



Eagan Funfest Ambassador Program ~ STATEMENT

Eagan's July 4th Funfest is seeking local Youth and Young Adults as candidates for our Funfest Ambassador Program. Our program offers male and female positions in three age categories. Would an academic scholarship or savings bond advance your future school plans? Do you enjoy service to your community through volunteerism? If so, you may be an excellent representative of Eagan's July 4th Funfest and our Eagan community.

Funfest Ambassadors network with neighboring communities through parades, festival attendance and coronations to strengthen community connections. Past attendance with neighboring communities include: Defeat of Jessie James Days, the Hopkins Raspberry Festival, Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest, Minnesota Twins Sparkle Night, Rosemount Leprechaun Days, Anoka Halloween, St. Louis Park Parktacular, along with many more. Ambassadors serve as hosts to the annual Brain Freeze ice cream eating contest with visiting ambassadors which is one of their featured roles during our community event, Eagan's July 4th Funfest. Ambassadors promote Funfest through appearances & button coupon book sales.

Funfest Ambassadors take pride in our local community by serving as volunteers for many City of Eagan functions. They volunteer annually for the Fire Department's Ice Cream Social, Halloween Hodgepodge, Holz Farm Lone Oak Days, National Night Out, and the Eagan Market Fest. Ambassadors also serve roles during specialty events such as: Eagan's 150th Taste of Eagan, Showcase Eagan, Princess Ball and additional City or Park & Recreation events.

Eagan's July 4th Funfest strives to build awareness to community organizations and civic duty. Social service projects are common practice for our Ambassador team. Involvement during the AFAA Food Allergy Awareness Walk, Feed My Starving Children, National Make a Difference Day, Operation Christmas Child and Salvation Army Bell Ringing all foster the spirit of giving. We engaged in community volunteer hours calling Bingo for Ebenezer Ridges (Burnsville), served sundaes to patients housed at the American Cancer Society ~ Hope Lodge (Minneapolis), assisted during the Commons on Marice (Eagan) Senior Prom, and encouraged children to read at Wescott Library (Eagan) Waggin' Tales. We are proud of the service details handled by our Funfest Ambassadors.

Candidate Requirements:

1. Candidates must be at least 10 years old, but not older than 19 as of July 4, 2012.
2. Candidates must be Legal Residents of the United States.
3. Candidates must live, attend school or worship in the City of Eagan.
4. Candidates may never have been married, pregnant or have any children.
5. Candidates must submit a current photo, copy of birth certificate and Social Security #.
6. Candidates must submit a legible and fully completed application and contract.
7. Candidate and candidate parents/guardians must be available during candidate events.

As a candidate, you will have the opportunity to meet with adults, children and young adults while being involved in activities. Candidate activities include a wide variety of events: a family potluck gathering, community events with volunteer projects, an appearance in the Eagan Funfest Parade and participation in the Brain Freeze Ice Cream Eating Contest. Candidates will acquire relationship-building skills and gain new confidence in public speaking.

A panel of judges will make final Ambassador selections based on public presence and behind the scenes interaction. Social skills, communication, attitude and volunteerism all play a part in the judging process. Candidate peer interaction, an orderly neat appearance, a positive, friendly personality, poise, manners and commitment will also be considered during the selection process. We encourage interested youth and young adults to become a candidate for the Funfest Ambassador Program.

Program Goals:

- To foster equality among Ambassadors
- To create lasting relationships with our community through volunteerism
- To promote educational success through scholarship
- To build strong self-esteem and self-confidence
- To represent Eagan's July 4th Funfest and the community of Eagan

Wardrobe:

Red Polo Shirt with Khaki shorts and /or Pants (weather dependent)

Candidate Schedule ~ Candidates are required to attend all scheduled events. Judges may be in attendance at any or all events.

Friday, June 1, 2012 ~ 7-9pm Commons on Marice - Atrium (1380 Marice Drive Eagan, MN 55121)

Candidate Orientation & Team Building Session #1

Sunday June 3, 2012 ~ 4pm-7pm Moonshine Park Retreat Center (1317 Jurdy Rd Eagan, MN 55121)

Family Pot Luck Gathering & Team Building Session #2

Thursday, June 7, 2012 ~ 7pm Eagan Community Center (ECC) - Lone Oak Room

Meet the Candidates with Eagan's July 4th Funfest Committee

Saturday, June 16, 2012 Event TBD Cottage Grove & St. Louis Park Festivals

Community Event Appearance & Team Building Session #3

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 ~ 4-8pm Eagan Festival Grounds

Eagan Market Fest Family Night ~Volunteers

Saturday, June 30, 2012 ~ 10am-6pm Eagan Community Center - Lone Oak Room

Formal Interviews Appointments will be individually scheduled between 10am - 6pm.

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 ~ 10am Parade ~ 1pm Brain Freeze & Sparkle Ride

Eagan's July 4th Funfest Parade and Festival Grounds Appearance

Sunday, July 8, 2012 ~ 12:30-6pm Eagan Community Center (ECC) - Oaks Room

Coronation Practice Session

Monday, July 9, 2012 ~ 7pm Eagan Community Center (ECC) - Oaks Room

Coronation and selection of the 2012 Eagan Funfest Ambassadors

Coronation marks the end of the candidate experience; while only 6 selected individuals continue on as Ambassadors, **every** candidate leaves with a newfound group of friends, memories of fun summer activities and experiences to carry forward to the coming year.



