

# 2024 Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest Ambassador Scholarship Program Candidate Packet



**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**April 30, 2024**

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The Candidate Application, Fact Sheet, Waivers, Sponsor Information, recommendation forms and your picture will be used for publicity, judging and invitation purposes. Please take the time to fill these forms out carefully and completely. You may want to make a copy for your records.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest Ambassador Scholarship Program is open for all applicants ages 8 – 21. Candidates should have good interpersonal skills, be ready to be goodwill ambassadors for the Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest, the City of Cottage Grove and the time and energy to commit to a one year term as a member of the ambassador court.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Application fee of \$300.00 - (Your sponsor will pay this fee)
- Complete application (no blanks)
- Candidate Contact Information Sheet
- Candidate Fact Sheet
- Parent/Guardian Questionnaire
- Signed Application Waiver --- Both mother, father and/or guardians MUST sign.
- **1 About Me page**
- 2 Candidate Recommendation Forms
- Completed application packets must be received by April 30, 2024, unless other arrangements have been made with the Strawberry Fest Ambassador Committee.

### **CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATION FORM REQUIREMENTS**

- Each candidate must submit two candidate recommendation forms:
  - One must be completed by someone at the school you are or will be attending (Teacher, Coach, Principal, Associate Principal, or Guidance Counselor)
  - One must be complete by someone other than someone at your school (Church Leader, Employer, Girl Scout Leader, Boy Scout Leader, Dance Instructor, etc.).
- Each form MUST be received in its own sealed envelope with the application packet.
- Forms CANNOT be completed by someone related to you.

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

#### **CANDIDACY:**

- You will have appearances May and June 2024 as a candidate.
- You will be provided a calendar of events at the orientation meeting.
- **It is STRONGLY recommended that you are on time for all candidate events. 15 minutes early to all events will be encouraged.**
- You will purchase and wear attire outlined by the committee for all candidacy events.

#### **COSTS:**

- The initial application fee of \$300.00. This fee is non-refundable and will be paid by your sponsor.
  - You will personally provide the following:
    - Candidate attire communicated from the committee.
    - Transportation costs to and from candidate events, and meals or candidate events which have costs associated with them. (i.e. Kick Off Dinner, Coronation)
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**2024 - Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest  
Scholarship Program Candidate  
Application Form  
Ages: 8 - 21**

**Thank you for your interest in becoming an ambassador for the Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest and the City of Cottage Grove.**

Please be sure to read the application thoroughly and do your best to answer all questions **completely**.

**Please type or print all information:**

**Full Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** (as you would like it to appear) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone (home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone (home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FaceBook:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and/or Twitter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone (home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cell):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School Attending in the 2024-2025 School Year:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**School Grade or Year of College in fall of 2024:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Summary of Achievements/Special Honors & Awards/Volunteer Activities/School Clubs or other organizations:

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What do you like the most about school?

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What do you like to do in your free time?

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What is your favorite family memory?

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What is your favorite event at the Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest?

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**Favorites:**

Song: \_\_\_\_\_ Food: \_\_\_\_\_ Season: \_\_\_\_\_

Singer: \_\_\_\_\_ Movie: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Possession: \_\_\_\_\_

TV Show: \_\_\_\_\_ Idol/Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Scholarship Program Candidate  
Parent/Guardian Questionnaire**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN QUESTIONNAIRE**

The following questions are to be answered by a parent(s) or guardian.

Why do you want your daughter or son to be chosen to be a Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest Ambassador?

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How will you support your daughter or son if she/he is selected?

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How will you support the group if your daughter or son is selected?

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## 2024 - Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest Scholarship Program Candidate Waiver

In consideration of my participation as a candidate in the CGSF Ambassadors, I hereby agree that:

1. I have voluntarily entered the CGSF Ambassadors program at my own will. I understand that my sponsor and/or family will be contributing a sponsorship fee for my participation. Therefore, I hereby express my intent to participate in the candidate experience as detailed.
2. I agree to abide by the rules set forth by the CGSF regarding candidate behavior/expectations.
3. The CGSF committee has my permission to use photo and media in an appropriate manner as they see fit for publicity and promotional purposes.
4. I hereby release the CGSF, its officers, and any other individual(s) connected with, from responsibility in connection with any injuries sustained by me in my capacity as a candidate for the CGSF Ambassador Program.
5. I have read and signed this application.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Signature (if candidate is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### General Information:

If selected as an CGSF Ambassador, I understand that my responsibilities will include representing the CGSF and the City of Cottage Grove as an ambassador. This includes attendance at all local activities, parades, coronations, community events throughout the year and participation in all fundraising events.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Signature (if candidate is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, as parent/guardian, if my daughter or son is selected as an ambassador for CGSF and the City of Cottage Grove, I(we) understand that we will be expected to assist with chaperoning, float setup, float teardown, fundraising, personal time, volunteering and transportation. I(we) accept these responsibilities in support of my (our) daughter or son.

