

October 5, 2026

Re: YOUNG AMBASSADOR CONTEST

Dear Parents of Three-Year-Old through Kindergarten-Age Children,

Plans are underway for Oskaloosa Main Street's Young Ambassador Contest. One young man and one young lady will once again be chosen as Oskaloosa's Young Ambassadors. If you have a three-year-old to kindergarten-age child, enter them now!



Important things to know:

- The \$5 registration fee will enable us to donate to a local preschool and money raised through the collection banks will help cover the costs of the Ceremony and go towards the Lighted Christmas Parade.
- Your child will be matched with a business that has agreed to be a sponsor. Collection banks will be placed in different locations. If you have a business preference, please contact that business to receive permission.
- The Young Ambassadors will be determined based upon the amount of money collected in each bank.
- Voting begins Monday, October 26, and ends Monday, November 30. All collection banks will be picked up by 9:00 am on November 30 and counted by 11:00 am. No donations are accepted after 11:00 am on November 30.
- The Young Ambassadors will be announced on Monday, November 30 at 6:00 pm at a ceremony held in the center court of the Penn Central Mall.
- All participants will receive a prize at the event. Pictures will be returned to entrants at this event.
- All participants will be invited to be a part of the Main Street Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5, 2025, at 7:00 pm.
- **Ambassador entries will be accepted until 4:00 pm, October 16.**

To enter, submit the items below to Oskaloosa Main Street at the Mahaska Chamber & Development Group office (222 1st Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA 52577), hand-deliver to the 2nd floor of the Nicolet National Bank Drive-thru Building, or email to events@mahaskachamber.org.

- A color photograph of your child (no larger than 3x5 or one that can be cut to size)
- Completed application below
- \$5 registration fee
 - Payment options: cash, Venmo or credit card available.

If you have any questions, contact Amelia De Vries at events@mahaskachamber.org or call the Chamber office at 641-672-2591.

OFFICE ONLY: Date _____ Time _____ Payment _____



Child's name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Circle One: Male/Female

Mailing Address & City _____ Phone Number _____

Parents' Name (first & last) _____

Other Parents' Name (first & last) _____

School Attending _____ Favorite Holiday Song _____

Favorite Activity _____

What they want for Christmas _____

Collection bank preference, if any, location _____ and name of the person you talked to _____ (You must call the business and get ok if you have a preference

Permission to post child's picture on Facebook: Yes ____ No ____