



## **Eagan Funfest Ambassador Program ~ STATEMENT**

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> Funfest and the community of Eagan

Eagan's July 4<sup>th</sup> Funfest is seeking local Youth and Young Adults as candidates for the Funfest Ambassador Program. Our program is open to both young men and women ages 10 – 19 years. Would an academic scholarship or certificate of deposit advance your future school plans? Do you enjoy giving back to your community through volunteerism? If so, you may be an excellent representative of Eagan's July 4<sup>th</sup> Funfest and our Eagan community.

Funfest Ambassadors network with our neighboring communities through parades, festival attendance and coronations to strengthen community connections. Past community attendance include: Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest, Hopkins Raspberry Festival, Rosemount Leprechaun Days, Inver Grove Heights, St. Paul Park Heritage Days, St. Paul Winter Carnival, Minneapolis Aquatennial, along with many more! Ambassadors serve as host to the annual Brain Freeze ice cream eating contest with visiting ambassadors as one of their featured roles during our annual event, Eagan's July 4<sup>th</sup> Funfest. Ambassadors work all yearlong to promote Funfest through appearances and volunteer tasks.

Funfest Ambassadors take pride in our local community by serving as volunteers for many City functions. They volunteer annually for the Halloween Hodgepodge, Holz Farm Lone Oak Days, National Night Out and Eagan Market Fest. Ambassadors also serve roles during specialty events such as: Streets Alive, Dad & Daughter Dance 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 Open Door's Empty Bowls fundraiser, Operation Christmas Child, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Can Do Canines all foster the spirit of giving. We engaged in community volunteer projects working alongside the Eagan YMCA, serving Pumpkin Patch patrons at Think Mutual Bank, assisting residents during the Commons on Marice Sandwich Project and packing food at Feed My Starving Children. 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, 2018.
2. Candidates must not yet have graduated from High School.
3. Candidates must either **live** in the communities of Eagan, Apple Valley, Burnsville, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, or Sunfish Lake, or **attend school** or **worship** in Eagan.
4. Candidates must be legal residents of the United States.
5. Candidates may never have been married, pregnant nor have any children.
6. Candidates must submit a digital photo headshot.
7. Candidates must submit a legible and fully completed application and contract.
8. Candidate and candidate parents/guardians must be available during candidate events.
9. Candidate must agree that if selected as an Eagan Funfest Ambassador, they will give up all other titles immediately and agree not to enter any other substantially similar programs during their term.

As a candidate, you will have the opportunity to meet and interact with adults, children and other young adults while being involved in activities.

The Candidate process involves a variety of events that provide a sample of life as a Funfest Ambassador over a 6 week span. Candidate activities include:

- a family potluck gathering
- a neighboring community event
- local events with volunteer projects
- an appearance in the Eagan Funfest Parade
- participation in the Brain Freeze Ice Cream Eating Contest
- participation in the coronation event

Candidates will acquire relationship-building skills and gain new confidence in public speaking.

A panel of judges unaffiliated with the Funfest Ambassador Committee and Candidates will make the 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 are also considered during the selection process. We encourage interested youth and young adults to become a candidate for the Funfest Ambassador Program, a truly unique program!

## **Wardrobe for Candidate Events:**

Red Polo Shirt with Khaki shorts and/or Pants (weather dependent) and white low-top tennis shoes must be worn to all Candidate events, unless otherwise specified by the Committee.

The Candidate event schedule will be listed soon – please check back for dates.