



LaFiera Italian Festival Myrtleford – 14th -19th May 2019

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Application Form for

La Fiera Festival Young Ambassador Scheme - 2019

Part 1

About the Young Ambassador Scheme

The La Fiera Italian Festival Myrtleford (La Fiera) Young Ambassador Scheme (the Scheme) involves the development of young people (16-30 years) in the Alpine Shire community who are interested in personal growth through community service and leadership activities. Applicants will be selected annually via a formal application process, which will involve an interview with the selection panel.

The Young Ambassadors for La Fiera 2019 will be announced in late February 2019. Those selected as Young Ambassadors will undergo a part-time mentoring and learning program conducted by experienced local mentors to prepare them for being ambassadors, guides and junior leaders at La Fiera. It is likely that the Scheme will attract public interest and ambassadors in-training, in the lead up to and during La Fiera Festival, may need to be available to participate in media and promotional events and activities, such as Young Ambassador profile features, La Fiera fund raiser dinner, La Fiera opening, reception for the Italian Consul General and other visiting dignitaries, representing La Fiera in traditional costumes etc.

For the 2020 La Fiera Festival, past Young Ambassadors may be invited to:

- Assist in promoting the Scheme
- Participate in the selection of future Young Ambassadors
- Support and/or serve on the La Fiera Italian Festival Committee

Development/Mentoring Program

Young Ambassadors will undergo a six-eight module mentoring and learning program in March to early May 2019, which may comprise the following areas:

- History of the settlement of the Italian families in the Ovens Valley region and how those families integrated into and contributed to developing Myrtleford's community and modern culture. – likely to be two sessions
- Traditional Italian culture that encompasses traditional social activities/customs, food and wine preparation and traditional costumes – likely to be two sessions
- Local places identification/La Fiera Events Program – one session
- Community Leadership with guest speaker(s) – one session
- Communication skills, conversation making and public speaking – likely to be two sessions

Application Process

Scheme applicants must complete, sign and date this application form and submit it via email to: admin@lafiera.com.au Attention: La Fiera Festival Ambassadors Scheme Selection Panel

Applications must be received in the format made available to applicants and must be lodged electronically via email, to the designated address, by 4.00pm on Friday 1 February 2019.

Completing the Application Form

The application form is designed to be self-explanatory and is generally straight-forward. Should you have any queries about completing the form, you may text one of the following numbers advising your name and clearly stating your query in relation to the part of the application form that it may pertain. Text No. 1 - 0408 755 591 Text No. 2 – 0417 304 658

Eligibility Criteria and Conditions of Participation

Those eligible to apply include those people between the ages of 16 and 30 years (**Refer to Note 1**) at the date the application closes who are residents of the Alpine Shire or have been educated in the Alpine Shire or have family residing in the Alpine Shire.

There are certain conditions of participation and they can be viewed on the La Fiera website at: <https://www.lafiera.com.au/young-ambassador.html>

Young Ambassador applicants are advised and are to acknowledge that the La Fiera Festival Committee is a volunteer committee; the Scheme has been prepared and will be administered by volunteers and is to be undertaken strictly on a volunteer basis.

The Scheme is subject to an annual application and selection process.

Benefits in participating in the La Fiera Festival Ambassador Scheme

The benefits of participating in the Scheme are many. Through their involvement in this leadership and community service program, participating Young Ambassadors will gain both personally and professionally as they learn about important cultural aspects of the development of the Ovens Valley communities and impart that knowledge to the many visitors at the La Fiera Italian Festival.

On completion of the bespoke mentoring program Young Ambassadors will be knowledgeable, confident and articulate ambassadors. Their ambassadorial skills will not only apply to the La Fiera Italian Festival but extend to and represent the Alpine Shire community as a whole.

In summary, Scheme participants benefit from being role models as Young Ambassadors and in doing so, they prepare themselves to be our community's and other community's future leaders. The Alpine Shire community benefits as a result. Refer to the La Fiera website: www.lafiera.com.au for further benefits listed.

Selection Process

All applications received by the due time and date will be reviewed by the La Fiera Young Ambassador Scheme Selection Panel. Applicants will be short-listed on Tuesday 4 February 2019.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview with the Selection Panel, in the week - as part of the application process. Successful applicants will be advised by telephone by the Selection Panel Secretary and will be invited to attend the La Fiera Fundraiser Dinner at the Myrtleford Savoy Club on 24 February 2019 (as guests) where the La Fiera Festival Young Ambassadors will be publicly announced. The families of successful applicants are encouraged to support this event. An embargoed media release will be issued to media agencies in this period and photographic opportunities will be made available to the media at the dinner.

Part 3

Personal Details

Surname	First name
Preferred name	Gender
Home address	
Email	Home phone No.
Mobile No.	Date of birth

Do you have existing medical conditions that may affect your safe participation in this program? If 'Yes', please list here:

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Emergency Contact Details

Surname	First name
Relationship with you	
Mobile No.	Home phone No.
Home address	

Insert other Information that you feel may be pertinent to your application.

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Acknowledgement of Agreement to Conditions

I, _____ acknowledge that the La Fiera Festival Committee is a volunteer committee, the Scheme has been prepared and will be administered by volunteers and my participation is to be undertaken strictly on a volunteer basis. I understand and agree to the conditions outlined in the above application.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also provide consent for you to participate in the Scheme and also sign the application form, as prepared below.

I, _____ give permission for my son/daughter/child in my care, _____ (child's name) to participate in the La Fiera Festival Young Ambassador Scheme 2019. I understand and agree to the conditions outlined in the above application.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

Part 4

Personal Attributes, Goals and Ambitions

The following questions relate to the selection criteria that the selection panel will use to evaluate your application.

What would you say is your driver - what motivates you to achieve things?

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What would you like to achieve in your life?

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In relation to your personal attributes, how would your closest friends describe you?

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How would you describe your attitude towards learning new things and gaining new and broader experience?

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Have you had any experience in supporting or leading community-based activities? Yes/No

If Yes, please elaborate.

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If No, please advise whether you would be interested in being involved in community-based activities in the near future, and what type?

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Would you like to learn more about the Italian culture and the history of Italian settlement in the Ovens Valley and environs? Yes/No

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Would you like to participate in photographic opportunities and media events, such as fund raiser dinner, La Fiera Opening, reception for the Italian Consul General/other visiting dignitaries and interviews for print and electronic media? Yes/No

If Yes, why?

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How do think that you could help make a difference to or a positive impact on the annual La Fiera Italian Festival?

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Would you be agreeable to serving on the La Fiera Festival Committee in future years, if nominated by a La Fiera Committee Member? Yes/No.

If Yes, in what capacity?

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Why do you want to be a La Fiera Festival Young Ambassador in 2019? (no more than 100 words)

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Character Referees

Please list the names and contact details of two people who are not relatives, who are able to attest to your character.

Referee 1. Name:

Contact Details:

Referee 2. Name:

Contact Details:

Application Lodgement

Please forward your application to: admin@lafiera.com.au Attention: La Fiera Festival Ambassador Scheme Selection Panel before 4.00pm on Friday 1 February 2019

Notes: 1. Those applicants under the age of 18 years must prove parent/guardian consent via the completion of the consent part of the application.