

Application for Youth Ambassador
Calgary Ukrainian Festival – Acadia Centre

ABOUT THE CALGARY UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL: The Calgary Ukrainian Festival was founded in 2009 by a group of passionate Ukrainians wanting to share their love of everything Ukrainian to the community of Calgary and area. The idea came to Chris Gnyra & Michael Ilnycky. They were joined by other passionate Ukrainian Community members, and have worked together, volunteering, to coordinate every aspect of our festival. As part of Calgary's rich multicultural mosaic, our goal at the Calgary Ukrainian Festival is to provide Calgarians with vibrant and colourful memories of traditional Ukrainian song and dance, an appreciation for its arts and costumes, and a taste for its delicious cuisine! We host our festival in the spirit of community and camaraderie, and with deep respect to the many Ukrainian immigrants who settled across Canada more than 125 years ago. We honour their memory by preserving our cultural heritage and continuing the many customs and traditions that have been passed down from one generation to the next. May their hard work, dreams, aspirations and determination to start a better life for their families in Canada always be remembered. Even though we are spread throughout the world, we have found ways to teach our culture and traditions to our children and hold our community together.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT is to provide to the citizens of Calgary and informative, educational and entertaining festival that celebrates all aspects of our unique and rich Ukrainian heritage.

OUR VISION STATEMENT is to raise the profile of Calgary's Ukrainian Community through a professional and inclusive annual event that showcases Ukrainian arts, cuisine, entertainment and culture while highlighting true Ukrainian hospitality.

The Youth Ambassador Competition is open to all Ukrainian Canadian students from Calgary between the ages of 15 and 18. The purpose is to reward excellence and to find an outstanding Youth Ambassador to represent our Ukrainian community and to promote diversity and multiculturalism. Throughout the weekend the Ambassador will gain experience and exposure that will benefit their leadership skills, education and future while given the opportunity to experience a cultural event as a leader and host / hostess, have fun, mingle and meet people in the process. The successful candidate will be provided free meals and admission through the weekend.

Requirements Social, outgoing, comfortable meeting and greeting people. Able to be on your feet most of the day. Available from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

Completed applications must be returned to:
perform@calgaryukrainianfestival.ca

Successful candidates will be notified by email.

For further details, please contact perform@calgaryukrainianfestival.ca

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Youth applicants must be between 15 and 18 years old as of May 1 of the festival year.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ Languages Spoken: _____

Please elaborate on your community and volunteer experiences:

What cultural activities do you participate in:

Please provide two references that are not family members from your Ukrainian Community:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____

I agree to the following upon signing the application form and being notified of successful candidate:

1. I will be between 15 and 18 years old as of May 1 of the festival year.
2. I will be available for the full weekend of the festival (first weekend in June).
3. I will be available for an orientation.
4. I have available to wear through the Festival weekend a Ukrainian shirt / blouse with black dress pants / skirt (yoga pants / shorts not acceptable).

**Please attach a short essay (no more than one page) explaining why you would like to be an
Youth Ambassador for the Calgary Ukrainian Festival.**

Please include information on visits and travel to Ukraine, knowledge of Ukrainian arts, history, culture and other relevant information.

Applicant's Signature

Date