



'AMBASSADOR OF THE FAIR' COMPETITION

Qualifications, Rules and General Guidelines

1. The competition is open to single ladies and gentlemen who will be 17 years of age on or before the second Monday in August and not have reached their 24th birthday by Labour Day. Contestants must live within a 40 km radius of Lindsay.
2. **Contestants must be available to carry out duties for the five (5) days of the Lindsay Central Exhibition and for the 12 month period following the fair. Contestants are asked to disclose any scheduling conflicts already known to them, to the Ambassador Committee, prior to the commencement of the competition. Scheduling conflicts include work, school or personal plans (i.e. travel plans).**
3. Contestants must be in good health and be able to meet the physical demands of the job until completion of their reign in September of the following year.
4. Judges will consider:
 - I. Good character, poise, personality and charm
 - II. Ability to join in and contribute to general conversation; any of the following qualifications will be considered in this area:
 - a) General knowledge of the Fair, Town and District
 - b) General information about current affairs
 - c) Any special talent in 4-H, School Clubs, Junior Farmers, Fair related activities, arts, hobbies, music, drama, dancing, sports or leadership
5. The public competition will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. on the Fountain Park Stage; interviews will be held on the same day, prior to the competition. Contestants will be contacted in advance to confirm interview times and location.
6. Each contestant will be expected to give a short prepared speech (approximately 3-5 minutes) on 'What does freedom mean to me?' Each contestant must provide the Ambassador Committee with a written copy of their speech.
7. A reception hosted by the Exhibition President will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 23rd, immediately prior to the Official Opening of the Fair. The Ambassador and the 1st and 2nd runners-up (and their parents, if possible) are expected to attend.
8. All *Ambassador of the Fair* contestants are invited to ride in the Fair Parade on Wednesday evening. Contestants are asked to confirm their participation in the Fair Parade prior to the end of the public presentation on Wednesday.
9. In the event the Ambassador cannot complete their year, the 1st runner up will carry out his/her duties.
10. The Ambassador is expected to attend and participate in the five (5) days of the Exhibition at mutually agreed upon times. Scheduling conflicts must be disclosed to the Ambassador Committee prior to the competition (see rule # 2). There will be a chaperone arranged to assist the Ambassador at specific times during the Fair. The role of the chaperone will be to escort the Ambassador to various functions.
11. The Ambassador or Runner -up, while on duty, is expected to be attired appropriately. Business casual attire such as dresses, slacks, sweaters, dress shirts, suits and skirts is essential. No blue jeans or shorts are allowed. Appropriate footwear for walking and standing for long periods is essential. Only while on duty should the Ambassador and/or Runner- up wear their tiara/medallion and/or sash. Once a duty is completed these items must be taken off and return to the Exhibition office.
12. The Ambassador of the Fair will be asked to represent the Exhibition at various functions throughout the year including the convention of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies in February. The Society may choose to have the appointed Ambassador represent the fair at the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs Pageant in August 2011 if deemed advisable.