

Kasson Ambassador Scholarship

Who is eligible to apply? Any student who is a current junior at Kasson-Mantorville High School (will be a senior for the 2025-2026 academic year).

*Note: If applying to the Kasson Ambassador program, it is understood that you will not participate in any other ambassador program/city festival pageant. This is to ensure equal opportunity for all participants. Failure to abide by this criterion will result in forfeit of scholarship.

What is awarded? Up to three royalty are crowned including Kasson Ambassador, Runner-Up, and Congeniality. The scholarship amounts are \$1000 each (*subject to change per City of Kasson discretion*). Scholarships are awarded after receipt of college transcripts from the first Semester.

How to apply?

- Review and sign the *Royalty Agreement*
- Complete the *Program Application* and return by the deadline

What are the expectations? Expectations are outlined in the *Royalty Agreement*. Please plan to be available the week of Monday, August 4th – Sunday, August 10th to ensure participation in and assistance with the following:

- Attend interviews with community members and Kasson Chamber of Commerce
- Attend Kasson Festival in the Park festivities and assist at any/all events as needed (2nd weekend in August – Friday evening, all day Saturday, and the parade on Sunday)

Crowned Royalty Expectations:

- Participate in at least two parades the summer you are crowned. (Typically Festival in the Park and Marigold Days parades)
- Assist with at least 3 local Festival in the Park fundraising activities (organized by the Festival committee/Kasson Chamber) which may include but not limited to:
 - Care & Share Auction
 - Chamber sponsored Christmas in Kasson
 - Any Festival Fundraising Events
 - Dodge County Business Expo
 - Events sponsored by Kasson Chamber

Kasson Ambassador Scholarship Royalty Agreement

The Kasson Chamber of Commerce and the Kasson Ambassador Committee have high expectations for those who represent our community. We have developed guidelines to be followed by candidates and crowned royalty. You **and your parents** are asked to read the policies below and sign the agreement.

Any candidate or crowned royalty found to be in violation of the guidelines set forth in this policy faces the possibility of losing the crown and scholarship based on the Committee's decision.

- Crowned royalty must participate in community events and appearances throughout the entire calendar year. You must notify the Committee of a valid excuse for missing events as soon as you know of any conflict.
- Candidates and crowned royalty are requested to act with discretion (to respect what is right, fitting, and honorable) at all times. They should strive to make good choices and be a positive role model to others. No smoking or vaping, no drugs, no consumption of alcohol. If we are notified and given proof of any illegal activity, you will be disqualified as a candidate or forfeit your title and scholarship money.
- You are representing the Kasson community. As a member of the royalty, you should radiate energy, vitality, and a respectable lifestyle. Let your personality and friendliness shine. You must be able to handle yourself with confidence while in public as you demonstrate and set standards for other young adults.
- Choose your dress attire for the Kasson Ambassador ceremony and other community events tastefully, choosing attire that is comfortable and appropriate. If you question if it's appropriate or not, it's not.
- Wear your crown and sash at ALL appearances, which includes parades, coronations, and other events as requested by the Committee. The shirt you will be given as a candidate may be worn during other Kasson Ambassador events with khaki or black capris, dress pants, or a skirt.
- A calendar of candidate events will be distributed in July and reviewed during candidate interviews the week of the Kasson Festival in the Park. You are expected to attend all candidate events. If extenuating circumstances arise, contact the Ambassador Coordinator.
- Crowned royalty will be contacted/informed about events to attend at least two weeks in advance. These may include Marigold days, Care and Share auction, Christmas in Kasson, and various other events as scheduled.

- For safety purposes, all out of town appearances require a chaperone (parent or Committee member). For events that Committee members are not available, parents will be asked to help out with things such as pulling the float in parades or transporting royalty.
- The crown and sash are symbols of honor as you represent your title. Please do not allow others to wear your crown or sash. They are your responsibility and will not be replaced if lost or damaged.
- In order to receive college scholarship award money, crowned royalty will be required to submit a **college transcript** showing successful completion of one semester (12 credits or more) to the Kasson Chamber of Commerce treasurer. (Address: Ashley Kaplan, Kasson-Mantorville Schools, District Office, 101 16th Street NE, Kasson MN 55944)
- Royalty will respect and abide by decisions made by the Kasson Ambassador Coordinator, Kasson Chamber of Commerce, and the Festival in the Park Committee.
- You are the future of the Kasson community. Be a positive role model and make sound decisions. Promote the Kasson community as you learn, grow, and enjoy being a member of the Kasson Ambassador royalty.

I have read, understand, and agree to the information set forth by the Kasson Ambassador Committee. As a Kasson Ambassador candidate, I agree to follow the behavioral guidelines stated above. These guidelines are in effect from the date of signing through the closure of Festival in the Park 2026.

Candidate printed name: _____

Candidate signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent printed name: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

**Kasson Ambassador Scholarship
Program Application
2025-2026**

Candidate Name (first and last): _____

Candidate Address: _____

Candidate Phone number (cell preferred): _____

Candidate Email: _____

Candidate shirt size: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian phone number (cell preferred): _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Sponsor: _____ *(to be assigned by Kasson Chamber)*

Please complete the following questions and submit **by May 30th**. Please e-mail your completed application to kassonmnambassador@gmail.com or mail to:

Ambassador Coordinator
c/o Kristi Hanson
P.O. Box 252
Kasson, MN 55944

1. List organizations and activities in which you have been involved. Include years of participation and leadership roles, if applicable. Use as much space as needed.

2. Answer the following questions in essay format.

a. What is one thing you would like to see changed or improved in Kasson?

b. What are your plans after high school?

c. What is one important life goal you have set for yourself?

d. Why are you interested in becoming the next Kasson Ambassador? What will you bring to the program?

e. What are your favorite Festival in the Park memories?