

2026 Dairy Princess Eligibility Form

Candidate Information

Name of Candidate: _____ County*: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Cell Phone number: _____ Email address: _____
Birth Date: _____ Names of Parent or Guardian: _____

Minnesota Dairy Farm Information

For eligibility options below, please provide the following:

Minnesota Farm that contributes to checkoff: _____
Farm Address: _____
Contact Name: _____
Contact phone number: _____
Name of plant to which farm sells milk to: _____

**You can run for county princess in a neighboring county as long as the county's board has been notified and approves your participation in that county's program.*

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.

- _____ 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ Either you, your parents or guardians care for/and or custom raise dairy cattle that will return to farms who contribute to the dairy promotion checkoff.
- _____ 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.

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

Please **initial** each of the following statements regarding eligibility:

- _____ I am a female U.S. citizen¹ or female Permanent U.S. Resident². _____ (County Coordinator initials)
- _____ I have not been Princess Kay or a Princess Kay Finalist in any previous year.
- _____ I am single, never been married.
- _____ I am not pregnant or have not had any children at any time prior to the contest or during my reign.
- _____ I am a high school graduate and 18 years old, but not yet 24 years old on August 1 of the year of the contest. A GED is acceptable.
- _____ I have not, and will not receive a conviction, or be on probation for any offenses involving the use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco.
- _____ I have not, and will not receive a conviction, or be on probation for any felony offense involving conduct that is considered contrary to community standards of justice, honesty, or good morals.
- _____ I am a genuine user of dairy products and a passionate supporter of the dairy industry.
- _____ I do not participate in or am not associated with the sale of raw milk directly to consumers.

¹ Must show MN Driver's license or neighboring state* driver's license and MN high school transcript, plus U.S. Passport or Birth Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization. *Only Midwest Dairy states without an active Princess Program.

² Must show MN Driver's license or neighboring state* driver's license and MN high school transcript, plus unexpired Permanent Resident Card (also called Form I-551 or Green Card). *Only Midwest Dairy states without an active Princess Program.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please reach out to Janet Bremer at princesskaycoordinator@midwestdairy.com.

Statement of Disclosure

Princess Kay may not hold any other state titles of state leadership positions. Please disclose the following:

1. Do you currently hold other state titles (i.e. State FFA office, livestock royalty, etc.) Yes No
 - a. If yes, list all titles: _____
 - b. If selected as a top 10 finalist and named Princess Kay, I agree to resign my other state leadership positions immediately upon coronation Yes No

IF selected as a Princess Kay Finalist

- ✓ You are eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of your choice.
- ✓ You will attend a two-day development session on **July 9-10, 2026**
- ✓ You will advance to the Princess Kay Judging Competition on **August 24-26, 2026**
- ✓ You will be scheduled to appear in a public relations capacity for at least four days of the 2026 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.

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 regarding any of the eligibility rules, 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 which apply beginning at my county coronation through the end of my reign as a dairy princess. I understand that falsification of any responses could result in my dismissal if selected as a dairy princess.

Dairy Princess Candidate Name	Candidate Signature	Date
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Optional if candidate is over 18 Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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Farmer contributing to checkoff Name	Farmer Signature	Date
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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
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(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 17, 2026**