

VERMONT MAPLE AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

Co-sponsored by the Vermont Maple Festival, Inc.
and the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association

ATTN: Diane Marsh, Chair

APPLICATION

Candidate: _____ Phone _____

Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth _____

School _____ Grade _____

Do you live on a farm that produces maple syrup? Yes / No If yes, where?

Do you assist on a farm that produces maple syrup? Yes /No If yes, where?

On a separate piece of paper, please write about:

1. Your experience and involvement in maple
2. Your school and community activities
3. Ask for a letter of recommendation from a sugarmaker in your county. Have the sugarmaker place the letter in a sealed envelope, and include it with your application.

If you are not currently at the above address, where can you be reached?

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

The person named above has permission to enter this contest and my consent to use photographic releases for publicity purposes.

_____ Date _____

**2023 VERMONT MAPLE AMBASSADOR CONTEST
QUALIFICATIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Must be 16 years of age and not over 21 by **April 28, 2023**
2. Must not be married - nor ever have been prior to entering the contest. Should you get married during the year; the runner up will take over with a percentage of the prize.
3. Applicants shall not have formerly been Vermont Maple King or Queen or Miss Vermont Agriculture. This year's Vermont Maple Ambassador may run for Vermont Young Agriculture Ambassador the following year.
4. Applicants are required to be at St. Mary's Church on the afternoon of Saturday, **April 29th** for an interview. During the interview, the judges will be asking you questions about the process of sugaring and seeking your ideas on the future of the maple industry in Vermont. Judges will be observing your appearance, poise and speech delivery. You will also be asked how available you will be during the year. (Do not apply if you will not be able to fulfill the obligations listed below) The Vermont Maple Ambassadors and runners-up will be announced at the Maple BBQ held that same evening starting at 6:00 pm in the Bliss Room at the Franklin County Museum 3rd floor.
. A complimentary Maple BBQ ticket will be provided for each applicant. We encourage you to bring your family and friends. Additional tickets for the Maple BBQ can be purchased at the door. Attendance at this event is mandatory.
5. The Vermont Maple Festival and the Vermont Maple Sugarmakers' Association will expect you to be available for the required number of events listed below throughout the year. You will be representing the Vermont Maple Industry in promotion, publicity and education.
6. The Vermont Maple Ambassadors will each receive a total of \$2500. The first \$1000 being awarded at the crowning and you are required to be in the Vermont Maple Festival Parade the day following the competition.
7. Below are the mandatory events that you are asked to attend:
 - Vermont Maplerama held during the summer of **2023**-TBD
 - Maple Sugarhouse at the Champlain Valley Fair in Essex Jct. held in September **2023**
 - Big "E" (Eastern States Exposition) held in Springfield, MA in late September **2023**
 - (Vermont Day)
 - Maple Cooking Show held in **March 2023** (tentative)
 - Governor's Tree Tapping Ceremony held in **March of 2023**
 - Across The Fence WCAX TV held in **March/April 2023**
 - Vermont Maple Festival Banquet to crown New Ambassadors in April **2023**
8. We also suggest that you attend as many of the local county fairs as possible to meet new people and promote maple at these functions but they are not mandatory. \$500.00 will be awarded to you **January 2024** and the final \$1000.00 at the Maple Festival in **April 2024**. You are required to attend the mandatory events listed above.
9. If candidate is under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must sign the application form.
10. All entries must be received no later than **April 12, 2023**.
Contact: Diane Marsh, Chair at 644-2935 or email at drmarsh@myfairpoint.net

Mail application to: Diane Marsh, Vermont Maple Ambassador, 128 Fox Hill Drive, Jeffersonville, VT 05464