

Greetings Ontario Ambassadors, Chaperones and Agricultural Societies,

The Ambassador Committee of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) would like to take this opportunity to invite your 2021-2022 & 2022- 2023 Ambassador to the 2023 OAAS Convention, held at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites, in Richmond Hill, Ontario, from February 16-18, 2023.

The Committee has been working diligently to assemble an informative and fun program. This program is open to Ambassadors aged 16 and older that have completed the attached registration form. Please mail or email the registration form to the address on the form.

All arrangements concerning your Ambassador's travel to and from the convention, his or her accommodations and registration, meals (unless provided by the program), are the responsibility of each Agricultural Society, not of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS). The OAAS will be providing lunch for the Ambassadors on Friday.

It is important for all Ambassadors to know that they are a representative of their Agricultural Society AT ALL TIMES - not just when their sash/medallion is on. This includes the social hours before, after, and in between convention events.

All Ambassadors MUST have a Chaperone who is REGISTERED with the convention. This individual may be a parent/relative or Agricultural Society representative. Agricultural Societies are expected to send an appropriate chaperone for the Ambassador (i.e. male Chaperone for male Ambassador if sharing the same room). It is important that Chaperones understand the roles and responsibilities before agreeing to be a Chaperone. Please have the Chaperone read and complete the attached form. Chaperone forms can be mailed, emailed or brought to the Ambassador Registration Desk at Convention.

Upon arrival at the convention, each Ambassador & Chaperone will register at the Ambassador Registration Desk, located on the lower level outside the Vaughan Hall. There they will both receive their schedules, name badges and everything they need for the weekend. Chaperones are expected to be present with the Ambassadors when they register.

Registration cost is \$ 75.00 (HST included).

It is very important that the Ambassadors and the Chaperones receive this information as well as the Agricultural Society.

The committee hopes that this will be a special time and a memorable experience for each of the Ambassadors.

Sincerely,

The 2023 Ambassador Committee

Ambassador & Chaperone Expectations & Responsibilities

Definitions:

Ambassador – An authorized messenger or representative.

Chaperone - One who accompanies and supervises a young person or gathering of young people.

Ambassador Expectations:

- Represent your Agricultural Society always
- Refrain from use of drugs or alcohol regardless of age of majority
- Attend, be on time, and participate in all planned activities and seminars
- Remain at the Hotel or immediate vicinity (Ag. Societies may decide to dine at local restaurants in the immediate area)
- Get proper rest and nutrition
- Dress appropriately for events (more information below)
- Refrain from wearing sash and crown outside of Convention floors and activities

Wardrobe Requirements:

In general, your wardrobe should be business casual, including the Friday evening. Please be conscience of dress lengths as you will be on stage to introduce yourself. Below we have included some “Dos” and “Don’ts” for your wardrobe at Convention.

Do

- Bring dress pants, sweaters, blouses,
- Dresses and skirts that are no more than 2 inches above the knee
- Comfortable shoes
- Bring separates that work together and/or can be layered
- Borrow items from friends and family
- Coordinate with the colour of your Agricultural Society’s sash
- Make sure clothing is well fitted, clean and in good condition

Don’t

- Denim/Jeans
- Flip Flops or Crocs
- Buy all new clothes
- Show too much skin
- Clothing that has offensive words or pictures

Chaperone Expectations:

- Put the needs of your Ambassador first!
- Be approachable and reliable
- Insure that your Ambassador attends all event on time. You can attend seminars at convention outside of the Ambassador program

but must be available to meet your ambassador when they are not in their specific program.

- Help make the Ambassador feel comfortable in this new experience.
 - Be available and easy to contact during the Convention.
 - Be sure that your Ambassador has all schedules and knows what is expected of them.
 - Be a motivator, a cheerleader and encourage your Ambassador at all times.
 - Be available to your Ambassador to help with travel arrangements, hotel accommodations, etc.
 - Assist your Ambassador with wardrobe, hair, time management, and/or anything else they may need.
 - Ensure that your Ambassador has the funds if they need to purchase meals as needed.
- Each agricultural society handles this differently so please check with your Ambassador committee and/or Agricultural Society prior to convention.