



## **Application Form for La Fiera Festival Young Ambassador Scheme - 2020**

### **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 (16-25 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 2020 will be announced in late February 2020. 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. The Scheme attracts public interest and ambassadors in-training, may need to be available to participate in media and promotional events and activities in the lead up to and during La Fiera Festival. These include Young Ambassador profile features, La Fiera fund raiser dinner, La Fiera Launch, reception for visiting dignitaries, representing La Fiera in identifying apparel 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 2020, which may comprise the following areas:

- History of the settlement of the Italian families in the Alpine Valleys and how those families integrated into and contributed to developing this region'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
- La Fiera Planning and Events Program – one session
- Community Leadership with guest speaker(s) – one session
- Communication skills, conversation making and public speaking – likely to be two sessions

## Part 2

### Application Process

Scheme applicants must complete, sign and date this application form and submit it via email to: [admin@lafiera.com.au](mailto: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 Thursday 5 December 2019.

### Application Forms

Application forms may be downloaded from: [www.lafiera.com.au/forms](http://www.lafiera.com.au/forms)

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 – 0421 756 215

### Eligibility Criteria and Conditions of Participation

Those eligible to apply include those people between the ages of 16 and 25 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](http://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 in late December 2019.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview with the Selection Panel, in late January as part of the application process. Successful applicants will be advised by telephone, a fortnight before the La Fiera Fundraiser Dinner, by the Selection Panel Secretary and will be invited to attend the La Fiera Fundraiser Dinner at the Myrtleford Savoy Club in late February (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 Male/Female  
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 2020. 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 - what are your goals and aspirations?**

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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 Alpine Valleys 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 Festival Launch, reception for 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 2020? (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](mailto:admin@lafiera.com.au) Attention: La Fiera Festival Ambassador Scheme Selection Panel **before 4.00pm on Thursday 5 December 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.