

You have been nominated as a contestant for the Wellesley Fall Fair Ambassador Program. The following outlines the requirements and responsibilities. We hope you will join us. The last page is the registration form. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Should you choose to enter the Wellesley-N.E.H. Fall Fair Ambassador Competition, we are sure you will find the experience enjoyable. You will have the chance to meet some really neat people, as well as learn some new public speaking techniques. You will have the opportunity to attend an interactive evening at a Christopher Leadership course with contestants from other fairs. Learn how to put your best foot forward, plus enjoy an evening meet and greet with your fellow contestants over a nice dinner. You will have your portrait taken by local photographer and journalist, Larry Kryski and framed by Pfeifer Gallery. There is a morning-after breakfast hosted by the Schmidtsville on the Wed. morning for all the contestants followed by an active day at the fair itself.

The following is the criteria for entering, plus a little information on what the judges will be looking for in an ambassador. When we have a few contestants registered, we will meet to discuss any questions you may have; in the meantime, please feel free to call Wendy Richardson at 519-656-2961 any time, or email wrichardson@cwisp.ca, or Joanne Stewart at 519-214-0305 or email jm4stewa@uwaterloo.ca.

The competition this year will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the Wellesley Arena.

CRITERIA FOR ENTERING THE COMPETITION:

- ☎ You must live or attend school in Wellesley, Wilmot, Woolwich or Perth East Townships and be between the ages of 17 and 23 as of the middle of Aug. this year.
- ☎ You must have a sponsor. If you have a sponsor or suggestion, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have a problem with this, **we will be happy to arrange one for you.** Sponsorship fee is \$75.00 paid by the sponsor to the Wellesley-N.E.H. Ag. Society.
- ☎ You will be interviewed by some local newspapers, or the above information about you will be mailed to them. If possible you should know who your sponsor is before the interview.
- ☎ Competitors are required to present a **2 - 3 minute prepared speech**, relating to one of the following topics:
 - Agriculture or Farming,*
 - Importance of Family,*
 - My hero or heroine & what I've learned from them,*
 - Rural Living vs Urban Living,*
 - Agriculture and its importance in our livings,*
 - Where do I go from here?*
 - The Fair,***or Our theme this year "We're Full of Beans".**
Cue cards can be used. Competitors will also be asked an impromptu question based on their own personal information supplied to us in their autobiography.

Wellesley-N.E.H. Ambassador Competition

A fun “self-discovery” activity we like to have you do is a **display board** about “*you*” for the fair – A “*ME*” board. You can do it well in advance of the fair, but we set it up on the Monday night before the competition, as well as run through the program. Feel free to bring your family this evening. **The boards should not exceed 4' x 3' & 3' deep.** (*Cardboard display boards are readily available at any stationary store.*)

...so, really, two main goals to be completed by fair time in September – a short speech and a display board, both of which can be done long before the fair if you are worried about time restraints.

Call if you have any questions – Wendy Richardson – 519 - 656-2961 or Joanne Stewart – 519-214-0305

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judges will be looking for self-confidence, basic knowledge of the community and the fair, someone who is approachable, out-going, natural, and who will represent the Agricultural Society well. This is not a beauty contest, but poise and good grooming are naturally an asset.

Please note that there is only a first place Ambassador chosen. There are no losers, only runners-up. Everyone is a winner to us.

IF YOU WIN THE COMPETITION: We encourage your participation in the following:

- Wednesday of the fair; we encourage all contestants to be there.
- ABC Festival helping serve apple juice at the smorgasbord – you are our “public relations person”.
- Attend the District 7 Convention on the 1st Saturday in November, where you meet approx. 15 other fair ambassadors.
- Participate in some of the local Christmas Parades.
- You are escorted to the famous Royal York in Toronto, all expenses paid for two days and nights, where you meet approx. 100 ambassadors from around Ontario, in February.
- Visit the three Wellesley Township Schools to promote the fair in May/June, as your time allows.
- Enjoy and compete at the CNE mid-August for a three day, all expense paid trip.
- Help recruit new contestants for the following year.
- M-C the next Fair Ambassador Competition if you are comfortable with doing so.

Please note that it is our responsibility to get you where you need to be and when. You are escorted to all our events. We always take into consideration your education, work schedules and other responsibilities. We will not expect you to do anything that you feel uncomfortable doing. This may look like a lot, but the time commitment is really quite minimal.

For future endeavours, job situations, schooling, etc. this title will be a benefit to you if you include it on your resume. It shows that you have community interest, volunteer involvement, public speaking experience, leadership ability and are able to work well in a team environment as well as individually. Combined with your other interests, you are a well-rounded person.

Please fill out the following pages and return to us at wrichardson@bell.net or joanne.stewart@uwaterloo.ca.

Wellesley-N.E.H. Ambassador Competition

Name:

Address:

Phone # (to best reach your):

Email address:

Age & Birthdate:

Education:

Reason for Entering the Competition:

Skills/Experiences:

Future Life Goals:

Sponsor:

Media Consent Form

I, the undersigned, hereby irrevocably consent to and authorize the use and/or likeness. The Wellesley – N.E.H. Agricultural Society shall have the right to photograph, publish, adapt, exhibit, perform, reproduce, edit, distribute, display or otherwise use my image, voice and/or likeness in connection with Wellesley – N.E.H. Ambassador Competition in all markets, media or technology now known or hereafter developed for the Wellesley – N.E.H. Agricultural Society, as long as there is no intent to use the image, voice and/or likeness in a disparaging manner. I waive any compensation or recourse against the use of these images.

_____ I consent

_____ I DO NOT consent

Signature of Adult Participant

Date

Print Name

IF YOU ARE EIGHTEEN – 18 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER, YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW:

I represent that I am a parent/guardian of the minor who has signed the above release and that in that capacity the Wellesley – N.E.H. Agricultural Society for their Ambassador Competition, has my consent and authorization to use the name, voice and/or likeness as described above.

Parent / Guardian:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Print Name