

Candidates: Register for the May Event

Registration due by April 17, 2026

The May Leadership Event will be held on Friday, May 15, and conclude on Saturday, May 16, 2026, in the Twin Cities. Registration includes lodging and meals. Judging will be held in-person, potentially beginning on Friday evening. *Any candidate wishing to enter the Princess Kay finalist selection judging must be in attendance from 7 p.m. Friday through the conclusion of the event on Saturday (approximately 5 p.m.)* All attendees should submit a code of conduct form to princesskaycoordinator@midwestdairy.com. You may participate in one of three ways while attending the statewide event:

- **Sessions only.** Attend the sessions and do NOT participate in any judging.
- **Not considered.** Participate in the judging process, but NOT be considered as a 2026 Princess Kay finalist.
- **Fully considered.** Participate in the judging process and be a candidate for the 2026 Princess Kay finalist competition.
 - All participants in the Princess Kay of the Milky Way finalist selection (fully considered) **MUST MEET THE STATE PRINCESS PROGRAM RULES and COMPLETE AND SIGN the Dairy Princess Eligibility Form** found in the Minnesota Dairy Princess Handbook
 - Email a scan or photo of the completed form to princesskaycoordinator@midwestdairy.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

I don't want to run for Princess Kay this year. Is there an option to practice the judging process?

Yes! Select "Not considered" when registering.

My county coordinator has all my information. Can she register for me?

No. Attendees of the event should register themselves.

I'm a junior in high school. Can I attend the May Leadership Event?

Not this year. We hope you'll join next year. Participants must be at least a senior in high school.

I registered with "Sessions Only". Do I submit a Dairy Princess Eligibility Form?

No. Only those who are participating in the judging process as "Fully Considered" **must** return a signed form.

I gave my coordinator my Code of Conduct Form. Why do you need it?

While it's likely the same as what your county uses, it's a good reminder to uphold the integrity of the Minnesota Dairy Princess Program.

Who needs to sign my Eligibility form?

Up to five people: your County Coordinator and county chair, the farmer that contributes to checkoff, your parent/guardian, and yourself.

Online Resources for Coordinators

Use these tools to implement your county program. Visit MidwestDairy.com for more.



Minnesota Dairy Princess Handbook

Updated annually and includes important information related to how to host a county contest, May Leadership Event, and Princess Kay of the Milky Way program. Contains detailed information including deadlines and eligibility requirements.



Dairy Princess Flyers

Versions available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Share with farmers, extension agents, 4-H program coordinators, teachers, etc., to encourage young women to learn more about your county princess program.



Past Leadership Sessions

Utilize previously recorded leadership sessions as resources for training the next generation of dairy leaders.



Undeniably Dairy Grants

These competitive grants are for local promotion efforts that reach consumers. Eligible projects showcase that dairy is good for people, the planet and our communities. Grants are available to dairy farmers and farm groups. Funding is subject to availability.



Midwest Dairy Promo Center

Looking for tools to help share your dairy story? Dairy farmers who provide funding to Midwest Dairy are encouraged to take advantage of a wide variety of promotional materials. Please allow two weeks for shipping.