

OFFICIAL STATE CONTEST RULES & ELIGIBILITY

Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Program

Any girl who has successfully entered and won a county or regional contest this current year is eligible to compete in the State Contest. Each county or region may enter one finalist in the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador (ODPA) Contest.

1. To enter a county contest, a girl must be:
 - a. At least 17 years of age; a high school senior at the time of the county contest; and not over 23 as of June 1.
 - b. Single, never been married or had a child; and, if not living at home, she must not be currently co-habiting.
 - c. A candidate must qualify in one of the following areas:
 - Lived or worked on a dairy farm or facility at some time during her life for any period of time. She does not have to reside on a dairy farm at present.
 - Is the daughter of any person employed full-time on an operating dairy farm.
 - A 4-H or FFA member who had a dairy cattle project or projects including raising a heifer calf to the point of milk production.
 - Is the daughter of any person presently employed full-time as owner or employee of a milk processing plant or milk distributor.
 - Any doubt of eligibility will be determined by the Oregon Dairy Women.
 - d. A resident of the state of Oregon or a resident during the 12 months prior to date of contest entry. If living out of state, then must be a FULL TIME college student.
 - e. Complete the health information form.
 - f. Willing to sign a photographic release for publicity purposes.
 - g. Present a signed statement from her parents or guardian giving consent to enter the contest, if the candidate is under 21 years of age.
 - h. Be in possession of a valid driver's license, have the use of a reliable vehicle and proof of adequate insurance.
 - i. Maintain a neat, professional appearance that reflects a positive, wholesome image for the dairy industry. Shall refrain from the use of clothing or other forms of personal adornment, including, but not limited to tattoos and body piercing that are not consistent with the image of the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Program.
2. Finalists must be selected in their areas (counties) during the current year. Any girl who has not previously served as the ODPA is eligible to compete in the State Contest; however, no candidate is allowed to enter the State Contest more than twice.
3. The ODPA will agree to sign a contract with the Oregon Dairy Women. She will be readily available to attend various events and functions as a dairy industry representative during the year she serves as ODPA. Travel is usually scheduled to avoid exams if the Princess Ambassador is attending school, but certain events may cause her to alter her personal plans and adjust school or work schedules. The contestant must be made aware of her need to travel if awarded the title and express her ability to do so.
4. County or regional candidates must be selected by the guidelines set forth by the Oregon Dairy Women.

5. County candidates must file the original copy of the (A) complete entry form, (B) health information form and the (C) photo release form with their county unit, prior to the county contest. Forms must then be forwarded to the State Director within 10 days of the county selection process.
6. Insurance forms will be distributed and collected prior to the State Contest.
7. County Contest Committees are responsible for all phases and costs of their respective contest.
8. Each county princess must be accompanied to the State Contest by an advisor. Members of the candidate's immediate family (mother/step-mother, grandmother, sister, etc.) are not eligible to serve as an advisor.
9. The Oregon Dairy Women are responsible for all costs of the State Contest (including food and lodging for finalists and advisors) except travel expenses to and from the State Contest, which is the responsibility of county units. Candidates and advisors will be covered by a \$5,000 accident insurance policy while traveling to, during, and returning home from the State Contest by the Oregon Dairy Women. All costs will be within the approved budget.
10. Selection of the judges for the State Contest and manner and method of judging will rest solely within the discretion of the Princess Ambassador Committee.
11. The ODPAs become the responsibility of the Oregon Dairy Women upon her selection. All costs involved in her appearances are approved and paid by the Oregon Dairy Women. Scheduling of appearances will be handled exclusively by the ODPAs State Director. The State Director will be the official advisor for all functions. If the Director is not available, another Oregon Dairy Woman may act as official advisor for that function. The substitute advisor will be paid for expenses and mileage. All costs will be within the approved budget.
12. If the ODPAs should marry or otherwise become unable to perform the duties of her position, the title will pass to the candidate selected by the judges as the First Alternate. Unused portions of her wardrobe allotment and other awards given at the close of her reign would pass to the First Alternate.
13. All units are to notify the State Director with the date of their county contest by May 1.
14. Any candidate working or going to college in any county other than her own may compete as a Princess Ambassador in that county when there is mutual agreement between the two counties. However, it is recommended that a Princess Ambassador apply in her home county.
15. The Oregon Dairy Women will make final decisions in any case not covered by the Official State Contest Rules.
16. Candidate will receive a schedule of ODPAs Contest events and information by November 1.
17. Any questions concerning the ODPAs State Program should be directed to State Director, the chair, or the committee for the ODPAs Program.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Signature of County Director _____

Date _____