

Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program (MGAP) Official 2009 Candidate Application

Three Maple Grove Ambassadors will be selected to represent and promote the City of Maple Grove. Together, they will participate in many community service events in Maple Grove and across neighboring communities. In 2008, our Ambassadors established the first Maple Grove Locks of Love drive in conjunction with Salon Picasso in addition to the inaugural Maple Grove Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Minnesota. Our purpose as an organization is to *serve* and provide young women with professional opportunities to ultimately enhance their future careers.

(Note: One of the three Maple Grove Ambassadors will be chosen as Miss Maple Grove. She will represent Maple Grove during the Minneapolis Aquatennial Queen of the Lakes Program in July 2010. This is the only difference between the selected Ambassadors, as all are seen as equal and introduced as such during all community events.)

The selected Maple Grove Ambassadors will serve for one year beginning July 10, 2009. A **\$3,000.00 scholarship** will be granted to each Ambassador to further educational studies.

Candidate Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must:

- Complete the attached Application.
- Be between 17 and 21 years of age.
- Have graduated or will graduate high school by July 1, 2009.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Reside in Maple Grove/Osseo, OR attend school in Maple Grove.
- Have never been married or had a marriage annulled. If selected as an Ambassador, upon accepting the title, she agrees that she will not marry during her reign. Candidates may not be pregnant nor have children. (Note: These criteria are required to comply with the Minneapolis Aquatennial Queen of the Lakes Program.)
- Have never represented a city or organization in the capacity of queen, and have never been a contestant for Minneapolis Aquatennial Queen of the Lakes.

Judging Criteria

A panel of four independent judges is selected to choose a team of three Ambassadors who they feel would be the right fit to fulfill the Ambassador roles and duties. Their decision is strictly of their own choosing, 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 and as witnessed during candidate events. The following items are respected and sought-after qualities of a potential Ambassador and will be evaluated by the judges in addition to other qualities the judges deem important to this role.

- **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** – Reflects sound qualities of mind and character, shows confidence. Ability to socialize with people of all ages and positions - is genuine and enthusiastic.
- **Communication Skills** – Able to articulate and possess strong speaking skills.
- **Appearance** – Well groomed and tastefully attired.
- **Attendance** – Willing to participate in candidate activities and accept candidate responsibilities. Shows dedication and value in commitment.
- **Application Form** – Educational, social and community involvement; good written communication skills - professional.

Please complete the attached Application and return before May 1, 2009. *(Note: If additional space is needed to complete any part of the Application, please attach a separate document.)*

2009 MAPLE GROVE AMBASSADOR CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Deadline for Application: May 1, 2009

**(PLEASE SUBMIT A PHOTOGRAPH NO LARGER THAN 5x7 AND
\$25 APPLICATION FEE WITH APPLICATION)**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Mother's Name _____ Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Phone _____

Siblings (names, ages) _____

Height _____ ft. _____ in. T-Shirt Size _____ (S, M, L, XL) Shoe Size _____ Prom Dress Size _____

Cocktail Dress Size _____ Pant/Capri 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

Name of Current Employer _____

Business Address of Employer _____

Type of Business _____ Your Position _____

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Nickname (if any) _____

What leisure and/or sports activities do you enjoy? _____

What favorite family tradition you will carry on? _____

The MGAP is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this year. Where do you see yourself in 10-years?

What is one thing you would like everyone to know about you? _____

What would be your dream job? _____

What famous person would you like to have lunch with, and why? _____

What is your favorite childhood or school memory? _____

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

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

****APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS****

1. ESSAY

This year, the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program celebrates 10 years of service to the community. Service is the foundation of our program and as an Ambassador; you would be instrumental in fostering a greater awareness for the value of community service and volunteerism. Please detail what volunteerism means to you and what volunteer activities you would bring to the Maple Grove Ambassador Program if you were selected as a 2009 Ambassador. Please limit your response to one page double spaced if typed.

2. ACTIVITY RESUME

Please attach a copy of your current activity resume.

3. PHOTO – No larger than 5” x 7” (see page 1 of application)

This may be in color or black and white. Photo will be given to judges as a reference during the *Candidate Experience*.

4. \$25 APPLICATION FEE

Checks should be made payable to the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program.

The \$25 application fee is not meant to deter any candidate from applying for our program. Please let us know if you have a concern with this fee as we'd like to make it possible for you to participate.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. Do you have a friend, relative, employer, etc. who would like to sponsor you?

Yes _____ No _____ Possibly _____

If yes, please state the name of the contact person, company name, address, telephone number and website address:

Candidates are not required to find their own sponsor. The MGAP will assist in finding you a sponsor if you do not have one in mind. The sponsor fee is \$300. Sponsors receive significant publicity during and preceding Maple Grove Days. You will wear a sash with your sponsor's name at all candidate public appearances and in addition, your sponsor will be listed on the Ambassador website with a link to their business.

Sponsors will be formally announced at the "Getting to Know You" event.

2. Do you know someone with a convertible that would be willing to drive in the Maple Grove Days parade? Yes _____ No _____

(If yes, please confirm with them that they will be available to drive in the Maple Grove Parade on Thursday, July 9th).

3. How did you hear about the Maple Grove Ambassador Program? (please list specifics)

CANDIDATE AGREEMENT

In consideration of my participation as a candidate in the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program, I hereby agree that:

1. I have voluntarily entered the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program at my own will. I understand that my sponsor will be contributing a substantial sponsorship fee for my participation, and therefore I hereby express my intent to participate in the *Candidate Experience* as detailed on the tentative *Candidate Experience* calendar.
2. I have read and signed this Application.
3. I agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program regarding candidate behavior/expectations.
4. The Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program committee/directors may use my likeness/photograph in such appropriate manner as they see fit for publicity purposes.
5. I hereby release the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program, its officers, directors, and any other individual connected therewith, from responsibility in connection with any injuries sustained by me in my capacity as a candidate for the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature (if candidate is under 18 years of age) _____

Questions? Call: Lindsey Kurhajetz, Director: 763-300-2814
Jeanette Neumann, Director: 612-703-9973
Email: info@maplegroveambassadors.com

Return completed application with photo and \$25 application fee by May 1, to:

**Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program
Maple Grove Community Center
12951 Weaver Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55369**

Encl.

Candidate Experience calendar of events (dates may be subject to change)

(For additional questions, please visit our website at www.maplegroveambassadors.com to read Frequently Asked Questions, and read about our current happenings).