

## BRITISH COLUMBIA AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The British Columbia Ambassador Program (BCAP) is available to any youth who has previously held a youth Ambassador Title in BC. Candidates must be, at least, 17 years old and not over the age of 24 by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

The 2026 British Columbia Ambassador Program Candidacy Week will be held from July 21<sup>st</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup> in Victoria BC. Gala events are held on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and family, friends and local Ambassador teams are encouraged to attend.

Please scan and submit your application form with all signatures by February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to the BC Ambassador Program via email at: [bcambassadorprogram@gmail.com](mailto:bcambassadorprogram@gmail.com).

The registration fee of **\$850.00** is to be paid after acceptance into the BCAP and must be paid on or before the date of the First Candidate Meeting.

Candidates will forfeit their registration fee if they withdraw from the program following the first candidate meeting, on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Information packages will be distributed at the First Candidate Meeting for all Candidates and their Coordinators and/or Committee members held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The location is TBD. Candidate's Parents and/or Guardians are encouraged to attend.

### **Bursaries available for participants in the program are as follows**

- Public Speaking Award
- Community Presentation Award
- Knowledge Award
- People's Choice Award
- Top Fundraiser – First Place & Second Place
- Rita McKay Award
- Friendship Award
- The three British Columbia Ambassador Titles (Upon completion of Ambassador Term)

**We look forward to seeing you in the program!**

**If you have any questions or require more information, contact:**

**[bcambassadorprogram@gmail.com](mailto:bcambassadorprogram@gmail.com)**

**Or leave a private message on Facebook or Instagram**

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### CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### REFERENCE INFORMATION

*The reference must be able to speak to the candidate's ability to fulfill the British Columbia Ambassador Program's requirements. We recommend it is the Coordinator of your local Ambassador Program, a member of your sponsoring organization (the organization/business paying your Program Entrance Fee, in part, or full, or someone who has worked with you in a professional or educational capacity. Your reference **MUST** provide a letter speaking to your ability to fulfill the BCAP requirements.*

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ambassador Program, Sponsoring Organization, or other*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Letter Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ With Application    OR    \_\_\_\_\_ Separately By Email

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### CANDIDATE RULES, REGULATIONS & CONTRACT

- All candidates must pay the registration fee of \$850 upon entering the BCAP.
- The candidate must be 17 years of age and must not be over the age of 24 by December 31st, 2026.
- The candidate's Coordinator or a representative appointed by their Community Coordinator is encouraged to attend the BC meeting in the Spring of 2026.
- The candidate will forfeit the entry fee if they withdraw from the program after the candidate meeting on March 14th, 2026.
- We will take official candidate portraits at the First Candidate Meeting and ask you to submit one additional photo for use on the BC Ambassador website and social media.
- If a community has more than 1 candidate; each candidate will run their own individual campaign.
- The candidate must pay their own transportation costs to and from BCAP candidate meeting and to program week in Victoria BC.
- The candidate must not be married or have a child.
- The candidate must have a lifestyle that will not interfere with duties as a BC Ambassador.
- Illegal drug use or underage use of alcohol by the candidate will not be tolerated.
- The candidate's accommodations from Tuesday evening until Sunday morning are paid by the BCAP. Meals are supplied from Tuesday evening until Saturday dinner.
- The BCAP or BCAP Committee Member may authorize a candidate's application form if there is not a local program/committee in place at the time of the candidate's application.
- All paperwork must be completed and submitted on time or points will be deducted.
- Media is the responsibility of the candidate as well as contacting the local Town Council.
- Only cash/money orders/certified cheques or e-transfers are accepted and are to be made payable to BC Ambassador Program.
- Once a candidate enters the BCAP any form of communication regarding the program will be made directly between the candidate and the BC Coordinator.
- The BCAP may record and have pictures taken of the individual candidates, as well as group pictures; the candidate gives the BCAP the right to use the recording and pictures for advertisement whether it is the BC website or in program booklets.

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- 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. The candidate is solely responsible for all items on their individual tables.
- Judges chosen for the program are at the discretion of the BCAP.

### During BC Ambassador Program Week in Victoria:

- The candidate must bring their British Columbia Care Card.
- The candidate will conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times.
- The candidate is expected to be punctual, professional and polite.
- BC Ambassador Candidate banners must be worn at all public functions.
- The candidate is solely responsible for all of their personal belongings during BC Ambassador Program Week.
- Personal expenses incurred by the candidate are solely their responsibility.
- There will be no long-distance calls made on the hotel phones.
- Cell phones are allowed, but to be used only during free time.
- The candidate is to be properly attired for all functions; remember you are representing your community, and the BCAP at all times.
- Guidance from the candidate's Community Coordinator regarding formal attire is suggested.
- Candidates must inform the BC committee of their whereabouts at all times.
- Community Tables are to be assembled by candidate only.

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### AGREEMENT

I understand that I am competing for the title of British Columbia Ambassador; that judging for the title of BC Ambassador will be based on personal interview, speeches, impromptu question, community table, BC knowledge and character suitability for the position. I further acknowledge and agree the procedures and/or standards for judging the 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 BC Ambassadors; I also agree that the decision of the judges in these matters will be final and I agree to abide by the judges' decision.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to absolve the British Columbia Ambassador Program and volunteers of said program of all lawsuits resulting in the final decision of the BCAP judges.

The candidate can be disqualified and removed from the BCAP determined by the BCAP Committee and/or BC judges due to the following:

- Their qualifications are found to be in contravention of any of the BCAP rules and regulations;
- They fail to comply with any of the instructions or rules and regulations set out by the BCAP;
- Any misconduct or disrespect towards fellow candidates, BCAP volunteers, BCAP committee, BCAP judges, the public, or anyone affiliated to the BCAP;
- At the discretion of the BCAP committee, the candidate's Community Coordinator, and/or Judges felt that the candidate is not suitable for the position of BC Ambassador.

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, (hereinafter 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 inequity, 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.

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.

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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 desire; 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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**Witness to Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 19)**

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**Witness to Signature**

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**Date**

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**Reference Signature**

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**Witness to Signature**

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**Date**