

Miss New Westminster Ambassador Programme

Rules and Regulations

1. Candidates/Ambassadors must be a Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant with proof carried at all times and an actual resident of New Westminster for six (6) months preceding October 1st of the year they enter and for the duration of the programme. A maximum of ten (12) Candidates will be accepted.
2. Candidates/Ambassadors must be single and never have been married, a parent, or live in a common-law relationship. Candidates/Ambassadors must never have been, are not, and will not become pregnant during their tenure as a Candidate/Ambassador. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification or dismissal.
3. Candidates must have reached their 16th birthday by January 1st of the year they enter but must not have reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of the year they enter. A copy of the candidate's birth certificate must accompany the application.
4. Candidates/Ambassadors must be of good character and have a minimum education equivalent to Grade 10 successfully completed. Candidates/Ambassadors should be attending one of the following institutions: high school/trade/vocational/technical/university/college/post-secondary or working part/full-time.
5. Candidates/Ambassadors must complete the attached medical form and, if under treatment for any reason during the period of this programme, must (if applicable) submit a doctor's certificate, along with the prescribed treatment.
6. Candidates/Ambassadors cannot, during the year of their reign, enter another pageant without the written permission of the Ambassador Programme Committee.
7. Candidates/Ambassadors will be dismissed from the Programme if found entering public beverage rooms, drinking alcoholic beverages, using illegal substances or smoking in public while in their roles as Candidate/Ambassador. If legal drinking age, candidates must use extreme discretion while consuming alcoholic beverages in their private life outside Hyack events.
8. Candidates/Ambassadors will be disqualified if their qualifications are found to be in contravention of any of the Miss New Westminster Ambassador Programme regulations herein. Candidates/Ambassadors may also be disqualified if they fail to observe any reasonable instructions or regulations which may be set out by the chaperones and/or supervising officials of the Programme.
9. Any Candidate/Ambassador will be dismissed from the Programme immediately if found to have been charged with or convicted of any offence under the Criminal Code of Canada, the Food and Drug Act, or the Narcotics Control Act.
10. Candidates will be interviewed and judged on four separate occasions: one informal - (1) President's Tea and three formal - (2) Miss Manners, (3) individual interviews, (4) at the Ambassadors' Pageant. They will also be observed by the Ambassador Programme Committee on a weekly basis throughout the pre-pageant activities. Judges will decide the winners based on public speaking ability and speech preparation, community knowledge, community involvement, knowledge about the Hyack Festival Association, personality, talent, and presentation. The decision of the judges shall be final.

11. All Candidates/Ambassadors are required to attend ALL training sessions, meetings and functions, as requested by the committee, the Hyack Festival Association, and the City of New Westminster. The committee will provide as much notice as possible for upcoming events but Candidates/Ambassadors must be prepared to attend on short notice.
12. **All Candidates/Ambassadors are required to be prepared for all training sessions (i.e. speeches written, proper attire.) It is expected that the Candidates/Ambassadors arrive ten minutes before the commencement of training, rehearsals, or pickup for events. Any tardiness by a Candidate/Ambassador will affect their overall score in the Programme and their continuation in the Programme.**
13. **All Candidates/Ambassadors will maintain standards of exemplary conduct in so long as they hold the title and will not act in any way in their public or private life which will, in the opinion of the Hyack Festival Association, interfere with their duties as Candidate/Ambassador as the case may be or will bring discredit on the City of New Westminster, the Hyack Festival Association or the title they hold. The Hyack Festival Association may give direction to any titleholder whose conduct, in the opinion of the Association, fails to meet the required standards and may remove the title by written notice to the titleholder in the event that they fail to comply with the direction given.**
14. Candidates/Ambassadors' pictures will be used by the Hyack Festival Association for promotional advertising including in newspapers, on posters and on the Hyack Website indefinitely.
15. **The Hyack Ambassador Committee must be informed of any personal invitations extended to individual Candidates/Ambassadors and the Hyack Director or Assistant Director must approve them. All press releases and photo shoots must also be sanctioned by the Hyack Director or Assistant Director.**
16. **There will be no jeans or dress jeans allowed at any functions unless previously authorized by the Hyack Ambassador Committee.**
17. **The dress code will be strictly enforced at all times. Visible tattoos or piercings will not be tolerated. Facial piercings, with the exception of a maximum of two earrings, must be removed for the entire event, including pre-Pageant events and the Pageant. No exceptions. Failure to adhere to this dress code may cause immediate dismissal of a Candidate/Ambassador.**
18. **Banners/tiaras are not to be worn at any functions other than official functions, unless permission is given by the Hyack Ambassador Committee. Banners are not to be worn by anyone other than the Candidates representing their correct sponsor.**
19. Boyfriends or friends will NOT be permitted to attend any Candidate/Ambassador function except as audience participants. Until dismissed from official duties, Candidates/Ambassadors are expected to interact with the public not their boyfriends, friends, or family.
20. While attending functions, Candidates/Ambassadors will be accompanied at all times by designated chaperones and will abide by the request of the chaperones and the set itinerary. Local events with Hyack Directors in attendance may not have designated chaperones.
21. In case of injury to any Candidate/Ambassador, the Hyack Festival Association and/or designated chaperone will not be held responsible.

22. It is understood that, should a Candidate consent and be accepted to run, she must fulfill her term as a Candidate/Ambassador. In the event of resignation, a letter must be submitted to the Hyack Festival Association, as well as to the sponsoring organization, outlining the reasons for the resignation. A Candidate/Ambassador resigning for any reason other than extreme medical reasons (with an accompanying Doctor's letter) will be responsible to repay the entire \$650.00 sponsor fee to the Hyack Festival Association. A cheque must accompany the letter of resignation. Should a Candidate/Ambassador be absent for more than 3 occasions, events or functions, the Candidate/Ambassador may be asked to resign **with full payment required** by the Hyack Ambassador Committee.
23. In the event that the Hyack Ambassador Committee approves dismissal due to the violation of the signed contract by the Candidate/Ambassador, the Candidate/Ambassador will be required to repay the entire \$650.00 sponsor fee to the Hyack Festival Association within fourteen (14) business days of receipt of their dismissal letter.
24. It is the duty of the Candidate/Ambassador to be prompt, professional and prepared for all functions. It is the Candidate/Ambassador's duty to conduct themselves in a morally correct manner at all times and to represent their sponsor, the Hyack Festival Association and the City of New Westminster proudly. Details and briefing are the responsibility of the Hyack Ambassador Committee or the appointed chaperone for the function/event.
25. In the event of non-compliance with the above rules and regulations, the Hyack Ambassador Committee has the right to determine the appropriate disciplinary action.
26. A parent or guardian may not sit on the Hyack Ambassador Committee while their daughter is a Candidate or reigning Ambassador.
27. Mandatory Candidates meetings will be held on a designated evening and place by the Ambassador Committee. Candidates are responsible to get themselves to rehearsals on time!

I, _____ have read the rules and regulations of the Miss New Westminster Ambassador Programme and along with my parent, I will abide by them and by such other additional or amended rules and regulations which may hereinafter be declared by the Hyack Festival Association.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Witness

Print name of Witness

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact:
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