



Iowa Dairy Princess Program 2019-20 Eligibility Requirements & Code of Conduct

Name of Candidate: _____

Eligibility

Candidates can compete in the state dairy princess contest representing a county or breed association. A candidate who participated in the 2018-19 state contest who meets all other eligibility requirements may compete again in the 2019-20 contest. Select which one of the criteria qualifies you as a candidate:

_____ I represent a county promotion board or state dairy cattle breed association.

Name of association represented: _____

_____ I was a candidate who participated in the 2018-19 state princess contest representing a county promotion board or state dairy cattle breed association and am eligible to participate in the 2019-20 contest again representing the same association.

Name of association represented: _____

_____ There is not an active dairy promotion board in my county that holds a dairy princess contest. I meet all the eligibility requirements and would like to enter to represent the county where I live. I understand that if more than one candidate from my county applies for the state contest, the Iowa Dairy Princess Advisory Council will make a selection from the written applications.

Name of county represented: _____

Candidates must have an active interest in the Iowa dairy industry. To meet this requirement, you must meet one of the following criteria:

_____ 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 county or breed association contest. You still qualify if a brother or sister has taken over the family farm. The farm must contribute to the Iowa dairy promotion checkoff.

Name of dairy farm: _____

_____ Either you, your parents or guardians must own dairy cattle that are actively engaged in the production of milk for sale to a licensed plant at some time during the current year prior to the county or breed association contest.

Name of farm where cattle are located: _____

Contact name and telephone at dairy farm: _____

_____ Your parents or guardians are employed on a dairy farm. Employment for the parent or guardian must be regular part time or full time (at least 10 hours per week) in the year of the contest. The farm must contribute to the Iowa dairy promotion checkoff.

Name of dairy farm where parent/guardian is employed: _____

Contact name and telephone at dairy farm: _____

_____ You are employed on a dairy farm. Employment must regular part time or full time (at least 10 hours per week) in the year of the contest. The farm must contribute to the Iowa dairy promotion checkoff.

Name of dairy farm where you are employed: _____

Contact name and telephone at dairy farm: _____

General Candidate Eligibility Checklist

Candidates must meet all the following criteria and maintain these requirements throughout reign as Iowa Dairy Princess or Alternate. If there are any questions about these criteria, contact the Program Coordinator. The Midwest Dairy Association – Iowa Division Board has final decision-making authority on any questions of eligibility.

- _____ Must not have been Iowa state dairy princess or Iowa state dairy princess alternate in any previous year.
- _____ Must be single, never married.
- _____ Must not be pregnant or have had any children at any time prior to the contest or during your reign.
- _____ Must be at least 17, but not older than 24 years of age by August 1, 2019.
- _____ Must have completed at least junior year of high school prior to participation in state contest.
- _____ Must not have a felony conviction or be on probation for crimes of moral turpitude (conduct considered contrary to community standards of justice, honesty or good morals); or have any current offenses involving the use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco.
- _____ Must be a genuine user of dairy products and a passionate supporter of the dairy industry.
- _____ Must not participate or be associated with the sale of raw milk directly to consumers.
- _____ Must be an Iowa resident. If the candidate is attending college out of state, she will still qualify if she considers her parent's home her permanent address.

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 Iowa 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 Midwest Dairy Association, the Iowa Dairy Princess Advisory Council, or the Midwest Dairy Association – Iowa Division Board determine that your conduct is not in accordance with the foregoing standards, the Board reserves the right to request additional information and/or remove you at any time from your position, whether it be as a candidate, dairy princess or dairy princess alternate.

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

- _____ Project and deliver dairy messages with enthusiasm and positive attitude
- _____ Be considerate and respectful of other princesses, and other dairy industry leaders
- _____ Be on time to all scheduled appearances and activities requested
- _____ 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.
- _____ Will not consume alcohol or tobacco during a princess event
- _____ Social media activity must include respectable speech and appropriate photos at all times as you are representing the dairy industry to others
- _____ All body piercings (excluding earrings) and tattoos must be covered during appearances as a dairy princess
- _____ Be neat, well-groomed and wear appropriate and professional clothing for all appearances

If selected as the Iowa dairy princess or alternate

- You will receive a \$1,000 scholarship at the end of your reign to be used at the school of your choice.
- You must be willing to enter into an agreement agreeing to serve as Iowa Dairy Princess or Alternate
- You must be willing to reign for an entire year beginning September 1, 2019
- All appearances as Iowa Dairy Princess or Alternate must be approved by the princess program coordinator prior to the event or interview
- You will receive a per diem payment as well as reimbursement for travel, food and lodging at the discretion of Midwest Dairy for approved and scheduled appearances as Dairy Princess or Alternate.

I have read and agree to the above eligibility requirements and code of conduct. 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.

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Parent (if candidate is under 18 years of age)