

Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program (MGAP)

Official 2024 Candidate Application

The Maple Grove Ambassador *Candidate Leadership Experience* provides young women the opportunity for gaining confidence in personal and professional growth, learning networking skills, building relationships, taking pride in community participation, traveling the greater Maple Grove area and much more. Every July, three young women are selected from the group of candidates to continue their professional development as Ambassadors, representing the City of Maple Grove.

(Note: One Ambassador could be chosen to represent Maple Grove during the Minneapolis Aquatennial Ambassador Organization in July 2024. This is the only difference between the selected Ambassadors, as all are seen equal during their term.)

The selected Maple Grove Ambassadors will serve for one year beginning July 12, 2024. A **\$3,000 Scholarship** ** will be granted to each Ambassador to further collegiate educational studies.

Candidate Eligibility Requirements

- Complete the attached Application
- Live or work in Maple Grove or Osseo
- Entering their high school junior or senior year fall of 2024 or graduated from any Maple Grove or Osseo area high school or attending post secondary education (up till the age of 21)
- Have never been married nor had a marriage annulled. She agrees not to become engaged nor get married during her year
- Candidates may not be pregnant nor have children
- Must be a legal U.S. citizen
- Have never been a candidate for Minneapolis Aquatennial Ambassador Organization

Judging Criteria

A panel of independent judges (Selection Team) is designated to choose a team of three Ambassadors. Their decision is strictly their own and not that of the MGAP Committee, Directors, current Ambassadors or other program affiliates. Their selection is based on information provided in the candidate applications, witnessing candidate events and evaluation per the following qualities:

- **Poise** - The way in which a candidate conducts herself with others during events as well as outside of the Program; posture, mannerisms and proper etiquette.
- **Personality** - Reflect sound qualities of mind and character. Show confidence. Ability to socialize with people of all ages and positions. Is genuine and enthusiastic.
- **Attendance** - Willing to participate in Candidate activities and accept Candidate responsibilities. Show dedication and value in commitment.
- **Communication Skills** - Be articulate. Possess strong speaking skills.
- **Appearance** - Attend events in appropriate, professional attire.
- **Application Form** - Educational, social and community involvement. Strong written communication skills; professional.

** Due to any circumstance that takes an Ambassador away from her year of service for a significant number of events, as determined by the Directors, remuneration could be adjusted.

(Feel free to attach a separate sheet if additional space is needed to complete any part of the Application.)

2024 MAPLE GROVE AMBASSADOR CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Deadline: On or before May 1, 2024

If you feel more time is needed, please contact Director Gillian Laursen at
info@maplegroveambassadors.com.

PLEASE SUBMIT A PHOTOGRAPH NO LARGER THAN 5x7

(Please write your name on the back of your picture)

AND \$30 (non-refundable) APPLICATION FEE

Applications received on first-come basis with 6 minimum and 20 maximum accepted.

GENERAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Mother's Name _____ Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Phone _____

Siblings (names, ages) _____

Height _____ ft. _____ in. T-shirt Size _____ (S, M, L, XL) Pant/Capri Size _____ Shoe Size _____

Dress Size _____ Formal/Cocktail Dress Size _____

(Note: This information is needed for wardrobe purposes should you become an Ambassador.)

EDUCATION

High School _____ Graduation Year _____

Other Education _____

Special Honors or Awards _____

Future Educational and Career Plans _____

EMPLOYMENT

Current Employer _____

Business Address of Employer _____

Type of Business _____ Your Position _____

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Do you have any unusual or non-traditional family traditions? Describe. If not, what is your favorite family tradition? _____

How or what would you do to enhance or add to the City of Maple Grove, if money was no object?

What is one thing nobody knows about you (or important to you) you would like everyone to know?

What person, living or dead, would you like to meet and why? _____

If you had the authority to change your school, in a positive way, what changes would you make?

Describe a meaningful volunteer experience. How and why did it impact you? _____

When involved in an organization or professional environment, what characteristics in persons do you value and appreciate the most? _____

What would you like to accomplish during your year if selected to be a Maple Grove Ambassador?
(Your answer may include events in which you would like to participate, what legacy you would like to leave on the Program/City, etc.)

Is there any other information, experiences, etc. you feel the judges should know about you?

