

GUIDELINES FOR LARIMER COUNTY 4-H DAIRY ROYALTY

The Larimer County 4-H dairy royalty program is looking for candidates enthusiastic about the 4-H dairy project to serve as junior leaders and ambassadors.

Larimer County 4-H Dairy Royalty is open to all genders.

Candidate eligibility

Age: Applicants must be between 12 and 16 4-H years old as of January 1 of the 4-H year in which they apply.

Applicants must have completed two years in the 4-H dairy project before applying. The selected candidate starts as junior dairy royalty at the fair, then becomes Queen or King at the second fair, holding the title until it's passed on at the third fair. Continuous enrollment in the dairy project is required throughout. Applicants must be willing to commit to this time frame.

Personal status: All contestants must be single, never married, and never pregnant nor fathered a child. In addition, they must not live in inappropriate situations such as cohabitating with any member of the opposite sex that is not a family or extended family member.

Personal Conduct: Individuals are required to maintain exemplary standards of behavior. The policy strictly prohibits the use of alcohol, drugs, or participation in inappropriate activities; violations may result in loss of title. The use of profanity is strictly prohibited.

Individuals should demonstrate respect, diligence, and integrity at all times. A willingness to assist with any function when requested is expected. Professionalism, positivity, and enthusiasm should be demonstrated consistently. When representing the organization at events or elsewhere, individuals must remain courteous, respectful, approachable, and exhibit strong herdsmanship.

Contest and selection process

Dairy queen or king candidates are chosen based on specific criteria in a contest or application.

Public speaking: Contestants may be asked to give presentations or speeches to show communication abilities.

Project knowledge: Knowledge of the 4-H dairy project may be evaluated using quizzes or interviews.

Poise and Personality: The capacity to serve as an effective ambassador for the 4-H dairy project is essential. The ability of an individual to project one's personality under any circumstances, to show a friendly and sincere interest in people, knowledge of 4-H and awareness of current events is essential.

Duties and expectations

Once selected, dairy royalty becomes an official representative as a junior leader for the Larimer County 4-H dairy project.

Public Appearances: The key role is to promote the 4-H dairy project at events during the year and other approved opportunities. If you wish to represent Dairy Royalty at an event not listed, please seek approval.

Required events are as follows.

- Attend 4-H Open House in October
- Attend all our dairy workshops (Jan-April). Will need to come early to help set up, greet attendees and assist at workshop.
- Attend MQA (Meat Quality Assurance) to help 4-H members
- Hand out awards and ribbons at the Greeley Dairy Extravaganza in June
- Hand out awards and ribbons during the Larimer County Fair Dairy Show
- Be available to work the Jr. Livestock Sale at the Larimer County Fair
- Assist at Round Robin Workshop with the dairy cattle
- Look for other ways to promote the dairy industry in Colorado

Dress code: Clothing should be professional and modest, helping to create a positive first impression and project respect.

- This includes a clean shirt and pants or jeans, typically with boots and neatly styled hair. Ladies can wear modest dress on occasions if not handling cattle. Blouses and tops should not be low cut. Cleavage as well as midriffs and backs must be always covered— A sweater or jacket can be added to a top or dress with thin straps to make it appropriate. Inappropriate attire includes tank tops; midriff tops; shirts with potentially offensive words, terms, logos, pictures, cartoons or slogans; halter-tops; tops with bare shoulders or plunging necklines.

****Royalty gear, including a crown and sash, is required when attending events as a representative.**

- Crown can be worn on a hat or on hair.
- If crown or sash gets damaged or lost, it is up to title holder to replace it.

Transportation: will be arranged by the parents or legal guardian, except when the Title holder possesses a valid driver's license.

Compensation: there is no compensation for appearance fees, attire or travel.

HAVE FUN!