

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 and a senior in high school; at the time of the county contest; and not over 23 as of June 1.
 - b. Applicants, DPA's and ODPA's may not be married, divorced or pregnant, nor have children, never been married or had a child; and, if not living at home, she must not be cohabitating.
 - c. A candidate must qualify in one of the following areas:
 - 1) 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.
 - 2) Is the daughter of any person employed full-time on an operating dairy farm.
 - 3) 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.
 - 4) Is employed or the daughter of any person presently employed full-time as owner or employee of a milk processing plant or milk distributor or in a dairy-related industry.
 - 5) 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 media release for publicity purposes.
 - g. A completed application signed by both applicant and parent or guardian.
 - h. Be in possession of a valid driver's license, have the use of a reliable vehicle and proof of adequate insurance.
 - i. I will maintain a neat, professional appearance that reflects a positive, wholesome; image for the dairy industry and I agree to refrain from the use of clothing or other forms of adornment, including, but not limited to, tattoos and body piercing that are not consistent with the image of the ODPA. All visible tattoos will be covered at all times. All piercings will be removed with the exception of ear piercings. The Oregon Dairy Women's Princess Committee, acting through the Program State Director, reserves the right to determine compliance with ALL requirements.
 - j. Code of Ethics: Serving as a Dairy Princess Ambassador is both an honor and responsibility. As I desire to be a part of this Program, I also acknowledge and accept the following Code of Ethics: I agree not to use tobacco, marijuana, alcohol or illegal drugs. Further, if I am selected as a Dairy Princess Ambassador, I agree that my conduct and behavior as the Dairy Princess Ambassador will at all times reflect the wholesome, health giving and positive attitudes the role should convey.
 - k. I will remember that at **ALL** times I am a spokesperson/representative of the Oregon Dairy Industry. I agree that photos and language will be appropriate in regards to both personal and DPA-related social media accounts. No photos will have overt public displays of affection. The Oregon Dairy Women reserve the right to decide what is appropriate and may ask for it to be removed if it is deemed inappropriate. Therefore the State Director must have access and final approval of any/all internet related pages. For example: Facebook, Pinterest, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, etc., which I may have. If I create a new social media account of any kind I will notify the State Director immediately.

- I. Honesty is the standard. We expect honesty in all cases at all times.
 - m. The County DPA, State ODPA and First Alternate ODPA Contract(s) are addendums to this application and are both active in conjunction of each other.
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. If crowned First Alternate ODPA and would like to compete again for the state title, the candidate must wait one year after reign.
3. The ODPA will agree to sign a contract appropriate of the level of participation with the Oregon Dairy Women. She will be readily available to attend various events and functions including weekends and evenings. School schedule is taken into consideration.
4. County candidates must file the original copy of the (A) complete entry form, (B) health information form and the (C) Media 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 accident insurance policy while traveling to, during, and returning home from the State Contest by the Oregon Dairy Women. Other state activities are covered under the same accident insurance policy. All costs will be within the approved budget.
7. 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.
8. The ODPA becomes 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 ODPA State Director. The State Director will be the official advisor for all functions.
9. 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.
10. Any questions concerning the ODPA State Program should be directed to State Director, the chair, or the committee for the ODPA Program.
11. The Oregon Dairy Women will have final decisions over the Dairy Princess Ambassador Program.
12. If the ODPA 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 ODPA or next in line at the discretion of the Oregon Dairy Women.
13. It is agreed that the Oregon Dairy Women, its membership, including the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Committee, the Dairy Princess Ambassador Advisor and the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador State Director, will be held harmless from any legal action which may result from their sponsorship or management of the Dairy Princess Ambassador Program.