

## Spots still open for Shelburne Fair Ambassador competition, winner to receive \$1,000 bursary

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Shelburne Fair Promotions Coordinator, Karren Wallace says eligible youth can still sign up to compete in the 2019 Ambassador Program until tonight.

The Winner of the Senior Ambassador competition will receive a \$1,000 bursary towards their post secondary education.

The Ambassador Program is open to all young people, male or female, within a 32 km range of Shelburne. Senior Ambassador competitors must be 17 to 25 years of age, and be 18 years old by August 2020 to compete at the Canadian National Exhibition Ambassador competition in Toronto. Throughout 2019-20 they will experience fantastic opportunities to travel, learn about agriculture, and grow their skill set.

To be eligible for the Junior Ambassador Program, competitors must be between 12 and 16 years of age.

Winners of the Junior and Senior Ambassador Competition are expected to be in attendance on the Shelburne Fair grounds throughout the Fair weekend, September 13th - 15th, says Karren Wallace. Winners will have the honour of handing out prizes, assisting with activities, and promoting the fair.

Shelburne Fair's Ambassador Program is a great experience for any young man or woman, say former Ambassadors and current Program Coordinators Kelsey Phillips and Carly Phillips.

Along with several prizes for both the senior and junior winners, the program is a great learning opportunity for young people hoping to build a strong resume going forward into the world of higher learning and the work place.

Shelburne Fair Ambassadors will have many opportunities to represent the Shelburne District Agricultural Society at various events - bringing greetings to other communities from Shelburne.

The contacts and networks you make will follow you through your life, say Carly and Kelsey. The experience sharpens your public speaking and leadership skills and helps you to become a much more confident individual.

For Ambassadors in waiting, a tea party is planned at the fair this weekend for ages 3 to 10 years.

Come dressed in your favourite outfit or come as you are and meet the new Ambassadors, say the Coordinators. There are prizes available, and guests can get photos with the Ambassadors, make their own candy jewellery, and decorate cupcakes.

This year, fair attendees will be introduced to the new Ambassador Derby Car sponsored by Gettin' Plastered Drywall, at Sunday's Crash Up Derby. The 2019-20 winning Ambassadors will wave the flag to start the engines roaring at the crowd pleasing event.

Interested Ambassador competitors must contact Kelsey Phillips at 519 942 6054 or Carly Phillips at 403 805 6114 by Thursday night, September 12th to sign up for the contest.