

## **Rushford-Peterson Valley Ambassador Program Guidelines**

- **New for the 2022 Ambassador Program: ALL eligible people are encouraged to become a contestant, male or female!**
- Contestants must be entering 11th or 12th grade at Rushford-Peterson school in the fall or reside in the Rushford-Peterson school district.
- Contestants cannot be married, nor become pregnant, be pregnant, or be a parent before or during their reign.
- All contestants will be required to sign a Rushford-Peterson Valley (RPV) Ambassador Program Guidelines form, along with their parent(s) or guardian and abide by them until the end of Rushford Days the following year.
- An Ambassador will be selected at the Program. The number of attendants on court will be determined at the parent/contestant meeting based on the number of contestants.

If any of the above rules/guidelines are not followed by an Ambassador Program contestant, the following steps will be taken:

- Contestants for the program will lose their eligibility. Any sponsorship fees already paid will be returned to the sponsor by the RPV Ambassador Program Committee and a letter of apology will be sent by the contestant to their sponsor through the Committee.
- If attire, which includes the Business Sash, has already been purchased by the Committee for the contestant, the contestant must reimburse the Committee for that sash.
- There will be no drugs, tobacco or alcohol used during the Ambassador Program process or during the year selected to represent this community. This will be enforced from the signing of this form. This includes hosting parties where alcohol is served.
- Any inappropriate content on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, or other internet social network is not allowed and will not be tolerated. Any inappropriate content involving a contestant or Rushford-Peterson Valley Ambassador Program court member will be grounds for dismissal from the process or court.

Ambassador Court Guidelines:

- Ambassador Court selected to represent the communities must attend a minimum of 80% of the scheduled events (or be excused by a Committee member) scheduled for them by the RPV Ambassador Program Committee. This schedule will be discussed at the parent/contestant meeting.
- Improper conduct and attire during events will not be tolerated. The Rushford Days Committee purchases your attire and you are required to wear it. You may be asked to leave the event immediately if this rule is not followed.
- Court selected will complete the Ambassador's Community Service project presented at the Event together, as a group during their reign. A presentation of the completed project will be done at the next year's Ambassador Program during the Court's farewell speech.

- There may be other events that come up during the year that require attendance by the Court. If you are contacted for an event and you do not respond to a Committee member or do not show up, this will be grounds for removal from the Court.
- If chosen to represent the Rushford-Peterson Valley, you may be asked to sign an Authorization to Obtain Information should an alcohol or drug violation arise.

Scholarship information:

- \$600 will be awarded to the Ambassador, \$400 will be awarded to each Attendant.
- The scholarship money will be awarded after two (2) quarters or one (1) semester of post-secondary education or enrollment in a military program. It also must be used within two years of graduating from high school.
- A copy of a report card, with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above, from the previous quarter/semester must be provided in order to receive scholarship monies.

If any of the above guidelines are not followed by those selected to represent the Rushford-Peterson Valley as Ambassador Court, the following steps will be taken:

1. Sash, crown and attire/jewelry will be turned over to the Committee within 1 week.
2. An apology letter will be sent to the Ambassador's sponsor and a Committee member may follow-up with the sponsor.
3. Part of or all scholarship monies may be forfeited and reinvested for future scholarships.
4. The remaining Court will maintain their current position.

A copy of the signed guidelines will be placed on file with the Rushford Days Committee. A member of the RPV Ambassador Program Committee and a member of the Rushford Days Committee will review all documents associated with the scholarship disbursement before any money will be awarded.

Please sign and date this form and submit it to the Committee. Thank you for your dedication to the Rushford-Peterson Valley by participating in this program.

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 I acknowledge that I have received a copy and read the Rushford-Peterson Ambassador Program Guidelines and understand its conditions. I agree to abide by all these guidelines.

Contestant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As parent/guardian I acknowledge that I have read the Rushford-Peterson Ambassador Program Guidelines and understand its conditions. I understand that I will be escorting my child to some of the scheduled events.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_