

CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

The British Columbia Ambassador Program is open to young women or men who have previously held a title in a regional/local ambassador program in British Columbia. Candidates must be at least 17 years old by January 1st, 2024; and not over the age of 24, by December 31st, 2024.

The British Columbia Ambassador Program will be held July 24th-27th, 2024 in Lake Cowichan on Vancouver Island.

Please submit your application form by January 31st, 2024 to the British Columbia Ambassador Program via e-mail at <u>bcambassadorprogram@gmail.com</u>.

Registration fee of \$850.00 must be paid on or before March 1st, 2024.

Candidate will forfeit entry fee if they withdraw from the program after April 1st, 2024.

Information packages will be distributed prior to the Introduction Meeting that will take place for all candidates and their community coordinators or a committee member on **Wednesday, March 20th** @ **6:00pm** via Zoom. Parents and/or guardians encouraged to attend.

Bursaries available for candidates in the program are as follows:

- Public Speaking Award
- Community Presentation Award
- Knowledge Award
- People's Choice Award
- ❖ Top Fundraisers − 1st & 2nd place
- Rita McKay Award
- Friendship Award
- BC Ambassador Titles

We look forward to seeing you in the program!

If you have any questions or require more information, contact:

bcambassadorprogram@gmail.com



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Last Name:	First Name:		
Birth date:	Candidate Cell #:		
Mailing Address:			
City:	Province: Postal Code:		
Email:	Parent Phone #:		
Candidate Signature:			
	AMBASSADOR PROGRAM inator is required approving candidate's participation. If the ambassador the can have their application authorized by their local mayor or a town councilor.		
Community:			
Committee Contact:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	Province: Postal Code:		
Phone:	Email:		
Co-ordinator Signature: _			
Candidate must prov	FORMATION – (If not an Ambassador program) vide information of any additional sponsoring organization(s).		
Sponsor Contact:			
City:	Province: Postal Code:		
Phone:	Email:		
Sponsor Representative Si	onature:		



CANDIDATE RULES & REGULATIONS CONTRACT

- All candidates must pay the registration fee of \$850.00 upon entering the British Columbia Ambassador Program (BCAP).
- ➤ The candidate must be at least 17 years of age by January 1st, 2024; and must not be over the age of 24 by December 31st, 2024.
- The candidate's coordinator or a representative appointed by the community coordinator is encouraged to attend the Introduction Meeting on March 20th, 2024.
- > Candidate will forfeit the entry fee if she/he withdraws from the program after the candidate meeting.
- Please submit a photo prior to the Introduction Meeting for our website.
- > If a community has more than 1 candidate; each candidate will run their individual campaign.
- The candidate must pay his/her/their own transportation costs to and from the BCAP.
- > The candidate must not be married or living common-in-law.
- Candidate must have a lifestyle that will not interfere with duties as a BC Ambassador. The candidate must not have a child.
- Non-prescription drugs or underage use of alcohol by the candidate will not be tolerated.
- The candidate's accommodations from Wednesday evening until Sunday morning are paid by the BCAP. BCAP will assume candidates will not require a hotel room for Saturday night unless we are informed at the Introduction Meeting. Meals are supplied from Wednesday evening until Saturday dinner; candidates are responsible for their own spending money and any "extras".
- ➤ The Mayor or a Town Council member may authorize the candidate's application form if there is not a local program/committee in place at the time of the candidate's application.
- All paperwork must be completed and submitted on time or points will be deducted.
- Media is the responsibility of the candidate as well as contacting the local Town Council.
- Only cash/money orders/certified cheques or e-transfers are accepted and are to be made payable to British Columbia Ambassador Program.
- ➤ Once a candidate enters the BCAP any form of communication regarding the program will be made directly between the candidate and the BCAP Coordinator.
- > The BCAP may record and have pictures taken of the individual candidates, as well as group pictures; the candidate gives the BCAP the right to use the recording and pictures for advertisement whether it is the BC website or in program booklets.
- Each candidate will provide a display table on his/her/their community which is to be set up solely by the candidate. The candidate will then dismantle their display on Saturday night, after the pageant. The candidate is solely responsible for all items on their individual tables.
- > Judges chosen for the program are at the discretion of the BCAP.

During BC week in Lake Cowichan:

- > The candidate must bring his/her/their British Columbia Care Card.
- The candidate will conduct him/her/themself in an exemplary manner at all times.
- The candidate is expected to be punctual, professional & polite.
- > Banners must be worn at all public functions.



- Candidate is solely responsible for all personal belongings during BC week.
- Personal expenses incurred by the candidate are solely his/her/their responsibility.
- ➤ There will be no long-distance calls made on the hotel phones.
- > Cells phones are allowed, but to be used only during free time.
- The candidate is to be properly attired for all functions; remember you are representing your community at all times.
- ➤ Guidance from local Coordinator regarding gowns is suggested.
- > Candidates must inform the BC committee of their whereabouts at all times.
- ➤ All Community Tables must be completed by Thursday 12:00pm.
- Community Tables are to be assembled by <u>candidate only</u>.
- > No energy drinks will be allowed.

AGREEMENT

I understand that I am competing for the title of British Columbia Ambassador; that judging for the title of British Columbia Ambassador will be based on personal interview, speeches, impromptu, community table, BC knowledge and character suitability for the position. However, I further acknowledge and agree the procedures and/or standards for judging the British Columbia Ambassador are in the sole judgment of the judges. I agree that the BCAP will determine the manner and method of conducting the judging of the British Columbia Ambassador; I also agree that the decision of the judges in these matters will be final and I agree to abide by the judges' decision.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to absolve the British Columbia Ambassador Program and volunteers of said program of all lawsuits resulting in the final decision of the BCAP judges.

The candidate can be disqualified and removed from the BCAP, determined by the BCAP committee and /or judges, due to the following:

- His/her/their qualifications are found to be in contravention of any of the BCAP rules and regulations
- He/she/they fails to comply with any of the instructions or rules and regulations set out by the BCAP.
- Any misconduct or disrespect towards fellow candidates, BCAP volunteers, BCAP committee, BCAP judges, the public, or anyone affiliated to the BCAP.
- The BCAP committee, the candidate's community coordinator, and/or judges felt that the candidate is not suitable for the position of British Columbia Ambassador.

The candidate and parent/guardian, and each of them for themselves and their personal representative, hereby release and discharge the British Columbia Ambassador Program, its agents, officers, employees, staff, and all of their legal representatives, heirs, and successors, (herein after collectively called the "Released Parties") against and from all liabilities whatsoever

incurred by, and all claims, demands, damages, and causes of action at law or inequity, whether Page 4 of 5



arising by reason of any accident, illness, injury or death, however caused, or brought against, the Released Parties or any of them by the parents/guardians, sponsors, and candidates, their children or their heirs, dependents, executors, administrators, or by any person claiming through them in respect of, or arising out of, or in any way connected directly or indirectly with their participation in the Program.

I acknowledge that I alone am responsible for accident and health insurance to cover any and all medical expenses, bodily injury and /or personal property damage.

I hereby certify that I have read the above rules, regulations and contract of the BCAP carefully and understand them completely; that I have taken the opportunity to review these rules and regulations with my solicitor, if I so desire; I freely and voluntarily agree to be bound by all the rules, regulations and contractual provisions set forth in the above form. The signature below indicates my agreement and acceptance of the above rules and regulations.

Candidate Signature	Print Name	
Date		
Parent/Guardian Signature	Print Name	
Date		
Coordinator/Sponsor Representative Signature	Print Name	
Date		
Witness Signature	Print Name	
 Date		