APPLICATION ATTACHMENT REMINDERS

- 1. ACTIVITY RESUME** - Please attach a copy of your current activity resume.
- 2. PHOTO** - No larger than 5x7. May be color or black and white. Given to Selection Team to be used for their reference during the *Candidate Leadership Experience*. Write your name on the back of photo.
- 3. \$30 APPLICATION FEE** - Checks should be made payable to Maple Grove Ambassador Program. *The \$30 (non-refundable) fee is not meant to deter any Candidate from applying to MGAP. Please let us know if you have a concern with this fee as we will make it possible for you to participate.*
- 4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND CONTRACT**
- 5. RETURN completed application, contract, photo and fee by May 1. Can be mailed or dropped off at the Maple Grove Community Center front desk.**

Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program

12951 Weaver Lake Road

Maple Grove, MN 55369

Questions: Contact Director Gillian Laursen 763-229-9326 Email: info@maplegroveambassadors.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Each Candidate is assigned a sponsor for the *Candidate Leadership Experience*. Candidates are not required to find a sponsor as MGAP will assist in finding you a sponsor if you do not have one in mind. The sponsor fee is \$350 (paid by sponsor). Sponsors receive significant publicity preceding and during Maple Grove Days and through the coming year if their candidate is selected as an Ambassador. You will wear a sash with your sponsor's name at Candidate public appearances, indicated in the MG Days Parade and in addition, your sponsor will be listed on the Ambassador website with a link to their business.

1. Do you have a friend, relative, employer, etc. who would like to sponsor you during the *Candidate Leadership Experience*? Yes _____ No _____ Possibly _____

If yes, please state the name of the contact person, company name, address, phone number and website. **This sponsor must contact Gillian at info@maplegroveambassadors by MAY 1. If a sponsor indication is received after May 1, the consideration may be denied.**

Sponsors will be formally announced and paired with Candidates at the "Picture Maple Grove" event, on May 29, 2024.

2. Do you know someone with a convertible who would be willing to drive or provide for the Maple Grove Days Parade on Thursday, July 11? Yes _____ No _____

3. Do you have any food allergies or dietary requests/restrictions?

4. How did you hear about the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program?

Attachments

Candidate Leadership Experience Calendar of Events (dates/events may be subject to change)
Please keep for your future reference.

CANDIDATE CONTRACT

In consideration of my participation as a Candidate in the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program (MGAP), I hereby agree to the following:

1. I agree to cooperate fully with MGAP and its officials in all functions, public relations, programs and/or events.
2. I have voluntarily entered the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program of my own will. I understand my sponsor will be contributing a substantial sponsorship fee for my participation, and therefore, I hereby express my intent to participate in the *Candidate Leadership Experience* as detailed on the enclosed *Candidate Leadership Experience* calendar of events.
3. I give authorization and permission to MGAP, its officers, agents and members to use my name and photo in such a manner as they see fit, provided it be used for publicity purposes.
4. I will not make any appearances as a Maple Grove Ambassador Candidate unless authorized by MGAP.
5. I will notify the MGAP Director(s) as soon as I know I am unable to attend a scheduled appearance.
6. I cannot hold a title of any kind nor participate as a Candidate for another community's Ambassador Program, Pageant or the like during the dates of the Maple Grove Ambassador *Candidate Leadership Experience*. These same rules apply for the Ambassador term, if I am selected to serve.
7. If I deem it necessary to leave the *Candidate Leadership Experience*, for any reason, I will not be permitted to do so after the date of the Picture Maple Grove event. I agree notification will be communicated to the MGAP Director(s) and my sponsor in person and not by any other communication means.
8. I hereby release and forever discharge MGAP, its officers, directors, employees and members and agree to render them harmless, from any and all liability, directly or indirectly, for personal injury or property damage while involved in the Ambassador Program.
9. I understand consumption of alcoholic beverage and/or smoking or vaping while attending or representing Maple Grove at official appearances is not permitted. Whether or not I am at an official appearance, I am looked upon as a goodwill ambassador for the City of Maple Grove. My behavior and appearance must reflect that at *all times*, which includes all social media profiles.
10. As a Maple Grove Ambassador Candidate, I have read, understand and will abide by the rules and regulations that have been set forth herein.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (mandatory for all applicants)