



"The Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival aims to be the premier family festival in the country"

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Candidate's Rules and Agreement
Queen Annapolisa
Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival

About the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival

The Queen Annapolisa competition is celebrating 78 successful years in 2010. The Queen Annapolisa Competition exists to annually select, nurture and further prepare young women to represent the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia and our unique way of life.

In addition to formal etiquette and training for success, the candidates are given 5 nights and 6 days accommodations and free entrance to all Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival events. The candidates are also awarded gifts from gracious sponsors as well as from the Apple Blossom Festival Committee. The young women involved gain many practical work-related skills that are vital in today's competitive job market, no matter what their future plans. Queen Annapolisa wears many hats with this job including: spokesperson, time management coordinator and most importantly- role model. Nowhere else can young women gain this type of experience and have such a wonderful time doing so.

Since 1933, as long as the Queen Annapolisa Competition has existed, the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia – from Windsor to Digby, has had a Queen Annapolisa to serve as the official spokesperson for our Apple Blossom Festival. Our former candidates in the Queen Annapolisa Competition have gone onto achieve; Doctors of Medicine; award winning professional authors; nurses; entrepreneurs; lawyers; police officers; engineers; veterinarians just to name a few.

FESTIVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
For Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival (AVABF)

CANDIDATE'S AGREEMENT

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 requested by the AVABF and do so with the proper behaviour and attitude (as set out more properly 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 agree to during your representative term with the AVABF and prior to your candidacy that you are single and will remain so for the duration of your reign and have never married. Further, you agree you have not had a child and are not pregnant.
3. As a candidate, you must not have represented another Valley community as an Apple Blossom Princess, and you must be a Canadian Citizen.
4. As a candidate you must be a female and have obtained nineteen (19) years of age but not more than 23 years of age no later than December 31 in the year of the Candidate's Apple Blossom Festival. A photocopy of your Birth Certificate **MUST** accompany the candidate's entry form without exception. By providing this document, the candidate is attesting to the validity of this document.
5. 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.
6. As a candidate you **will be judged on**: personality; integrity; honesty; public speaking ability and effective communication; intelligence; charity and community interests; submitted resume; maturity; poise; overall proper behaviour; as well as personal interviews and possibly your response to an impromptu question that may be asked during the Coronation Ceremonies.
7. As a candidate you must exhibit proper etiquette and behaviour at all times, presenting appropriate personal appearance (as outlined in the Princess Handbook) and be aware that you are representing the AVABF, who shall reserve the right to terminate such representation for conduct unbecoming of a candidate in the AVABF (as indicated in #6 as to how you will be judged). This termination shall be at the sole discretion of the AVABF. An example of cause for immediate termination of the candidate's representation of the AVABF would be **any** inappropriate behaviour, and these are cited as examples only and are not limited to i.e.: liaisons with the RCMP escorts, the hotel guests and staff, or the Festival directors or staff. **All of these codes of conduct and proper etiquette, behaviour shall be in effect for the entire reign of Queen Annapolisa should you be privileged to receive this coveted title. The Queen Annapolisa title will be directly impacted by your personal choices, as will the AVABF and therefore choose wisely.**
8. As a candidate you agree that you have never and are not presently involved with any photography, video or film associated with the production of adult films or entertainment.
9. As a candidate, you must never have been convicted of a criminal offence.
10. As a candidate, you will advise the Director of Royal Affairs of any health problems, prescribed medications, special diets, allergies, etc. We have a crisis plan in effect and a completed medical form is required. 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 Director of Royal Affairs during the Festival week, and one is delivered to the head of the outpatients department at Valley Regional Hospital. After the Festival is over all three envelopes are shredded. **(See enclosed Medical Form)**

11. As a candidate, you are not permitted the use of liquor or illegal/improper drugs during the Festival **and during the reign of Queen Annapolis in any public arena any abuse or alcohol or illegal/improper drugs**. This is cause for immediate dismissal of your representation of the AVABF.
12. As a candidate, you are not permitted to have guests in the hotel room during the Festival, as this is in direct violation of your candidacy representation proper behaviour. Family visits, while allowed, are with the permission of the Director of Royal Affairs only and the appropriate time will be allotted each day for brief family visits at the sole discretion of the Director of Royal Affairs.
13. 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.
14. As a candidate, you must be resident of the Town/Village or Community, which you have been chosen to represent, for the preceding twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the selection of said candidate.
15. 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.
16. As a candidate if you relinquish your community representation, for any reason including termination, all prizes and money must be returned in full and in original condition, to the AVABF **within 7 days of this happening**.
17. As a candidate you shall **ONLY** wear, without exception, **ONLY** Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival titles or awards to any and all Apple Blossom Festival events. **NO EXCEPTIONS** or you will be asked to remove others and Festival reserves the rights to take further actions if needed.
18. As a candidate, you agree that Parents, Guardians, etc **cannot and will not** speak to press or publically on any incident or event on your behalf or on the behalf of the AVABF. The candidate further agrees that during the term of Queen Annapolis (if selected) and as Princess for AVABF that **all** the rules are to be adhered to without exception. It is the candidate's responsibility to promptly and without delay report any incident that may contravene any of this agreement to Royal Affairs Director and or President if Royal Affairs is not available

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* and I will be dismissed immediately. If chosen as Queen 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, etc. Further, I agree and accept the conditions and terms applied to become Queen Annapolis, and I will be available to the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival as their official representative for the duration of my reign without interruption, as required for necessary personal appearances and without cost to the AVABF.

By signing this agreement, the candidates agree to accept full responsibility for their own actions and waive any responsibility to and from the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival. Acceptance of your own personal liability has been done so after discussing the risks associated and accepting these fully.

I further agree that I will not speak to the press without the prior approval of the AVABF once I have been chosen as a Candidate for any community. **I do understand that this restriction on my speaking to the press implies any and all press and shall extend the entire reign of my Candidacy with the AVABF.** I understand fully what I am signing and I do so under no duress and do agree to represent the community, which I was chosen as a candidate, with the understanding that this is to be for **the full year** from the date being chosen and accepting these guidelines for the full year.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ in the year _____.

I have read and agreed to all of the above rules and regulations as set out by the AVABF.

* _____
Candidate's Signature

Witness

Printed Name: _____
Address: _____

Tel: (902) _____
Email: _____

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Signed on behalf of the Community of

Witness

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Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival

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***This document must be signed simultaneously by both the candidate and the community representative in order to be valid. All four pages must be returned to the AVABF office before a candidate is accepted by the Festival.** 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 to have read and understood the confidentiality of this document. Your privacy is important to us – please review privacy statement on our website: www.appleblossom.com.