2021 Dairy Princess Candidate Form

Name of Candidate:_____ County:_____

Address:_____ Town_____

Phone number:_____ Email address: _____

Birth Date:_____ Names of Parent or Guardian: _____

Name of plant to which your family/employer/or endorsing farm sells milk to: _____

Eligibility

Individuals are eligible to compete in the Minnesota Dairy Princess Program based on meeting one of the following four criteria. Select which one of the criteria qualifies you as a candidate.

1. _____ Either you, your parents, or guardians must be actively engaged in the production of milk for sale to a licensed plant at some time during the current year prior to the local contest. You still qualify if a brother or sister has taken over the family farm. The farm must contribute to the Minnesota dairy promotion checkoff.
2. _____ Either you, your parents or guardians are employed part time or full time on a dairy farm in a dairy-related capacity. The farm must contribute to the Minnesota dairy promotion checkoff. Your county ADA board has determined you demonstrate reasonable commitment throughout the year. If requested, you could provide verification of this employment.
3. _____ Either you, your parents or guardians care for/and or custom raise dairy cattle that will return to farms who contribute to the Minnesota dairy promotion checkoff.
4. _____ Either you, your parents or guardians own or lease a dairy animal or more that are housed on another dairy farm. You participate on that farm without pay in exchange for the care and housing of those animals. The county ADA board must determine that you demonstrate a reasonable commitment throughout the year and could provide verification of such if requested.

For all of the options above, please provide the following:

Name of the farm that contributes to checkoff: _____
Phone number:_____
Signature of farmer that contributes to checkoff _____

If your family farm or place of employment is in a county different than where your home is based, you may choose to compete in either county, but must choose only one county.

General Candidate Eligibility Checklist (must meet all of the following items)

1. _____ Must be a female U.S. citizen * or female Permanent U.S. Resident**. _____ (County Coordinator initials)
2. _____ Must not have been Princess Kay or a Princess Kay Finalist in any previous year.
3. _____ Must be single, never been married.
4. _____ Must not be pregnant or have had any children at any time prior to the contest or during your reign.
5. _____ Must be a high school graduate and not yet 24 years old on July 1 of the year of the contest. A GED is acceptable.
6. _____ Must not have been convicted of a felony offense involving crimes of moral turpitude (conduct that is considered contrary to community standards of justice, honesty or good morals); be on probation; or any offenses involving the use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco.
7. _____ Must be a genuine user of dairy products and a passionate supporter of the dairy industry.
8. _____ Must not participate or be associated with the sale of raw milk directly to consumers.

'* Must show MN Driver's license, plus U.S. Passport or Birth Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization.
'** Must show MN Driver's license, plus unexpired Permanent Resident Card (also called Form I-551 or Green Card).

CODE OF CONDUCT

Although it is not the purpose or intent of the program to restrict or infringe upon personal freedoms of the dairy princesses, the following Code of Conduct is established to uphold the integrity and success of the Minnesota Dairy Princess Program. Your conduct must be exemplary at all times in accordance with the proper image of a dairy princess. In the event that the Princess Kay Committee determines, at its sole discretion, that your conduct is not in accordance with the foregoing standards, the Committee reserves the right to remove you at any time from your position, whether it be as a candidate or as dairy princess.

In addition to maintaining the eligibility requirements described above, each eligible candidate must adhere to the following Code of Conduct if selected as a dairy princess:

1. _____Project and deliver dairy messages with enthusiasm and positive attitude.
2. _____Be considerate and respectful of other princesses, county ADA members, and other dairy industry leaders.
3. _____Be on time to all scheduled appearance and activities requested.
4. _____Will not receive a conviction of any felony offense involving crimes of moral turpitude; be on probation; or any offenses involving the use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco.
5. _____Will not consume alcohol or tobacco during a princess event.
6. _____Social media activity must include respectable speech and appropriate photos at all times as you are representing the dairy industry to others.
7. _____All body piercings (excluding earrings) and tattoos must be covered during appearances as a dairy princess.
8. _____Clothing should be appropriate and professional for public appearances.

IF selected as a Princess Kay Finalist

- ✓ *You will advance to the Princess Kay Judging Competition on **Aug 23-25, 2021.***
- ✓ *You will attend a two-day development session on **July 8-10, 2021***
- ✓ *You are eligible to compete for a $1,000 scholarship to the college of your choice.*
- ✓ *You will be scheduled to appear in a public relations capacity for at least four days of the **2021** Minnesota State Fair whether or not you win the Princess Kay title. You will not be able to participate in other activities during this time such as FFA and 4-H activities, showing cattle, queen activities for other pageants, or a job which could prohibit you from serving your time during the fair, etc. Princess Kay does sign a contract which states that she will be available for the entire twelve (12) days of the fair and other appearances throughout the year.*

This code of conduct is applicable at all levels of competition. The eligibility rules apply to those competing for Princess Kay of the Milky Way The county ADA board, and when applicable, the Princess Kay Committee, reserves the right to dismiss a dairy princess at their discretion. If there is any question in regard to any of the eligibility rules and code of conduct, the dairy princess candidate or dairy princess should bring that forward to their county coordinator.

I have read and agree to the above eligibility requirements and code of conduct, which applies beginning at my county coronation through the end of my reign as a dairy princess. I understand that my failure to comply with them or falsification of any responses could result in my dismissal if selected as a dairy princess.

Dairy Princess Candidate Name	Candidate Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

I have reviewed the eligibility requirements of this candidate and confirm that she meets these requirements.

County ADA Chair Name	County ADA Chair Signature	Date

(Or other officer if chair is parent, guardian, or employer of candidate. If a county ADA board does NOT exist, then and only then a processor representative of a dairy co-op where a candidate's milk is marketed may sign.)

Please scan and email this form, with appropriate signatures, to princesskaycoordinator@midwestdairy.com by April 15, 2021