



Greetings Ontario Ambassadors, Chaperones and Agricultural Societies,

The Ambassador Committee of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) would like to take this opportunity to invite your 2024-2025 Ambassador to the 2025 OAAS Convention, held at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites, in Richmond Hill, Ontario, from February 20-23, 2025.

The Committee has been working diligently to assemble an informative and fun program. This program is open to Ambassadors aged 16 and older that have completed the attached registration form. Please email the registration form to the address on the form or bring it with you when you register at the OAAS Convention.

All arrangements concerning your Ambassador's travel to and from the convention, his or her accommodations and registration, meals (unless provided by the program), are the responsibility of each Agricultural Society, not of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS). The OAAS will be providing lunch for the Ambassadors on Friday.

It is important for all Ambassadors to know that they are a representative of their Agricultural Society AT ALL TIMES - not just when their sash/medallion is on. This includes the social hours before, after, and in between convention events.

All Ambassadors MUST have a Chaperone who is REGISTERED with the convention. This individual may be a parent/relative or Agricultural Society representative. Agricultural Societies are expected to send an appropriate chaperone for the Ambassador (i.e. male Chaperone for male Ambassador if sharing the same room). It is important that Chaperones understand the roles and responsibilities before agreeing to be a Chaperone. Please have the Chaperone read and complete the attached form. Chaperone forms can be emailed or brought to the Ambassador Registration Desk at Convention.

Upon arrival at the convention, each Ambassador & Chaperone will register at the Ambassador Registration Desk, located on the lower level outside the Vaughan Hall. There they will both receive their schedules, name badges and everything they need for the weekend. Chaperones are expected to be present with the Ambassadors when they register.

It is very important that the Ambassadors and the Chaperones receive this information as well as the Agricultural Society.

The committee hopes that this will be a special time and a memorable experience for each of the Ambassadors.

Sincerely,

The 2025 Ambassador Committee

Ambassador & Chaperone Expectations & Responsibilities

Ambassador Expectations:

- Represent your Agricultural Society always
- Refrain from use of drugs or alcohol regardless of age of majority
- Attend, be on time, and participate in all planned activities and seminars
- Get proper rest and nutrition
- Dress appropriately for events (more information below)
- Refrain from wearing sash and/or crown outside of Convention floors and activities

Wardrobe Requirements:

The dress code for the 2025 OAS Convention Ambassador Program is business casual. This pertains to the programs during the day as well as Ambassador Group Photo and Introductions on stage Saturday Night. Some helpful tips when packing:

- Business casual – clothes you would wear to a job interview (dresses, dress pants, skirts, blouses, blazers, sweaters etc.)
- No jeans, flips flops or crocs
- Refrain from clothing with offensive words or pictures
- Bring comfortable clothing for after the ambassador program is finished for the day and you have free time
- Comfortable shoes – there is a lot of walking

Chaperone Expectations:

- Put the needs of your Ambassador first!
- Be approachable and reliable
- Insure that your Ambassador attends all event on time. You can attend seminars at convention outside of the Ambassador program but must be available to meet your ambassador when they are not in their specific program.
- Help make the Ambassador feel comfortable in this new experience.
- Be available and easy to contact during the Convention.
- Be sure that your Ambassador has all schedules and knows what is expected of them.
- Be a motivator, a cheerleader and encourage your Ambassador at all times.
- Be available to your Ambassador to help with travel arrangements, hotel accommodations, etc.
- Assist your Ambassador with wardrobe, hair, time management, and/or anything else they may need.
- Ensure that your Ambassador has the funds if they need to purchase meals as needed. Each agricultural society handles this differently so please check with your Ambassador committee and/or Agricultural Society prior to convention.