



Cape Fear Garden Club Inc. Azalea Ambassadors

2022 Information Sheet

Please read this thoroughly BEFORE filling out your application. Keep this sheet for your information. Azalea Ambassadors are young ladies and young men who serve as greeters and guides for ***The Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour® (April 8, 9, and 10)*** along with participating in many activities of the North Carolina Azalea Festival, April 6-10. To apply for an Ambassador position, you must be a high school junior or senior and reside in New Hanover County. All juniors MUST have a Cape Fear Garden Club (CFGC) member sponsor them. Seniors may be sponsored by the Azalea Ambassador Committee if they cannot find a CFGC member to sponsor them. You must submit an accurately completed application online. The online application deadline is November 30, 2021, no exceptions.

You may serve as an Ambassador only once. If you are a member of the Azalea Festival Youth Committee, you may apply to be an Ambassador as long as you do NOT have any conflicts with your Ambassador assignments and duties. Young women who are selected to be an Ambassador may NOT participate in the Azalea Princess Pageant. Female ambassadors will be required to purchase a custom made skirt and supply a white button down blouse and a hat that are approved by the Azalea Ambassador Committee. Male ambassadors will be required to wear khaki or navy trousers, a white button down long sleeved shirt and a bow tie approved by the Azalea Ambassador Committee. Information about the seamstresses will be provided in your acceptance packet. DO NOT contact a seamstress until you receive your acceptance letter. You must provide your own transportation to and from all events.

Azalea Ambassadors may NOT have visible tattoos or ANY visible piercings other than traditional earlobe piercings. When female ambassadors are dressed in the Azalea Ambassador ensemble, only one earring in each earlobe is permitted. Nose studs are also NOT allowed. Young men are not permitted to wear any jewelry. Azalea Ambassadors are required to stand at some events for long periods of time. You should be able to physically participate in those events, however, accommodation will be made for anyone with a disability that prevents them from standing for long periods of time.

The number of Ambassadors we accept depends on the number and size of the gardens.

Ambassadors are selected using the following guidelines:

1. First round, children and grandchildren of Cape Fear Garden Club members.
2. Second round, seniors residing in or attending school in New Hanover County.
3. Third round, juniors residing in or attending school in New Hanover County.
4. Final round, at the discretion of the Azalea Ambassador Committee.

Your attendance is required at the following events: If you want to be an Ambassador, **YOU MUST** be available for **ALL** events! Please check your calendar carefully to be sure you will be available. Do not call and ask to be excused from any of these events.

1. **Orientation** - Thursday, March 10th, 6:30 pm, place TBD. Ambassadors only, or a parent sub.
2. **Rehearsal** - for Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Queen's Garden Party (the opening event for the Azalea Garden Tour) Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 am.
3. **Azalea Ambassador Tea** - Sunday, April 3rd from 2-4 pm at the New Hanover County Arboretum. One parent or guardian is invited to attend this event with you.
4. **The Ribbon Cutting & Azalea Queen's Garden Party** - Friday, April 8th, 8:00-11:00am.
5. **Cape Fear Garden Club Azalea Garden Tour** - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 8, 9, 10. Ambassadors are assigned to one 3 hour garden shift each day between 10am-5pm. Some Ambassadors will be asked to do other events related to the Azalea Festival. You must list ANY conflicts that would prevent you from participating during the 3 days of the Garden Tour.
6. **Other Events** - There may be one other event during the week of the Azalea Festival that all Ambassadors will be asked to do. This information will be provided in your acceptance letter and may fall outside of the above dates.

*PLEASE make sure you are able to meet the schedule and you are willing to follow the rules before you apply.

You will be notified regarding the status of your application after December 1st. Thank you for your interest!