

Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program (MGAP)

2026 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.

The selected Maple Grove Ambassadors will serve for one year beginning July 17, 2026. A **\$3,000 Scholarship** ** will be granted to each Ambassador to further collegiate educational studies.

Candidate Eligibility Requirements

- Complete the attached Application, Activity Resume, Additional Information Sheet, and Contract
- Application fee \$30
- Live, work or go to school in Maple Grove or Osseo
- Current high school junior 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. Agrees not to become engaged or 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 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.
- **Professionalism** - Attend events in appropriate, professional attire.

** 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.)

ONLINE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: maplegroveambassadors.com/candidates

APPLICATION REQUIREMENT REMINDERS

- 1. ACTIVITY RESUME** - Please attach a copy of your current activity resume.
- 2. \$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.
- 3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
- 4. RETURN completed application, contract and fee by April 27, 2026. This 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 Megan Belvedere 763-267-2769 info@maplegroveambassadors.com

2026 MAPLE GROVE AMBASSADOR CANDIDATE APPLICATION

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

Deadline: On or before April 27, 2026

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

GENERAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Mother's Name _____ Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Phone _____

Siblings (names, ages) _____

WARDROBE INFORMATION (Note: This info is needed for wardrobe purposes should you become an Ambassador)

Height _____ ft. _____ in. T-shirt Size _____ (XS - XL+) Pant/Capri Size _____ (# size & XS-XL+)

Shoe Size _____ Dress Size _____ (XS - XL+) Formal/Cocktail Dress Size _____ (# size)

EDUCATION

High School _____ Graduation Year _____

Other Education _____

Future Educational and Career Plans _____

EMPLOYMENT

Current Employer _____

Type of Business _____ Your Position _____

GETTING TO KNOW YOU QUESTIONS

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

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

3. What inspired you to apply for the Maple Grove Ambassador candidacy, and what motivated your decision?

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

5. If you were hosting someone in Maple Grove for just one day, where would you take them, and what makes those places special?

6. What aspect of your education are you most proud of?

7. This program requires time, responsibility, and teamwork. How do you plan to balance these commitments with school, work, and other activities?

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

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

10. 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.)

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

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 Megan Belvedere at info@maplegroveambassadors.com by APRIL 27. If a sponsor indication is received after April 27, the consideration may be denied.**

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 16? 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?
