

**CITY OF FLORENCE
STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Birthday _____ Age _____ Grade in 2015-16 School Year _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail _____ School _____

Parents/Guardians Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

2 Letters of Recommendation (no family members - from an adult in a position of authority i.e. teacher, religious leader, supervisor, scout leader, etc. must accompany the application) are **provided by:**

Division in which you will compete:

- _____ Senior Ambassadors - Male and Female selected from grades 10-12
- _____ Junior Ambassador - Male and Female selected from grades 8 & 9
- _____ Youth Ambassador - Male and Female selected from grades 6 & 7

Volunteer/Community Service Experience (past & current) _____

Extra-curricular Activities _____

References – Provide two (2) names of a person you know (no family members)

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Organization/Business _____ Number of Years Known _____

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Address _____ Phone _____

Organization/Business _____ Number of Years Known _____

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Must be City of Florence resident**
- **Must be in grades 6-12 during their Ambassador term**

For questions contact Vanessa L. Leneer, CPRP, CPO at (859) 647-5439.

Applications must be received by Friday, March 20, 2015, by 5 pm. and can be delivered or mailed to:
City of Florence, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, KY 41042, ATTN: Vanessa L. Leneer, CPRP, CPO



Dear Students,

The City of Florence invites you to participate in our new youth leadership program, the Florence Student Ambassador Program. Nine City residents will be selected annually to represent the City and the youth of our community at City sponsored events and various Northern Kentucky community events. This program will provide our Ambassadors with opportunities that will enhance their profiles as youth leaders through expanded community involvement, personal development in public speaking, increased community knowledge, and exposure to various community organizations and their members.

Two Senior Ambassadors (one male and one female) will each receive a \$500.00 scholarship and all Ambassadors will receive City logo shirts (long and short sleeve) to wear when representing the City at various events.

Application Process

Submit your completed application by **Friday, March 20, 2015**, and be sure to include a letter of recommendation from an adult in a position of authority, but not your parents. Eligible applicants will be notified and will enter the Competition Phase of the Program.

Eligible participants will be provided with an essay topic and will submit an approximately **500** word essay by **Friday, April 10, 2015**. Essays will be scored by the Judges. Scoring criteria: Justification for the position expressed - 40%, Response to the essay topic – 15%, Spelling - 15%, Grammar - 15% and Neatness - 15%.

The top essays in each age group division will be notified and will move on to the final competition tentatively scheduled during the week of **May 4, 2015**. The final competition will consist of interviews with the Judges about the student's activities and interests and a question & answer session with program Judges based on the submitted essays. Judges will select a male and female winner in each grade division based on the following criteria: Communication/Public Speaking Skill - 40%, Appearance - 15%, Personality - 15%, Extra-curricular Activities - 15%, Volunteer Experience - 15%.

Student Ambassadors must agree to be available to attend and participate in most community events throughout the year, including evenings, weekends & holidays from July to June. The events include the Memorial Day Parade & Program, Neighborhood Night Outs, Independence Day Celebration, Pooch Fest, Halloween Night Out, Veterans Day, Christmas Tree Lighting, Dr. King Program, President's Display, Easter Egg Hunt, Arbor Day Program, Great American Clean Up and additional Northern Kentucky community events.

We believe this program will be a rewarding opportunity for our residents and encourage you to apply to become a Florence Student Ambassador.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

FLORENCE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Student residents will be selected annually to participate in this program. The age groups will be grades 6 & 7, 8 & 9 and 10-12. This City of Florence sponsored program has the Parks & Recreation Administrator and an adult volunteer designated as the Program Coordinator.

Purpose: To provide Florence student residents with opportunities that will enhance their profiles as youth leaders through community involvement.

Ambassador Activities

- Participate in City sponsored events
- Represent the City of Florence at various Northern Kentucky community events

Benefits

- Personal development in leadership, public speaking and customer service skills
- Increased knowledge the community and government
- Exposure to various community organizations and their members
- Hours served may qualify for school required community service hours
- Monetary scholarship for **one** female and **one** male Senior Ambassador grades 10-12

Application Requirements

- City of Florence **resident**. A Florence mailing address does not qualify as a resident
- Must be in grades 6-12 during the Ambassador term
- Submit completed application by due date
Letter of recommendation (from an adult in a position of authority i.e. teacher, religious or scout leader, supervisor, etc.) **must** accompany the application
- Eligible participants will be notified and will enter the Competition Phase of the program

Competition Phase

Step 1 - Submit an Essay (**500** word minimum) on a selected current event topic by a due date. The top essays in each age group as determined by the Judges will move to Step 2.

Step 2 - Participate in the interviews with the Judges answering questions related to the essay

- Judges select a male and female winner in each division

Judges selection criteria

- Essay contents based on the topic
- Clarity/Grammar
- Communication/Public Speaking Skills
- Creativity
- Appearance
- Extra-curricular Activities
- Volunteer Experience
- Personality

Ambassador Requirements

- Be available to attend and participate in community events throughout the year including evenings, weekends and holidays.
- Be available during the recognition of the new Ambassadors at a City Council meeting.

Term - One year from July 2015 to June 2016