Eagan Funfest Ambassador Program ~ APPLICATION

Clearly Print All Information Below:

Name: _____ (as to be printed or announced)

Full Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

Birth Date: _____ Grade in School: _____

Name of School Attending: _____ (Fall following Funfest July 2012)

Name of Church: _____ (If Church is your only Eagan affiliation)

Social Profiles, Twitter: _____ My Space: _____

Facebook: _____ Other: _____

Email: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Parent(s) Address: _____ (if different from candidate)

Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

Email: _____

Additional Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship to the Candidate: _____

Cell #: _____ Home #: _____

Candidate Sponsorship Fee of \$200.00 Check # _____ Submission Date: _____

Payable to: **Eagan's July 4th Funfest P.O. Box 22503 Eagan, MN 55122**

Candidate's Sponsor: _____ (business or family)

Candidate ~ Resume

Birth Date: _____ Age on July 4, 2012: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Candidate Category: Junior 10-12 yrs ___ Teen 13- 16 yrs ___ Youth 17-19 yrs ___

Why do you wish to be an Eagan Funfest Ambassador? _____

What are your favorite Eagan attractions, activities and features? _____

Candidate Information (Sports, Music, Activities, Employment, etc...) _____

On a separate page, in your own words, please **tell us about yourself**. (Limit 1 page printed or typed) Ideas include information relating to your family life, your role in the community, personal goals, friends, travel, accomplishments, hobbies and interests. Include any presented awards or honors. Share future or current educational plans (areas of study), club memberships and volunteer activities.

Provide 1 additional page of photos: photos of favorite things, places, people or YOU!

Your application will be shared with our panel of judges. Submitting this application is permission for our judges and leadership to discuss with you all included information.

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature (If under age 18) _____ Date _____



Eagan Funfest Ambassador Program ~ CONTRACT

I, _____ (state your full name) enter into this contract for service as an Eagan Funfest Ambassador during the term 2012-2013.

If selected through the application and judging process to serve as an Eagan Funfest Ambassador, the participant and their family agree to the following policies for the entire year of July 2012-July 2013. Contract policies are subject to change or modification by the Ambassador leadership.

- Ambassadors must be available for appearances & duties as scheduled. Willingness, cooperation and assistance are required of the Ambassador and their family throughout the year of service.
- Unexcused absences will not be permitted; leadership notification is mandatory.
- Parents or guardians of Ambassadors agree to share in chaperone responsibilities throughout the year of service.
- It is understood travel to and from appearances/events will take place in personal vehicles and at your own expense.
- All attire must be approved by the Eagan Funfest Ambassador Leadership prior to scheduled events.
- Items of apparel loaned to the Ambassadors from the Eagan Funfest Ambassador Program will be carefully maintained and are the property of the program. Any and all damage to the apparel is the responsibility of the individual.
- No wearing of medallions, crowns, sashes or Ambassador attire at any event not approved by the Eagan Funfest Ambassador Leadership is allowed.
- While in attire and attending an event, all Eagan Funfest Ambassadors must be chaperoned by either the Eagan Funfest Ambassador Leadership or a chaperone appointed by the leadership.
- Press and/or media interviews are forbidden without Eagan Funfest Ambassador Leadership approval.
- No solicitation of funds or services is allowed without prior approval from the Eagan Funfest Ambassador Program.
- No smoking in public while attending Ambassador events (including ambassadors, parents & chaperones).
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages in public while attending Ambassador events (including ambassadors, parents & chaperones).
- If an Eagan Funfest Ambassador is issued a citation for underage drinking or smoking or other unlawful behavior, this is cause for immediate loss of title and scholarship.
- No weapons shall be carried or concealed.
- Cell phone use during Ambassador events is prohibited except for emergency purposes and/or to contact a parent or chaperone.

- An Eagan Funfest Ambassador cannot be married or become pregnant during their year of service. This is grounds for immediate relinquishment of title and loss of scholarship.
- No Ambassador may date another Ambassador within our program or any other program throughout their term of service.
- Any social media groups (Facebook, My Space, Twitter etc) must not contain any provocative or inappropriate photos or use of inappropriate language. Posting of Ambassador photos must first be approved by the Eagan Funfest Ambassador Leadership.
- Ambassadors must conduct themselves in an appropriate, respectful and courteous way at all times during their year of service. An Ambassador is always expected to conduct themselves in a well-mannered way, treating all with kindness & respect.

Failure to comply with any of these policies will result in loss of scholarship and of title.

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6. Ambassadors must submit a legible and fully completed application.
7. Ambassadors' parents/guardians **MUST** be available during events and assist as chaperones throughout the year if their child is selected as an Eagan Funfest Ambassador.

Attendance Requirements:

- A calendar with **mandatory** and elective events is provided to all new Ambassadors and their families. This events calendar may be subject to change.
- All **mandatory** events must be attended unless an *excused absence form* is submitted in writing and has been approved by the Eagan Funfest Ambassador Leadership prior to the event.
- An excess amount of absences (3 or more) from mandatory events, whether excused or unexcused, will result in loss of scholarship and loss of title.

I / we have fully read the above 2012 Eagan Funfest Ambassador Program contract and understand that if there is a violation of this contract it may result in disciplinary actions, loss of scholarship and/or loss of Ambassador title.

If the violation results in the loss of a title the ambassador will be required to relinquish crown/medallion, sash and all apparel on loan by the Eagan Funfest Ambassador Program.

Ambassador Name (printed): _____

Ambassador Signature: _____ Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Dated: _____