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WAMBO EXPANDS THE YOUTH AMBASSADOR BURSARY PROGRAM for 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

WALLACEBURG, ONTARIO: Launched in 2018 the **Wallaceburg Antique Motor and Boat Outing (WAMBO) Youth Ambassador Bursary Award** was limited to grade 12 graduates from Wallaceburg District Secondary School (WDSS) pursuing post-secondary education. **WAMBO**, while held each year on the 2nd weekend of August in downtown Wallaceburg is truly a Chatham-Kent event. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has determined that to best acknowledge the volunteer contributions of ALL grade 12 graduates within the municipality, pursuing further education, all should be eligible to submit an application for this award.

Our objective is to recognize high school students for their community spirit, offer them an excellent volunteer opportunity and provide some much needed funds for their post-secondary education. As well as exposing them to the processes that take place in operating an event such as **WAMBO**.

One male and one female graduating student will be selected by an **independent selection committee** comprised of community leaders in business, government and community organizations. The 2 successful applicant names will be submitted to the **WAMBO Board of Directors** for publication.

The award for the 2018/2019 academic year is in the amount of \$1,500 per successful applicant.

As part of their duties and responsibilities "**WAMBO Ambassadors**" must be available at various times to attend and speak about the contribution **WAMBO** makes to the community and discuss the upcoming event. This may include print, radio and television media as well as various community meetings and functions between the announcement date, during the week of June 23, 2019, with the majority of responsibilities during **WAMBO 31**, Aug. 9, 10 and 11, 2019. Additionally, the Ambassadors will be invited to participate in the production of **WAMBO's** feeder operation, **OTTER CREEK JAM FEST** on August 2 and 3, 2019.

Interested students must complete a **WAMBO** application, no later than **12 pm Friday June 3, 2019**, by email to ambassador@wambo.ca.

The application consists of the following:

- Application (individual references/recommendations may be attached to application)
- Resume
- A written 700 to 1000 word essay on “why volunteering is important to you and your community”.

Candidates’ volunteer initiatives must be above and beyond the current Ontario Ministry of Education 40 hour student curriculum requirements.

Application forms are available online at www.wambo.ca.

The successful candidates will be announced during the final week of June, 2019 with a certificate presented at the successful applicant’s commencement night.

The award presentation will take place on Saturday August, 10, 2019 on the main stage during WAMBO 31.

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