



The Canadian Schwaben Sick Benefit Association

Schwaben Club

Application Package for Miss Schwaben

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be between the ages of 19 and 28 at the start of that year's Oktoberfest.
2. Must be under a student, single or family membership for a full calendar year prior to the Miss competition.
3. Must be single, never married, and have no children for the duration of time you hold the title.
4. Should have an understanding and appreciation of the Schwaben and German cultures.
5. Must reside within commuting distance of the Schwaben Club and the respective engagements.

If there are no applicants that meet the requirements specified above, then refer to Appendix A for additional information

EXPECTATIONS:

1. As an ambassador of the Schwaben Club, you are expected to always represent the club in a professional manner. It is important to realize that anything you say and do as the ambassador will be taken by others as the opinion of the club, so the interests and opinions expressed must be representative of the membership and not personal opinion. This includes personal appearances as well as posts on social media accounts.
2. You are expected to attend all the primary cultural club functions, and ideally any other events you may be invited to at the club or by others (e.g. other German Clubs or KWO).
3. You must be comfortable with public speaking.
4. You must be able to polka and waltz with the Club membership.
5. You must be available for Oktoberfest to attend functions when requested.
6. You must not be under the influence of recreational drugs while representing the club. Alcohol consumption must be moderate with no intoxication.
7. Appropriate attire based on the event is expected. Please consult with the Cultural Director for event specific details.
8. A Vulnerable Sector police check may be requested at the cost of the Club.

Failure to meet any of the above requirements may result in the loss of your title.



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Miss Schwaben Application

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

Social Media Accounts

Instagram: _____ Twitter: _____

Facebook: _____ Other: _____

Education

High School: _____ University/College: _____

Personal Biography

Please provide a short bio about yourself – the bio is intended to be an introduction of who you are. This may be used in part (and subject to potential editing) in the event program and will be provided to the judges.



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Disclosure:

I hereby consent to the exclusive use by you of my name, portrait, video or picture for advertising purposes as the ambassador of the Schwaben Club. I further consent to the use of my name by the Schwaben Club or anyone you may authorize. I hereby release the Schwaben Club from any and all claims that anyone may now have or may have hereafter by reason of such use of my name, portrait, video or picture.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules of qualification printed herein, that I am complying with them in every way, and that the information I am giving is correct.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____



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Appendix A

If there are no applicants that meet the requirements listed in the application form for Mr. or Miss Schwaben, the following will apply in sequential order. All other requirements will remain.

- 1) The eligible age range will be amended to 18 to 30.
- 2) The previous year's Mr. or Miss will be given the option to extend their term for another year (to a 2-yr max).
- 3) Past Ambassadors who meet the present requirements will be asked to fill in as needed for the year. The application for the Mr. or Miss will be open again the following year.

If more than one application is received for Mr. or Miss Schwaben, there will be a competition that year.

JUDGES:

Judges will be solicited from the membership of the Clubs that are part of the Canadian Verband (Donau Park, Toronto Blue Danube Club, Windsor Teutonia Club and Leamington Club). Details of the event will be sent to each Club and they will be asked to provide name(s) of potential representatives. The representatives will be shortlisted depending on if there is a personal conflict of interest (i.e.: Family member) with one or more of the applicants. A minimum of three judges is preferred. Additional Judges may be obtained from outside of the Verband clubs if needed.

INTERVIEWS:

The order of the interviews will be alphabetical order (based on last name). The interviews will be a maximum of 10 to 15 minutes in length depending on the number of contestants. The Cultural Director will note the time at the start of the interview and will end the interview when the time limit is reached. Each candidate will be asked to introduce themselves to the judges, then be given the same three questions. Their responses will be scored by the judges; if time permits additional questions may be asked. Business casual or Dirndl is recommended for the interview. The interview will be scored as follows, with the interview making up 60% of the final overall score:

- Knowledge and appreciation of Schwaben Culture 35% (i.e. How does the candidate actively participate at the Club? Does the candidate know any history of the Donauschwaben people?)
- Interview 35% (i.e. Does the candidate speak well? Does the candidate seem happy to be there? Does the candidate understand the commitment involved?)
- Confidence 20% (i.e. mannerisms, strong voice, politeness, etc.)
- Other 10% (i.e. personal aspiration, character, likeability, etc.).

SPEECHES:

At the start of the Miss Schwaben event, each candidate will be given 3-minutes maximum to speak in the main hall in front of the guests. The other candidates will be upstairs during the other speeches. The speeches will be scored by the Judges as follows, with the speech making up 30% of the final overall score:

- Content 50% (What makes you a good ambassador of the Schwaben Club)
- Delivery 50% (strong voice, sincere)

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DANCE:

Once all the speeches are completed, all candidates will jointly (i.e. all at the same time) perform a waltz on the dance floor. It is recommended that each candidate pre-select their dance partner and ensure they are available at that time. The waltz will be scored as follows, with the waltz making up 10% of the final overall score:

- Ability 50%
- Presence 25% (smiling)
- Poise 25%

TALLYING THE SCORES:

The score sheets will be collected by the Cultural Director. The Cultural Director and two other appointed Board members will total the scores in a separate room. The individuals designated to tally scores may not have a personal affiliation with any of the candidates. Once tallies are completed, the successful candidate's name will be placed in a sealed envelope and given to the MC. The winner's name will be kept confidential until the formal announcement later that evening during the Event program. The specifics of the scoring will not be shared.

