



*The Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival Aims to be the Premier Festival in the Country
85th theme: "Rooted In Tradition" – May 24 to May 29, 2017*

Candidate's Rules and Agreement

As Leadership Competition Candidate to Annapolisa As a part of the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival (AVABF)

About the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival (AVABF):

The AVABF Annapolisa Leadership Competition is celebrating 85 successful years in 2017. This Competition exists to annually select and prepare candidates to represent the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia and our unique way of life. In addition to formal etiquette training, and training for success, the candidates are given 5 nights/6 days accommodation and free entrance to all Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival events. The candidates are also awarded gifts from generous sponsors as well as from the Apple Blossom Festival Committee. The participants involved gain many practical work-related skills that are vital in today's competitive job market, no matter what their future plans. Annapolisa has many responsibilities including: spokesperson, time manager, coordinator and, most importantly, role model. Since 1933, as long as the AVABF Annapolisa Leadership Competition has existed, the Annapolis Valley— from Windsor to Digby —has had a winning candidate to serve as the official spokesperson for our Apple Blossom Festival. Our former candidates have gone on to become doctors of medicine, award winning professional authors, nurses, entrepreneurs, lawyers, police officers, engineers, and veterinarians, to name just a few.

FESTIVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS and CANDIDATE'S AGREEMENT For Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival (AVABF)

1. As a candidate, you agree to be available for all SIX DAYS of the Festival and must participate in all scheduled events. Candidates must also, from time to time, agree to personal appearances as reasonably requested by the AVABF, up to and including the following year's Festival, and to do so with the proper behaviour and attitude (as set out in paragraph 7 of this Agreement). The cost of these appearances for the AVABF is at the expense of the individual candidate.

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2. As a candidate you must be not more than 23 years of age by December 31 in the year of the Candidate's Apple Blossom Festival (Dec 31, 2017 for the 85th Festival). A photocopy of your Birth Certificate must accompany your entry form **without exception**. By providing a copy of your Birth Certificate, you are attesting to its validity as confirmation of your age.

3. As a candidate, you must have successfully completed high school and have a graduation certificate or equivalent, or provide proof of graduation eligibility, and a photocopy of this document must accompany the candidate's entry form.



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4. As a Candidate you will be evaluated through: submitted resume, personal interviews (and possibly your response to an impromptu question that may be asked during Coronation Ceremonies), public speaking opportunities (both content and delivery) and documented community interests. You will be judged on: personality, intelligence, clarity, maturity, poise, and overall demonstrated representative behaviour.

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5. As a candidate you must exhibit proper etiquette and behaviour at all times. You will be made fully aware of AVABF expectations for proper behaviour by your Community Representative and by the AVABF Leadership Director. You must present an appropriate personal appearance (as outlined in the Leadership Candidate Handbook, including, but not limited to, covering visible tattoos and refraining from wearing excessive jewelry), and always be aware that you are representing the AVABF. **AVABF reserves the right to terminate such representation for conduct unbecoming of a candidate.** This termination shall be at the sole discretion of the AVABF and AVABF is the sole arbiter of what is deemed appropriate. An example of cause for immediate termination would be: any inappropriate behaviour, including, but not limited to, substance abuse, public disorderly conduct, public displays of intoxication, and inappropriate liaisons with the AVABF assigned escorts, the hotel guests and/or staff, or Festival Directors/staff. Lastly and most importantly, any and **all photographs or videos that the AVABF may consider to be inappropriate shall not be displayed on any and all social media sites** or anywhere the general public may be able to access these images. Should you be privileged to receive the coveted title of Annapolis you will be expected to adhere to all codes of conduct and proper etiquette and behaviour for your entire reign. If these codes of conduct are violated, you will be asked to relinquish your duties. Subsequently the First Candidate in Waiting will assume all Annapolis responsibilities.

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6. As a candidate you state that you have never been, and are not presently, involved with any photography, video or film associated with the production of adult films or entertainment.

7. As a candidate, you must never have been convicted of a criminal offence or have any criminal offense charges pending.

8. As a candidate, you must advise the Leadership Director of any health problems, prescribed medications, special diets, allergies, etc. so that prompt action can be taken in case of a medical emergency. A fully completed medical form outlining any dietary, or health issue needs, is required to participate in the official AVABF transportation. As part of the AVABF adherence to the Federal Privacy Act, all information is kept sealed and confidential. The information is kept in three sealed envelopes – one is kept in the Festival Office, one is kept with the Leadership Director during the Festival week, and one is delivered to the head of the outpatient department at Valley Regional Hospital. After the Festival is over all three envelopes are shredded. (See enclosed Medical Form).



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9. As a candidate, you are not permitted the use of liquor or illegal/improper drugs during the Festival and during the reign of the successful candidate in any public area. Any abuse of alcohol or illegal/improper drugs is cause for immediate dismissal of your representation of the AVABF.
 10. As a candidate, you are not permitted to smoke during the Festival or at any time that you would be seen as representing the AVABF in the eyes of the public.
 11. As a candidate, you must have resided in the Town/Village or Community of which you have been chosen to represent, for the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to your selection as a candidate.
 12. As a candidate, you permit the use of your image from any AVABF events, in the form of live or taped video or film production, for promotional purposes permitted by the AVABF.
 13. As a candidate, if you relinquish your community representation and/or AVABF title(s), including that of Annapolisa, for any reason, you will be required to refund any and all prizes/ money awarded to you as the representative for that community/AVABF. As a candidate, you must, therefore, return in full and in original condition, to the community or AVABF, all such prizes/money within 7 days of relinquishment.
 14. As a candidate you shall only wear, without exception, the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival (AVABF) titles or awards that you have received to any and all Apple Blossom Festival events.
 15. As a candidate, you agree to represent the AVABF in a positive manner at all times.
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I, _____, understand that my failure to adhere to the above rules and regulations will result in the termination of my participation in this year's *Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival*. If chosen as Annapolis of the AVABF, I understand and agree that I must continue to adhere to the above rules and regulations and take direction from the AVABF as to public appearances for the entire duration of reign as Annapolis. By signing this agreement, I agree to accept full responsibility for my own actions and waive any responsibility to and from the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival for any actions that I may do that may bring harm to myself and/or AVABF.

I have read and agreed to all the above rules and regulations as set out by the AVABF. I further agree to these as both a Leadership Candidate and as a candidate for the selection of Annapolis.

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Candidate's Signature

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Witness Signature

Printed Name: _____

Printed Name _____

Community:

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Community Representative Signature

Printed Name: _____

*Signature: _____

Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival Signature

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

*To complete this agreement this document must be signed by: the Candidate and the Community Representative. All 5 pages must be returned to the AVABF office before a candidate is accepted by the AVABF. This Candidate's Agreement, including attachments if any, is confidential and may be privileged. Any unauthorized distribution or disclosure is prohibited and all signatories agree, by signing above, that they have read and understood the confidentiality of this document. Privacy is important to AVABF, please review privacy statement: www.appleblossom.com



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Candidate's Personal Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: (902) _____

Email: _____