



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 2026-2027 Ambassador to the 2027 OAAS Convention, held at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites, in Richmond Hill, Ontario, from February 18-20, 2027. This program is open to Senior Ambassadors aged 16 and older as of January 1st, 2027.

There are a few things to do before you attend Convention:

- 1) Register 1 Ambassador & Chaperone (s)
- 2) Ambassadors - Fill out and submit the participation form (email or bring to convention)
- 3) Chaperones – Fill out and submit the participation form (email or bring to convention)

NEW! There will be no crowns for the program weekend. We ask that all Ambassadors wear their sash and/or medallion only.

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.

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. **The Chaperone of the Ambassador must be under the mutual agreement of the Ambassador, and/or parent or guardian of the Ambassador, and the Agricultural Society.** 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.

**NEW: Chaperones must attend a MANDATORY session Thursday February 14, 2027 @ 3:45pm.
Location TBD**

Upon arrival at the convention, each Ambassador & Chaperone will register at the Ambassador Registration Desk, located on the lower level outside the Vaughan Hall. Chaperones are expected to be present with the Ambassadors when they register.

Group Photo

- ❖ Every year we have a professional photographer come and take a group photo of all the ambassadors (dress code -business professional)
- ❖ The Ambassador Group Photo will be Saturday February 27 @6:30 SHARP
- ❖ Location: Ballroom Stage
- ❖ We ask the ambassadors only enter the room at this time, family & friends will be invited in after the professional photo is taken to take their pictures.

Information regarding the Ambassador Program at the 2027 OAAS Convention can be found on

- OAAS Website: <https://ontarioagsocieties.com/2027-oaas-convention/>

The committee is excited for another year, and are looking forward to meeting you all and hope you enjoy the experience!

Sincerely,
The 2027 Ambassador Committee

Ambassador & Chaperone Expectations & Responsibilities

Ambassador Expectations:

1. The OAAS participants will respect, adhere to and enforce rules, policies and guidelines established by the OAAS.
2. OAAS Members, Volunteers, guests, and stakeholders shall be treated appropriately and courteously as the participant would like to be treated while ensuring respect for people and property.
3. A positive OAAS image is always expected. OAAS participants will conduct themselves courteously and respectfully, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role models for those around them. Behaviour must be conducive to a friendly, safe, and fun learning environment.
4. Emotional, physical, verbal, mental or sexual abuse of any individual participating/attending an OAAS event/activity will not be tolerated, nor is the use of profanity, crude remarks, or actions.
5. Maintaining the privacy of OAAS participants is essential. Respect will be given to the confidential nature of information received regarding fellow OAAS participants and OAAS program affairs.
6. Any acts of discrimination and/or harassment because of race, nationality or ethnic origin, colour, age, religion, family status, sexuality or disability is unacceptable.
7. Possession and/or use of alcohol, illegal drugs or illegal inhalants is forbidden by participants (regardless of age of majority) at activities held for attendance by OAAS Members. Any disregard for this policy will result in disciplinary action.
8. OAAS participants will regard it as their personal duty to know their OAAS responsibilities thoroughly and are expected to be responsible to their peers.
9. OAAS participants will ensure that outside interests do not jeopardize their judgment and competence as contributing OAAS participants. OAAS participants will strive to the best of their abilities to promote the mission and vision of the OAAS.

Wardrobe Requirements:

The dress code for the 2027 OAAS Convention Ambassador Program is **BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL**. 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 Professional – clothes you would wear to a job interview (dresses, dress pants, skirts, blouses, blazers, sweaters etc.)
- NO ripped jeans, blue jeans, flips flops, crocs, crop tops
- 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:

1. Attend MANDATORY Chaperone session DATE Thursday February 14, 2027 @ 3:45pm. Location TBD
2. YOU must stay for the ENTIRE duration of the OAAS Convention as long as your Ambassador is present.
3. The Chaperone of the Ambassador must be under the mutual agreement of the Ambassador, and/or parent or guardian of the Ambassador, and the Agricultural Society.
4. Put the needs of your Ambassador first!
5. Ensure your Ambassador has all schedules and knows what is expected of them.
6. Ensure that your Ambassador attends all events 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.
7. Be available and easily contacted during the Convention.
8. Be approachable and reliable.
9. Help make the Ambassador feel comfortable in this new experience.
10. Be a motivator and a cheerleader and encourage your Ambassador at all times.
11. Assist your Ambassador with wardrobe, hair, time management, and/or anything else they may need.
12. Be available to your Ambassador to help with travel arrangements, hotel accommodations, etc.
13. 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 the convention.
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