

ABRAZO CHILDREN APPLICATION

2016-2017

The Washington's Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA), in conjunction with the International Good Neighbor Councils (IGNC - Laredo, Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. Mexico) has the privilege of selecting the two young children to represent the United States and Mexico during the WBCA Celebration at the International Bridge Ceremony. If you have any nominations for the **2016-2017 Abrazo Children** please complete this form and return it to the WBCA office by **THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016 NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M.** The Abrazo Children Committee comprised of two members of WBCA and two members of the International Good Neighbor Council (IGNC) will review all applications and make their recommendations to the WBCA Executive Committee. Notices will be sent out to all those who apply letting them know of WBCA's final selection.

REQUIREMENTS

Children **MUST** be between the ages of SEVEN (7) and NINE (9) as of **JUNE 1, 2016**, and their parents, grandparents or family members **MUST be or have been active committee members of either WBCA or IGNC for at least (3) three years**. Additional consideration will be given to applications that include volunteer service on the Bridge Ceremony Committee or other WBCA committees. Applicants **may** be required to interview with the selection committee. PARENTAL APPLICATION APPROVAL AND REVIEW OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ON PAGES FOUR (4) AND FIVE (5) IS REQUIRED.

CHILD'S INFORMATION

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____
MONTH/DAY/YEAR

IS THIS THE CHILD'S FIRST TIME APPLYING? _____ HOW MANY TIMES HAS HE/SHE APPLIED? _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____
CELL

GRADE: _____ SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

ORGANIZATIONS/CLUBS INVOLVED WITH: _____

HOBBIES: _____

FATHER'S INFORMATION

FATHER'S NAME: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

WBCA OR IGNC INVOLVEMENT: _____

HOW LONG: _____

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

WBCA OR IGNC INVOLVEMENT: _____

HOW LONG: _____

FAMILY MEMBER INFORMATION

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER/FAMILY MEMBER: _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

WBCA OR IGNC INVOLVEMENT: _____

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MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER/FAMILY MEMBER: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____

I have read and fully understand the duties and responsibilities and expenses associated with my child representing the WBCA and IGNC as an Abrazo child.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents of selected children should be aware of their obligations and associated expenses. Children will be asked to participate in numerous WBCA approved functions, some being in full costume.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF WBCA APPROVED FUNCTIONS THE CHILDREN WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND: (All events are subject to cancellation or change.)

1. Selection announcement/press conference (*Sunday attire*)
Sometime in August or September - DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED
2. Photo opportunity for the WBCA program book (*Sunday attire*)
TO BE TAKEN IN JULY AT PETER PAN STUDIOS
3. Abrazo Children Reception hosted by IGNC (*Abrazo attire*)
Sometime in January- still being determined
4. Austin/Washington DC Trip to invite state and federal officials to the Celebration (*Abrazo attire*)
This visit may require an overnight stay in Austin/DC. Transportation, hotel, and meal expenses are the responsibility of the parents.
Still being determined
5. Commander's Media Reception (*Abrazo attire*)
Thursday, January 19, 2017 - Laredo Energy Arena
6. Youth Dance Festival (*Casual attire*)
Saturday, February 4, 2017
7. IBC Youth Parade Under the Stars (*Abrazo attire*)
Thursday, February 16, 2017
8. Practice session for the International Bridge Ceremony (*Normal attire*)
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED
9. International Bridge Ceremony (*Abrazo attire*)
Saturday, February 18, 2017
10. Anheuser-Busch Washington's Birthday Parade (*Abrazo attire*)
Saturday, February 18, 2017
11. **ANY other appearances** as official WBCA Abrazo Children in Laredo, or any other city, either in person or in print (i.e. magazine ads, articles, commercials, etc.) are at the request and **approval** of the WBCA. This also applies to any appearances at local schools, sporting functions, and local and out-of-town parades.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF EXPENSES PARENTS OF ABRAZO CHILDREN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

1. Abrazo attire.
(Upon selection, parents must meet with designated committee to discuss and approve Abrazo Costumes.)
2. Travel expenses i.e. transportation, hotel, and meal expenses.
(Expenses associated with out-of-town parades, Austin Trip and/or DC Trip)
3. **Parade Float: The parade float is decorated every three years at the expense of the WBCA. Any additional modifications by the parents will be at their own expense.** Changes must be approved by the WBCA prior to making any modifications.

Parent's Signature: _____

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