

# BRITISH COLUMBIA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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Greetings Candidate

Enclosed is a candidate registration form for the 2011 British Columbia Ambassador program to be held in Merritt, BC from August 8<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> with public performances on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The British Columbia Ambassador Program is open to young men or women who have held an Ambassador or Royal title in the Province of British Columbia. Candidates must be **17 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011** and not over the **age of 24 by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. The top three candidates will be named the British Columbia Ambassador Team and will share the title and duties equally throughout the next year.

There is a \$675.00 registration fee that includes accommodations and meals. **Deadline for registration is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. **Registration fees are refundable until April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011**; the candidate will forfeit his/her entry fee in case of withdrawal from the program following that date.

Information packages will be distributed at a **mandatory meeting** for all candidates in **Merritt on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 12:00 p.m., Nicola Valley Institute of Technology at 4155 Belshaw**. A photo will be taken of the individual candidates in business attire with a collared shirt please. This photo will be used for posters for each candidate including information on sponsor, education, future goals, past royalty title, speech and talent presentations.

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This year the **candidates are to provide a resume and one reference letter**. The reference letter should not be from a family member or the individual's ambassadorial committee.

Bursary money will be awarded to participants in the program in the following manner:

- 1 \$1,500.00 to each of the three candidates named the BC Ambassador Team
- 2 \$1000.00 to the candidate with the highest score on the Knowledge of British Columbia Exam
- 3 \$500.00 to the candidate with the highest score in the Talent Performances
- 4 \$700.00 to the candidate with the highest score in the Public Speaking Performances
- 5 \$500.00 for Sponsorship Award
- 6 Last year's winner received \$1,500.00 for the Fundraising Award
- 7 \$500.00 Community Presentation Award
- 8 \$250.00 Friendship Ambassador
- 9 In the event of a tie in knowledge, public speaking or talent, the bursary will be divided equally.
- 10 In addition, **all candidates will be eligible to apply for free-tuition bursaries donated by several provincial post-secondary institutions throughout the province.**

We look forward to seeing you in the program. If you have any questions or require more information, please feel free to contact

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## CANDIDATE

### RULES, REGULATIONS & CONTRACT

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1. All candidates must pay the registration fee of **\$675.00** upon the candidate entering the BCAP.
2. The candidate must have reached **17** years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and must not reach over the age of **24** by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
3. The candidate must not be living common-law or be married and have a lifestyle that will not interfere with duties as a British Columbia Ambassador.
4. The candidate must not have nor had a child.
5. The candidate will have a photo taken in Merritt by the Photographer- **"Klickin' Kiyote"** the picture will be of head and shoulders only, in appropriate business attire with a collared blouse, no banner or tiara.
6. The candidate must pay his/her own transportation costs to and from the BCAP.
7. The candidate will conduct himself/herself in an exemplary manner at all times.
8. Non-prescription drugs will not be tolerated. Use of alcohol by candidate is prohibited.
9. The candidate is expected to be punctual, professional, & banners must be worn at all public functions.
10. Candidate is solely responsible for all personal belongings.
11. The candidate must sign thank-you cards (provided by the candidate) to corporate sponsors and others that have supported the BCAP.
12. The candidate's accommodations from **Monday until Saturday morning** are paid by the BCAP. Meals are supplied from Monday night until Saturday night. Personal expenses incurred by the candidate are solely his/her responsibility and must be paid prior to checking out of the host hotel. There will be no long distance calls made on the hotel phones. Cells phones are allowed, but to be used only during free time at hotel.
13. The candidate is to be properly attired for all functions; no jeans, no midriff showing, etc...remember you are representing your community at all times.
14. If a community is sending 2 candidates, each individual candidate will run their own campaign.

