

Northwest Pennsylvania Maple Ambassador Rules & Regulations

1. The contestant must live in Northwest Pennsylvania
2. Male or Female ages 16-21. If under the age of 18, they require parent/guardian consent.
3. He or she must have worked at a maple syrup operation and must have some “hands on” experience with maple syrup production.
4. He or She must be single and never have been married. He or she may also not marry during their reign.
5. He or She must participate in local events, as well as others, such as the following as well as what is listed in the Northwest Maple Ambassador Agreement
 - a. Attend the PA State Maple Tour in the Fall to compete for Pennsylvania State Maple Ambassador
 - b. Help at some of the local fair booths-Crawford or Erie County
 - c. Attend the PA Farm Show in January following the State competition if appointed the PA State Maple Ambassador or Alternate
 - d. Attend the Northwest PA Maple Association Annual Meeting and other activities
 - e. Assist with Maple Taste & Tour Weekend
 - f. Participate in teaching youth and adults about the maple industry
 - g. Attend Lake Erie Maple Expo in November
 - h. Assist and Work with Maple Ambassadors throughout the state

6. Dress should be appropriate to the activity you are participating in. Please no jeans, shorts, casual t-shirts, hoodies, tennis shoes, flip-flops, or ball caps.
7. Sash, Tiara, and Pin will be provided by the Association and are required to be worn at all events.
8. If the Northwest Ambassador cannot attend the State Ambassador Competition, the Alternate may attend and represent the Association.

Procedure for Judging the Ambassador Contestants

1. Contestants will be judged on appearance, speaking ability, poise, personality, and maple industry knowledge (both production and usage during the competition).
2. The judging will take place through the interaction with the association members and judges during the Northwest PA Maple Ambassador Contest.
3. The contestant will make a 10-15min speech, presentation, or skit on the maple industry.
4. The contestant maple have to also participate in a personal interviews with the judges
5. It is suggested that the contestant might find the following sources of information helpful : Maple Syrup Producers' Handbook, Maple Digest, Maple Syrup Journal, Internet, and even just your local producers.