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Dear Friends of the Paris Fair:

Do you know someone between the ages of 17 and 24 years that would be a great ambassador? Let's build their confidence and help them develop into the leaders of tomorrow. Encourage and sponsor them in this year's **Paris Fair Ambassador Program**.

The **Paris Fair Ambassador Program** provides opportunity to:

- Learn life skills
- Become part of the community
- Develop lasting friendships

This year we are updating our program to include more opportunities for contestants to build their skills and confidence before competition night. We hope this will ensure that all contestants are able to build crucial public speaking and professional skills that will support them in their future endeavors.

The 2026 Paris Fair Ambassador Program includes:

1. **Contestant Prep Night:** We will be holding two prep nights this year.
 - On **August 13, 2026**, we will be reviewing resume writing, interviews, how to present yourself professionally, speech writing and public speaking. This will include an overview of the program, details on the competition night components and what to expect in the role of Paris Fair Ambassador. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the 2025 Paris Fair Ambassador, Grace Aulsebrook-Smith, and hear about her experience.
 - On **August 20, 2026**, contestants will get time to practice these skills through mock interviews, looking over their resumes and time testing out the microphone.
2. **Mentoring:** Each contestant is paired with a mentor from the Ambassador Committee who will help them every step of the way. Contestants can ask about items such as improving their resume, selecting a speech topic or selecting business professional/casual outfits. They will be paired with their mentor at the first contestant prep night and will have time to discuss feedback at the following prep night.
3. **Competition Night: Thursday September 3, 2026** - includes a written resume, an interview, speech, and impromptu question and the previously recorded YouTube video of their sponsoring organization.

Contestants must meet the following criteria:

- 17 years of age as of August 1st, 2025, and not be 24 years of age by Aug 1, 2026
- Any gender
- Has not previously reigned as Ambassador of any fair
- Be available to represent the Paris Agricultural Society at various events for one-year commencing September 3, 2026, until Labour Day weekend 2027.

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All judging for the Ambassador Competition will take place at the Paris Fair on **Thursday September 3, 2026**. We encourage sponsors to attend to support their contestant and to be recognized throughout the evening.

Sponsorship Feature to the Ambassador Program

The creation of a YouTube video by each of the contestants. The video will feature their sponsoring organization (the role and services it provides to the community). As the sponsor, we ask that a representative from your organization be available to participate in an interview, which may be the main content for the video. Contestants will be assisted in preparing for the interview, and our committee will record and format for online use. The YouTube video will be featured prior and during the Paris Fair. As the sponsoring organization, our hope is that you will find value in the video for your own purposes.

The role of Sponsoring Organizations

The Paris Fair has partnered with fellow organizations for over fifty years, to seek and mentor our future community leaders. Let's continue the tradition for many years to come.

At your next meeting, please consider possible contestants within your membership (children, grandchildren, youth contest winners, scholarship applicants etc.) and ask them to represent your organization during the 2026 Paris Fair Ambassador Program. It is an honour for them to be asked and encouraged by you. If you are unable to provide a contestant, the Ambassador Committee will assist in pairing you up with an interested contestant in need of a sponsor. Please note that contestant sponsorship is restricted to non-profit community organizations. Business support is greatly appreciated through the donations of gifts/cash for our contestants and/or winners.

To help cover competition costs, the sponsorship fee is \$50.00.

Please consider sponsoring a young adult in this year's Paris Fair Ambassador Program.

Application deadline for Contestants is August 13th 2026.

Contestants may register by emailing their registration form to: ambassador@parisfairgrounds.com

Sponsors may register a contestant by emailing the registration form to: ambassador@parisfairgrounds.com

Please do not hesitate to email should you have any questions. We hope to hear from you soon! Please mail or drop off the \$50.00 entry fee and sponsorship form to the PAS office no later than **August 13th, 2026**.

Please note that the cheque is payable to: **Paris Agricultural Society**.

Sincerely,

Pat Howell-Blackmore and Jennifer Tucker
Paris Fair Ambassador Committee

PAS Office
139 Silver Street,
Paris, ON N3L 1V5

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2026 Paris Fair Ambassador Sponsoring Organization Entry Form

*** Please include this form with your Sponsorship fee***

Name of Sponsoring Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Cash or Cheque

Name of Contestant: _____

Contestant Phone Number: _____

Contestant Email: _____

Please make cheque payable to
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2026 Paris Fair Ambassador Contestant Registration Form

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Birth Date Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Name of Sponsoring Organization: _____

**If you do not have a sponsoring organization the Paris Fair Ambassador Committee would be happy to pair you up with a local non-profit organization. Sponsorship contestant fee is \$50 and is paid by the sponsoring organization.*

Deadline to Register: August 13th, 2026

Please email registration form to: ambassador@parisfairgrounds.com

Questions?

Contact: Pat Howell-Blackmore and Jennifer Tucker (Co-Chairs):

ambassador@parisfairgrounds.com

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