



## Official Rules and Eligibility of the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Program

1. To enter a county contest, all candidates must:
  - a. Be 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. May not be married, divorced or pregnant, nor have children, never been married or had a child.
  - c. Qualify in one of the following areas:
    - i. Lived or worked on a dairy farm or facility at some time during her life for any period of time. She does not presently have to reside on a dairy.
    - ii. Is the daughter or granddaughter of any person owning or employed full-time on an operating dairy farm.
    - iii. A 4-H or FFA member who had/has a dairy cattle project, participated in dairy cattle evaluation or milk quality and products career development event.
    - iv. 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.
    - v. Has volunteered a minimum of 20 hours per year for at least two consecutive years for the Oregon Dairy Women or a county unit.
    - vi. Final decisions regarding qualifications will be determined by the Oregon Dairy Women, potential candidates may petition any of the above eligibility requirements by submitting a letter to the Oregon Dairy Women no later than March 1 of the year the candidate intends to compete.
  - d. Reside in the state of Oregon or be 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. 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. It is recommended that a candidate apply in her home county. If selected for state dairy princess ambassador it is required to reside in the state of Oregon for the duration of the contract. Alternate ambassador(s) are recommended to reside in Oregon.
  - e. Be willing to sign a media release for publicity purposes and complete a health information form.
  - f. Submit a completed application signed by both applicant and parent or guardian.
  - g. Be in possession of a valid driver's license, have the use of a reliable vehicle and proof of adequate insurance.
  - h. Sign and agree to the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Program Code of Conduct
2. Each county or region may enter one finalist in the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Contest annually. Eligible representatives of a county or region include:
  - Any candidate who has not previously served as the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador
  - Any candidates that have not entered the State Contest more than twice previously
  - Former Alternate Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassadors must have a one year between between running for the state title.



### 3. State Contest Rules

- a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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.
  - d. Once selected, the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador becomes the responsibility of the Oregon Dairy Women. All costs involved in her appearances are approved and paid by the Oregon Dairy Women. Scheduling of appearances and coordination of advisors will be handled exclusively by the State Director.
4. If a dairy princess ambassador becomes ineligible at any time during participation in the program, she will be asked to resign from her position and return all property of the Oregon Dairy Women.

Any questions concerning the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Program should be directed to State Director. The Oregon Dairy Women, its membership, including the Oregon Dairy Princess Ambassador Committee, 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.