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

### Release of Liability:

The undersigned hereby releases and hold harmless The CGSF, its' officers and volunteers. I waive and release the CGSF and its' officers and volunteers from all liability arising from any injury which I may sustain as a result of my participation. In addition, I specifically waive and release from all liability for damage to my and/or parent(s)/guardian personal property as a result of my participation in the CGSF Events; beginning May 2024 and ending in June 2025.

I hereby certify that I am 18 years of age or older. If not, my parent or legal guardian has also signed this waiver.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Signature (if candidate is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- **Signed completed application** (this form, application, recommendation forms and Parent/Guardian Questionnaire )
- **On a Separate page - Tell US about you**
- **Candidates must be sponsored by a business, non-profit or your family.** The application fee is \$300.00. If you need assistance in obtaining a sponsor, please contact Strawberry Fest Ambassador Committee (ambassadors@cottagegrovestrawberryfest.com). Checks payable to: Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest Ambassadors
- **Mail Completed Packet and Payment to:** Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest, Attn: CGSF Ambassadors, PO Box 512, Cottage Grove, MN 55016, Deadline – April 30, 2024.

**2024 - Cottage Grove Strawberry Fest**  
**Candidate Recommendation Form –**  
**School - Administrator, Teacher, Coach**

**Recommender:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidates' Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How long have you known this person?** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDER INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please indicate points given with an "X". Comments are welcomed and appreciated. Additional information may be attached to this form. Please seal completed form in an envelope and return to the candidate to send in with his/her application packet.

| Evaluation:   | The Best |   | Above Average |   |   | Average |   |   | Poor |   |
|---|----------|---|---------------|---|---|---------|---|---|------|---|
| Dependability:  | 10       | 9 | 8             | 7 | 6 | 5       | 4 | 3 | 2    | 1 |
| Prompt, sincere, consistent, truthful, follows directions                 |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Comments:   |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Leadership:   | 10       | 9 | 8             | 7 | 6 | 5       | 4 | 3 | 2    | 1 |
| Assertive, inspires others, resourceful, listens well, uses good judgment |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Comments:   |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Industrious:  | 10       | 9 | 8             | 7 | 6 | 5       | 4 | 3 | 2    | 1 |
| Persistent, good work habits, makes good use of time, hard working        |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Comments:   |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Initiative:   | 10       | 9 | 8             | 7 | 6 | 5       | 4 | 3 | 2    | 1 |
| Accepts responsibility, works well without supervision, self-motivated    |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Comments:   |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Working With Others:  | 10       | 9 | 8             | 7 | 6 | 5       | 4 | 3 | 2    | 1 |
| Adaptable, friendly, tactful, respect for others sense of humor           |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Comments:   |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Personal Appearance:  | 10       | 9 | 8             | 7 | 6 | 5       | 4 | 3 | 2    | 1 |
| Clean, neat, orderly  |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Comments:   |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Attitude:   | 10       | 9 | 8             | 7 | 6 | 5       | 4 | 3 | 2    | 1 |
| Positive, honest, good self-discipline, enthusiastic, motivated           |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |
| Comments:   |          |   |               |   |   |         |   |   |      |   |

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Candidate Recommendation Form –**  
**Personal Reference** - Girl Scout Leader, Boy  
 Scout Leader, Church Leader, Dance Instructor, Employer,  
 etc.

**Recommender:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidates' Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How long have you known this person?** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDER INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please indicate points given with an "X". Comments are welcomed and appreciated. Additional information may be attached to this form.  
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| <b>Evaluation:</b>  | <b>The Best</b> |          | <b>Above Average</b> |          |          | <b>Average</b> |          |          | <b>Poor</b> |          |
|---|-----------------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Dependability:</b>   | <b>10</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b>             | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>       | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b> |
| Prompt, sincere, consistent, truthful, follows directions                 |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| Comments:   |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| <b>Leadership:</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b>             | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>       | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b> |
| Assertive, inspires others, resourceful, listens well, uses good judgment |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| Comments:   |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| <b>Industrious:</b>   | <b>10</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b>             | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>       | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b> |
| Persistent, good work habits, makes good use of time, hard working        |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| Comments:   |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| <b>Initiative:</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b>             | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>       | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b> |
| Accepts responsibility, works well without supervision, self-motivated    |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| Comments:   |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| <b>Working With Others:</b>   | <b>10</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b>             | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>       | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b> |
| Adaptable, friendly, tactful, respect for others sense of humor           |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| Comments:   |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| <b>Personal Appearance:</b>   | <b>10</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b>             | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>       | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b> |
| Clean, neat, orderly  |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| Comments:   |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| <b>Attitude:</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b>             | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b>       | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b> |
| Positive, honest, good self-discipline, enthusiastic, motivated           |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |
| Comments:   |                 |          |                      |          |          |                |          |          |             |          |

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_