15. The candidate's co-coordinator or the co-coordinator during the candidate's reign is to be present at the meeting in March. Mayor or town council member may authorize candidate's registration form.
16. All paperwork must be completed or points may be deducted. Media is the responsibility of the candidate, as well as contacting your local Mayor and Council.
17. Each candidate will provide a display table on his/her community which is to be set up solely by the candidate. The candidate will then dismantle their display on Saturday night, after the BC pageant. Candidate is solely responsible for all items on their individual tables.
18. Once packages are completed and submitted to directors there will be no changes made to presentations. The candidate is to provide 2 copies to the BCAP.
19. All proceeds for ticket and t-shirt sales are to be remitted by **money orders or cash only**. Sales should be complete one month prior to BC program. Money orders to be made payable to BC Ambassador Program.
20. Once a candidate enters the BCAP any form of communication regarding the program will be made directly between the candidate and the BC Committee.
21. If candidates choose to stay with their family Saturday night they must inform the committee and check out of their Hotel room.
22. If selected to the BC Ambassador team and the candidate attends post secondary education outside of BC they are responsible for their travel expenses to and from BC. The ambassador will be expected to uphold the duties of the program during their school semesters. These duties will be at the discretion of the BCAP directors.
23. Judges chosen for the program are at the discretion of the BCAP.
24. I understand that I am competing for the title of British Columbia Ambassador 2011; that judging for the title of BC Ambassador will be based on knowledge, personal interview, talent, speeches, impromptu, community table and character suitability for the position. However, I further acknowledge and agree the procedures and/or standards for judging the 2011 BC Ambassador are in the sole judgment of the BC Ambassador Judges. I agree that the BCAP will determine the manner and method of conducting the judging of the 2011 BC Ambassadors; I also agree the direction of the judges in these matters will be final and I agree to abide by the judges' decision.
25. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to absolve the British Columbia Ambassador Program and volunteers of said program of all lawsuits due to the final decision chosen by the BCAP judges.
26. The candidate can be disqualified and removed from the BCAP determined by the BCAP directors and /or judges due to the

following:

- a) his or her qualifications are found to be in contravention of any of the BCAP regulations;
  - b) he or she fails to observe any of the instructions or rules and regulations set out by the BCAP;
  - c) any misconduct or disrespect towards fellow candidates, BCAP directors, BCAP volunteers, BCAP judges, host community public, or anyone affiliated to the BCAP;
  - d) in the discretion of the BCAP directors, Candidate's Community Co-coordinator, and/or judges feel that the candidate is not suitable for the position as the BC Ambassador.
28. Candidate will also abide by the BCAP rules for the week of competition which will be presented at the BCAP in August.
  29. Candidates must inform committee of their whereabouts at all times. Failure to comply can mean disqualification.
  30. The candidate and Guardian and each of them for themselves and their personal representative hereby release and discharge the British Columbia Ambassador Program, its agents, officers, employees, staff, and all of their legal representatives, heirs, and successors, (herein after collectively called the "Released Parties") against and from all liabilities whatsoever incurred by, and all claims, demands, damages, and causes of action at law or in equity, whether arising by reason of any accident, illness, injury or death, however caused, or brought against, the Released Parties or any of them by the Guardians, sponsors, and candidates, their children or their heirs, dependents, executors, administrators, or by any person claiming through them in respect of, or arising out of, or in any way connected directly or indirectly with their participation in the Program.
  31. I acknowledge that I alone am responsible for accident and health insurance to cover any and all medical expenses, bodily injury and /or personal property damage. The candidate must bring his/her British Columbia Care Card throughout the length of the BCAP.
  32. The BCAP is video recorded and pictures are taken of the individual candidates, as well as, group pictures, the candidate gives the BCAP the right to use the recorded tapes/DVDs' and pictures for advertisement whether it be on a future website or in program booklets.

I hereby certify that I have read the above rules, regulations and contract of the BCAP carefully and understand them completely; that I have taken the opportunity to review these rules and regulations with my solicitor, if I so desired; I freely and voluntarily agree to be bound by all the rules, regulations and contractual provisions set forth in the above form. The signature below indicates my agreement and acceptance of the above rules and regulations.

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**Candidate's signature**

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**Parent/Guardian signature**

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**Witness to the above signatures**

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**Date**