

ABRAZO CHILDREN APPLICATION

2020-2021

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 **2020-2021 Abrazo Children** please complete this form and return it to the WBCA office by **THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 by 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, 2020**, 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 THREE (3) IS REQUIRED, PLEASE KEEP A COPY.

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

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____ GRADE: _____

ORGANIZATIONS/CLUBS INVOLVED WITH: _____

HOBBIES: _____

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

MOTHER'S NAME: _____

CELL PHONE#:() E-MAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____ # OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

WBCA OR IGNC INVOLVEMENT: _____

_____ HOW LONG: _____

MOTHER'S FAMILY MEMBER INFORMATION

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER/FAMILY MEMBER: _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____ # OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

WBCA OR IGNC INVOLVEMENT: _____

HOW LONG: _____

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER/FAMILY MEMBER: _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____ # OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

WBCA OR IGNC INVOLVEMENT: _____

HOW LONG: _____

FATHER'S INFORMATION

FATHER'S NAME: _____

CELL PHONE#:(_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____ # OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

WBCA OR IGNC INVOLVEMENT: _____

HOW LONG: _____

FATHER'S FAMILY MEMBER INFORMATION

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER/FAMILY MEMBER _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____ # OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

WBCA OR IGNC INVOLVEMENT: _____

HOW LONG: _____

PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER/FAMILY MEMBER: _____

CURRENT MEMBER OF WBCA/IGNC: _____ # OF YEARS AS MEMBER: _____

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HOW LONG: _____

IF YOU NEED TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE SUBMIT ADDITIONAL SHEET.

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 w/sash*)
Sometime in August or September - DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED
2. Photo opportunity for the WBCA program book (*Sunday attire w/sash*)
TO BE TAKEN IN JULY AT PETER PAN STUDIOS
3. Abrazo Children Reception hosted by IGNC (*Abrazo attire – NO SASH*)
DATE TENTATIVE (Saturday, January 16th at 6 p.m.)– Subject to Change
4. Austin/Washington DC Trip to invite state and federal officials to the Celebration (*Abrazo attire w/sash*)
This visit may require 1 or multiple overnight stays in Austin/DC. Transportation, hotel, and meal expenses are the responsibility of the parents. *Dates still being determined; Austin Trip (last week in January); DC Trip (in March)*
5. Commander’s Media Reception (*Abrazo attire- NO SASH*)
Thursday, January 14, 2021 –Sames Auto Arena
6. WBCA Museum Grand Opening (*Casual attire w/sash*)
Friday, January 22, 2021 (Ribbon cutting ceremony)
7. Youth Song and Dance Festival (*Casual attire w/sash*)
Saturday, February 6, 2021 (Pledge of Allegiance & Assistance w/ Event’s Door Prize Drawings)
8. IBC Youth Parade Under the Stars (*Abrazo attire – NO SASH*)
Thursday, February 18, 2021 – WBCA Float provided for the children to ride on.
9. Practice session for the International Bridge Ceremony (*Normal attire*)
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED
10. International Bridge Ceremony (*Abrazo attire- NO SASH*)
Saturday, February 20, 2021
11. Anheuser-Busch Washington’s Birthday Parade (*Abrazo attire – NO SASH*)
Saturday, February 20, 2021
12. **ANY other appearances** as official “WBCA/IGNC 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/or **approval** of the WBCA. This also applies to any appearances at local schools, sporting functions, and local and out-of-town parades, such as the Fiesta Flambeau Parade in San Antonio (typically in April), for example.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF EXPENSES/MISC DUTIES 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. *Any alterations, embellishments and/or changes of any kind to Abrazo Costumes and/or to Abrazo Sashes also need to be pre-approved by the committee.*)
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.
4. Official WBCA Program Book: Upon selection, Abrazo parents will be asked to provide a contact list of family, friends and Business partners interested in purchasing a congratulatory ad for your child in the Official 2020-2021 WBCA Program Book (Abrazo Children Section). *Deadline to purchase ads for this full-color hard bound yearbook is **Friday, September 4, 2020.** Email [wbca@wbcalaredo.org](mailto:wbcawbcalaredo.org) for details.*

PARENT’S SIGNATURE

DATE