

INTERSTATE FAIR AMBASSADOR INFORMATION AND RULES

Every Interstate Fair Ambassador becomes a representative of the highest ideals of the people of Spokane County. What is said or done is magnified many times, for good or bad. The simple rules listed below have been developed from many years of experience to make each Ambassador's task an easy and pleasant one. We recognize and appreciate the family members, however when serving as an Ambassador and participating in official capacities, the Ambassadors' time will be organized by Interstate Fair personnel. The Ambassador Program will be coordinated this year by Jessie McLaughlin at 477-2772.

Along with the honor of being selected as an Interstate Fair Ambassador, there are certain obligations and rules to be followed.

1. Each Ambassador must be at least a junior in high school and no older than 20 years of age at the time of the competition.
2. Each Ambassador must be single throughout the reign as Interstate Fair Ambassador, never have been married, divorced or had a marriage annulled. It must be understood also that contestants entering the pageant cannot have been pregnant or have a child.
3. Entrant must never have been convicted of a felony offense.
4. Public appearances, publicity, endorsements, gifts, photographs, etc. must have the specific approval of the Interstate Fair Management prior to any commitments.
5. Appearances at the Fair will include, but are not be limited to, the following: Meet and greets at the gate, celebrity introductions, newsletter distribution each morning, special contest hosts, assistants to family entertainers, and photography sessions throughout the duration of the Fair at concerts, rodeos, flag ceremonies, grand opening exercises, and special booth award presentations. Applicants that have personal beliefs that would prevent them from attending or participating in any of the Fair activities listed above should not apply.
6. While serving in official capacities, your activities and time will be organized by Interstate Fair personnel. Ambassadors and their family members will be expected to cooperate with Fair management, staff, chaperons, and designated persons in charge of official Fair activities. Official Fair appearances by Ambassadors will be chaperoned.
7. As an Ambassador, you must be available to serve as the official host of the Fair, September 11-20, 2009. Please minimize all outside commitments during this period. As a minimum, Ambassadors are required to be present at the Fair on three of the four weekend days (at least 10 hours each day), as well as four of the six weekdays (at least 7 hours each day). Ambassadors MUST be on time for their duties. Ambassadors unable to meet the above requirement will forfeit their scholarship.
8. While at the Fair or participating in Fair-related activities, Ambassadors will not smoke substances of any kind, chew tobacco or drink alcoholic beverages. Also, chewing gum is an activity that must be limited to times when you are not in the public eye. The use of cellular phones, as well, will be allowed only during times when you are not in the public eye. Visible body piercings must be removed other than earrings.

9. Family members and friends will not be permitted to accompany Ambassadors while they are performing their responsibilities as Ambassadors to the Fair.
10. Courtesy and respect should be practiced at all times. Our goal is to have a positive experience for the public and the Ambassadors. Ambassadors are highly visible and comments from the public reflect on them in particular and on the Fair, as well as the County of Spokane.
11. The Fair will furnish a portion of the clothing required as an Ambassador. The Ambassadors are required to keep their Fair wardrobe ready and available at all times. The schedule may call for you to change outfits several times each day. The Interstate Fair will provide a suitable and secure changing facility, as well as a schedule of attire to the Ambassadors - noting that there may be some changes as the Fair proceeds. Ambassadors will provide their own comfortable walking shoes. Open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops, and thongs will not be permitted. The Ambassadors following successful completion of their responsibilities may keep clothing provided by the Fair.
12. Upon successfully completing the duties as an Ambassador of the Fair, each Ambassador will receive a \$500.00 scholarship that will be sent to the educational institution of their choice and may be used for tuition as well as books. The scholarship must be used within two years or must be returned to the Spokane County Interstate Fair.
13. Ambassadors will also receive up to \$75.00 just prior to the Fair as a food allowance. The allowance, or portion thereof, will be awarded if the Fair is unable to find vendors to host lunch and dinner throughout the ten days of the Fair. Ambassadors will be expected to report to the Fair each morning having already had a good breakfast.
14. Ambassadors will also be required to assist with the 2010 Ambassador competition slated for March 2010. Duties would include recruiting applicants, acting as Master of Ceremonies during the competition, delivering a "farewell" speech of approximately five minutes, and recruiting a sponsor / supporter for the program.

***Thank you for participating and representing the Interstate Fair.
It's going to be an exciting year!***

I have read, understand, and accept these rules of conduct as a 2009 Interstate Fair Ambassador:

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I have read, understand, and accept these rules of conduct as a parent/guardian of a 2009 Interstate Fair Ambassador. I am also aware that scheduling, managing, and administrative tasks will be the responsibility of the Coordinator listed above:

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