## Cranbrook Youth Ambassador Rules & Regulations

- 1. Candidate agrees to abide by all the rules of the Youth Ambassador Program now in effect or announced hereafter.
- 2. Candidate must be a resident of Cranbrook and area.
- 3. Candidate must be a grade 10 or 11 student and plan on attending school in Cranbrook the next year. Candidate must also attend classes regularly unexcused school absences will not be tolerated.
- 4. Candidate will be disqualified if there is any involvement with drugs or alcohol. Smoking, vaping, recreational drug-use and drinking alcoholic beverages will not be permitted.
- 5. Candidates will be expected to attend ALL sessions planned and, if for some reason they cannot be present, they must have a valid reason for their absence and MUST contact either Karin Penner (250-426-2957) or Loree Duczek (250-919-3489).
- 6. No more than 3 excused absences or there will be a deduction from the overall score at the end. If absences become habitual, candidate will be disqualified from judging.
- 7. Candidates are under the responsibility of a chaperone at all Program events and the Committee will pay for expenses incurred while out of town.
- 8. All candidates will, by July 1st, correspond with Thank You notes to the contributing merchants who have donated aifts.
- 10. All speeches must be completed in the Toastmasters training. If speeches aren't completed, the candidate will NOT receive a certificate of participation and will NOT be eligible for judging for the Toastmasters Public Speaking Award during the dessert auction.
- 11. Candidates will be officially introduced to the community at the Youth Ambassador Banquet and Ball.
- 12. Candidate and Royalty must endeavour to know as much as they can about the City of Cranbrook and Spirit of the Rockies Festival as they are goodwill ambassadors and will be questioned as to their knowledge of the City and celebration.
- 13. All invitations written or verbally extended to the Youth Ambassador Team or candidates must be directed to the Coordinator for approval before acceptance.
- 14. The Youth Ambassador Team and candidates must be available to preside over various events of Spirit of the Rockies Festival, as required by the Committee and Festival Society.
- 15. The reigning Ambassadors must attend all functions planned and arranged for them during the year of their reign, unless illness prevents.
- 16. In the event a reigning Ambassador is unable to fulfill her obligations/duties according to the rules, the Judge Chair will be consulted to determine the next runner-up according to Final Judge's Ballot.
- 17. In the event that a reigning Ambassador is removed from that position during their term, the gifts received MUST be turned over to their replacement.
- 18. A candidate will be disqualified if she is found to be in contravention of the Program Rules and Regulations set out herein, and may be disqualified if she fails to observe any of the instructions and regulations set out by the chaperones or the Committee.
- 19. The decision to disqualify a candidate will be made by the Executive of the Program Committee.

## **Rules & Regulations - Continued**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The role of the Youth Ambassadors is to promote the community festival (Spirit of the Rockies Festival) and Cranbrook and area; and, to serve as a positive ambassador for youth in our community.
- In return for the sponsor's investment, the candidate agrees to represent her sponsoring organization for the duration of her candidacy (and her term if named to the Youth Ambassador Team) and be available as called upon.
- Expenses for staging, advertising and promotion of the program, will be borne by the Program Society in so far as these expenses are approved and contracted by the Committee.
- All items borrowed must be returned to their respective owners within a reasonable period of time. It is your responsibility to see that it is done.
- Candidates will receive funds from their sponsoring organization that will be used to purchase materials for their formal gown, and purchase/or make an interview suit. Details around the budget and guidelines for the gown and interview suit will be provided.
- Candidates must be dressed appropriately for all formal functions during their term as candidates.

REMEMBER: You are representatives of your community and people look to you to set an example.

CANDIDATE: In signing these Rules and Regulations, you are agreeing to and understanding the expectations of the Youth Ambassador Program, you are also acknowledging and committing to the entire program from January to June 2024.		PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN: Parents/legal guardians of the candidate/Royalty must fully understand the obligations that are being undertaken by their child. They should participate, encourage and support, but not interfere with the obligations undertaken by the candidate/reigning Royalty	
Signature of Candidate	Date	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date