Practice PUNCTUALITY and PROMPTNESS in all functions of the W.K.Y.A.P
18. Be well versed in and familiar with the Sponsor's business or organization
19. Be knowledgeable in CURRENT EVENTS, of Elected Representatives, and West Kelowna (eg MLA's, MP's, Mayor, Councillors, and Dignitaries)
20. Inform the Committee immediately if he/she is unable to fulfill any W.K.Y.A.P commitments for the purpose of voluntary withdrawal from the Program, (discretion of the committee)

CONTRACT

The West Kelowna Youth Ambassadorial Committee reserves the right to dismiss any candidate who demonstrates any serious neglect to duty and who does not abide by the established rules and regulations of the Program.

The West Kelowna Youth Ambassadorial Committee will inform orally in/or in writing to the candidate, parent(s) or guardian(s) and to the sponsor of any indiscretions or inappropriate behaviour of the candidate.

The CANDIDATE, AMBASSADOR and/or Youth Representative agrees to the RULES and REGULATIONS of the WEST KELOWNA YOUTH AMBASSADORIAL PROGRAM during his/her training activities and functions.

The SPONSOR will pay an entry fee of \$200.00 to the Program Committee to have the CANDIDATE represent that Business or Organization.

WEST KELOWNA YOUTH AMBASSADORIAL Committee agrees to refund the Sponsor's \$200.00 in the event of a CANDIDATE's withdrawal.

As a CANDIDATE, I have read, understood and agree with the W.K.Y.A.P Rules and Regulations.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Sponsor

WEST KELOWNA AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: _____

OTHER REMARKS: _____

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS:

CONTACT PERSON:

PHONE NUMBER OF SPONSOR OR BUSINESS:

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR

PLEASE RETURN BY **MARCH 6, 2016** TO:
WEST KELOWNA AMBASSADORIAL COMMITTEE
22-2475 DOBBIN ROAD STE #555
WEST KELOWNA, BC V4T 2E9
PH: 250-768-7471

_____ Initials

WEST KELOWNA AMBASSADORIAL COMMITTEE MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: _____

PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER: _____

PREVIOUS SURGICAL HISTORY: _____

EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION: _____

ALLERGIES (including food and drug hypersensitivity): _____

MEDICATIONS: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

DATE

_____ Initials

WEST KELOWNA AMBASSADORIAL COMMITTEE

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE: _____

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS:

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR

SPONSOR COST: \$200

PLEASE RETURN TO:

**ATTENTION: RICKI MORIN
WEST KELOWNA AMBASSADORIAL COMMITTEE
22 - 2475 DOBBIN ROAD, STE #555
WEST KELOWNA, BC V4T 2E9**

PH: 250-768-7471

_____ Initials

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

- by signing this document you will waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I (we) _____ hereby acknowledge and agree that in consideration of _____ being permitted to participate in the activities of West Kelowna Youth Ambassador Program c/o Westside Daze in West Kelowna, British Columbia.

1. I (we) do hereby release the Association, its members, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and independent contractors from all liability, claims, causes of action of any kind whatsoever in respect of all personal injuries, loss of life, or property losses which our daughter/son may suffer arising out of the activities of the Association.
2. And I (we) hereby acknowledge and agree:
 - a) That I (we) freely and voluntarily assume all the aforesaid risks and hazards for my son/daughter (myself);
 - b) That I (we) have carefully read this Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement, that I (we) fully understand same, and that I am (we are) freely voluntarily executing same; and
 - c) that I (we) understand clearly that by signing this Release, I (we) will be forever prevented from suing or otherwise claiming against the Association, its Members, officers, directors, employees, volunteers or independent contractors with respect to any matter arising from these activities.

DATED at _____, this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Signature of (Both) Custodial Parents:

Signature of Candidate:

_____ Initials