

Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship Program (MGAP) Official 2010 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* our community and provide young women with professional opportunities.

(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 2011. 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 16, 2010. A **\$3,000.00 scholarship** will be granted to each Ambassador to further collegiate 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, 2010.
- Be a legal 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 (for Maple Grove and/or Aquatennial), 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 whom they feel would be the right fit to fulfill the Ambassador responsibilities. 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 and as witnessed at candidate events during the *Candidate Experience*. 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 possesses 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; strong written communication skills - professional.

Please complete the attached Application and return before May 1, 2010. *(Note: If additional space is needed to complete any part of the Application, please attach a separate document.)*

2010 MAPLE GROVE AMBASSADOR CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Deadline for Application: May 1, 2010

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

GENERAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

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

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?

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

If you had two hours of free time, how would you spend it?

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

What is 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 would 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. ACTIVITY RESUME

Please attach a copy of your current activity resume.

2. 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 and used as their reference during the *Candidate Experience*.

3. \$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 would like to make it possible for you to participate.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Each candidate is assigned a sponsor for the *Candidate Experience*. Candidates are not required to find your own sponsor as the MGAP will assist in finding you a sponsor if you do not have one in mind. The sponsor fee is \$400. Sponsors receive significant publicity preceding and during 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 (www.maplegroveambassadors.com/sponsors).

1. Do you have a friend, relative, employer, etc. who would like to sponsor you during the *Candidate Experience*?

Yes _____ No _____ Possibly _____

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

Sponsors will be formally announced at the "Getting to Know You" event on June 1.

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 15th).

3. How did you hear about the Maple Grove Ambassador Scholarship 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 enclosed *Candidate Experience* calendar of events.
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 business or individuals 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)

Please visit our website www.maplegroveambassadors.com for additional information regarding current happenings, Frequently Asked Questions, etc.