



## Rice County Fair Ambassador Expectations 2025



1. The following expectations and procedures are intended to protect and enhance the Rice County Fair Ambassador program, and to ensure that the program will continue to operate for the benefit of young people who may seek to participate in this program in the future.
2. Any individual seeking to compete for the Rice County Fair Ambassador must complete an application and shall be referred to as “candidates.”
3. All applicants for Fair Ambassador must be a resident of Rice County or be a member of a Rice County 4-H Club if the person resides outside of Rice County.
4. All applicants for Fair Ambassador must be between the ages of 16–20 years old as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
5. All applicants and any Fair Ambassador during their term shall not be convicted of or adjudicated for any major crime.
6. All applicants will maintain close contact with the Ambassador Committee and the Committee staff after an application is submitted and during the Rice County Fair.
7. The winners of the competition shall be designated as one of three Rice County Fair Ambassadors and shall be entitled to that title until a successor is named at the next Competition. If any one of the winners violate the terms and conditions of the Expectations during their term as an Ambassador, that person may be removed as an Ambassador.
  - The Rice County Ambassador Committee has the discretion to determine what is considered a violation of the Expectations and the discretion to determine whether the person should be removed as Ambassador because of a violation.
  - If an individual is removed from or resigns from the Rice County Fair Ambassador position, the Committee has the right to request any and or all items be returned, and a formal resignation be signed and returned within 30 days.
8. The winners of the Fair Ambassador competition shall serve one-year terms.
9. Fair Ambassadors must not use, possess, or consume any controlled substances, alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, or e-cigarettes.

10. Any use of Social Media must be respectful of others, including but not limited to Ambassadors, adults, the Rice County Fair, Board members, the Committee, and the Ag Society throughout candidacy and after coronation regardless of the results.
  - Candidates must make all social media available for committee review upon request.
  - Violation of this agreement will bar candidates from future participation in the program.
11. Fair Ambassadors shall not engage in the following conduct while using Social Media:
  - Profane language or content;
  - Discourteous communications, including personal attacks on a person's character or appearance;
  - Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, physical or mental disability, sexual identification or orientation, or national origin;
  - Sexual content or links to sexual content;
  - Solicitations of commerce or "spam";
  - Conduct or encouragement of illegal activity.
12. A person who becomes a Fair Ambassador must successfully be enrolled in post-secondary education, trade school or BUILD to receive any scholarship funds that may be offered.
13. During an Ambassadors term, the individual shall be engaged in activities throughout the surrounding area that are designed, scheduled, and arranged by the Ambassador Committee. The purpose of these activities is to enhance the visibility of the Ambassador program and to promote the values and standards of the Ambassador program.
14. Any Fair Ambassador making any appearance as a Fair Ambassador shall be organized, punctual for all scheduled events, responsible, and professional.
15. During the one-year term, all Fair Ambassadors shall maintain close contact with the Ambassador Committee and will use the tools and skills made available by the Committee.
  - All Fair Ambassadors shall exercise sound judgment and shall contact the Fair Committee when presented with any doubt about whether a decision will be viewed as poor judgment.
16. All Fair Ambassadors shall maintain a professional appearance and shall wear appropriate attire for any event or situation in which the Fair Ambassador is representing the Rice County Fair.
17. All Fair Ambassadors shall respect and maintain any equipment that is provided to the Ambassador by the Fair Committee for the Ambassadors term. Any such equipment shall be returned to the Committee after the expiration of an Ambassadors term.

18. All Fair Ambassadors shall:
  - Express appreciation to those who support the Ambassador Program and Complete and send Thank You notes on a timely basis, when applicable
  - Express concern, ideas, suggestions, and desires in a professional and respectful manner to any individual with whom the Ambassador is interacting with
  - All Fair Ambassadors shall be flexible and willing to try new ideas.
19. All Fair Ambassadors shall focus on the expansion and improvement of the Rice County Ambassador program for those who plan to participate in the future.
20. Any person chosen as a Fair Ambassador shall be respectful to other Ambassadors, their parents, and any family members who assist with events or appearances.
21. All Fair Ambassadors must obtain prior approval from the Fair Ambassador Committee when attending any event as a Fair Ambassador.
22. A Fair Ambassador shall coordinate with the Fair Ambassador Committee to arrange a vehicle for a parade in which the Ambassador is a participant.
23. Fair Ambassadors will convey a broad and general platform that encompasses the views of the citizens of Rice County and will avoid a narrow focus on any one specific or narrow platform that may exclude individuals.
24. Fair Ambassadors shall attend the Rice County Fair as a group while the Fair is operating and open and, shall not be with an Ambassadors significant other or friends while appearing as a Fair Ambassador.
25. Any request for scholarship funds must be in writing and must be accompanied by proper documents. All requests should be made to the Committee and Fair Board Treasurer, or any other person designated by the Committee to receive the request. Any scholarship money must be requested within **three** years following the successful completion of your reign or they will be forfeited.
26. As a Rice County Fair Ambassador, you are an exclusive representative of the Rice County Fair for the duration of your one-year commitment. Ambassadors should not seek out participation in other ambassador and royalty competitions during their reign. Nor should candidates hold a title for any other group our organization when they peruse participation in the Ambassador Program.

I have read and understand the restrictions and responsibilities of being an Applicant for the Rice County Fair Ambassador and, if applicable, as the Rice County Fair Ambassador Title holder. I will accept the terms and conditions, and I will abide by and fulfill the terms throughout the Rice County Fair and my year of service if I win the Title as Ambassador.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Complete if Applicant is under 18-years old.*

As parent(s)/guardian(s) of the applicant, I hereby acknowledge that I have read this Fair Ambassador Expectations and explained its terms to my child. I accept this Fair Ambassador Expectations on behalf of my child and agree that my child will be held to and comply with the Fair Ambassador Expectations.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

