

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **How does my child become a Defeat of Jesse James Days Junior Ambassador candidate?**

The official Defeat of Jesse James Days Junior Ambassador candidate application will be available online in May. The Ambassador Committee hosts 2-3 informational candidate meetings in May/June that can help answer your questions.

### **Who is eligible to run?**

The candidate must be age 6,7 or 8 by coronation date of the current year AND has a parent that either lives, works, frequently volunteers OR worships in the Northfield School District #659.

### **Can my child be a candidate a 2<sup>nd</sup> time?**

YES! Candidates who are not selected as Ambassadors are eligible to be candidates again as long as the candidate still meets the age and other criteria listed above. We have had past candidates have so much fun they have run a 3<sup>rd</sup> time!

### **What if I'm not sure my child wants to be a Junior Ambassador? Can they still be a candidate?**

YES! We welcome all to participate in the Candidate Experience. You have the right to opt out of becoming selected as an Ambassador if you so choose. This can be handled confidentially with the panel of judges as well.

### **Must I provide my own sponsor?**

Candidates & parents are encouraged to find their own sponsor, but the committee will assist if needed. The cost of the sponsorship is \$150. The sponsoring business will receive publicity proceeding and during DJJD.

### **What is the Selection Team looking for?**

The selection of Junior Ambassadors is based on overall impression including poise, communication skills, kindness and a warm, friendly personality. We are looking for a strong team of representatives for our historic celebration and city. A panel of independent individuals from outside the Northfield area is selected to choose a team of three Ambassadors and two Junior Ambassadors who they feel would be the right fit for the Ambassador role. Their decision is strictly of their own choosing, with no influence from the Ambassador Committee. The only information they receive from the Ambassador Committee would be attendance (tardiness, unexcused absences, etc.) Their selection is based on information provided in the candidate applications, and as witnessed during all judged events.

### **Will my child be disqualified if I miss a scheduled candidate event?**

No. We do make exceptions for missed appearances for legitimate reasons, as long as we know in advance. Keep in mind if you miss an event, your child may be missing a valuable opportunity to learn new skills or have fun.

### **If my child is selected as one of the DJJD Junior Ambassadors, how much time is required?**

A Defeat of Jesse James Days Junior Ambassador's term is for one year. Most of the appearances are at parades and coronations during the weekends and summer months. A calendar will be provided at least 60 days ahead, but keep in mind last minute opportunities may also arise.

### **What does my child receive if selected as a Junior Ambassador?**

Serving as a Junior Ambassador is a very distinct and rewarding experience. There will in many fun opportunities and memories that will last a lifetime. Depending on budgets a gift card will be provided at the end of the year. The Ambassador Committee will supply a wardrobe that will include at parade wardrobe, polo shirt, outer jacket, sash, name tag, tiara /hat & jewelry. You will be given the use of a cape/duster that is returned at the end of your reign. Typically, you will pay for jeans, and all footwear.

### **How will my family be involved if my child is selected as a Junior Ambassador?**

Parents and family are asked to be your child's support system during your year! The DJJD Ambassador Program has volunteer chaperones who will provide transportation as well as guidance and direction in making proper appearances. At the end of your child's reign, we ask the parents/family to host the Reception(s) on the Sunday of DJJD. The funds are provided by the DJJD Committee and a volunteer will coordinate with your family the planning.