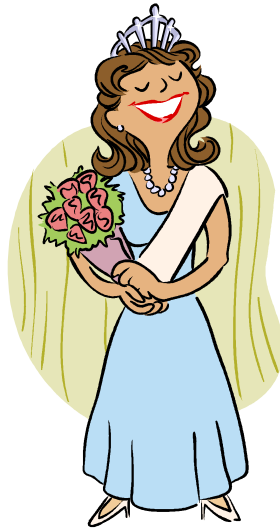


# GREEN COUNTY DAIRY QUEEN'S CANDIDATES HANDBOOK



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# **GREEN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CHEST, INC.**

## **ORGANIZATION:**

- Green County Ag Chest was organized on May 1, 1958 by people interested in establishing a united fund to finance and support county activities suggested by people and the Green County Extension Office.
- The Ag Chest was incorporated in February 1963.

## **OJBECTIVE:**

- The promotion of Green County, its products, its resources, and its people, especially youth and youth activities involved with home economics and agriculture.

## **MEMBERS:**

- Any person is welcome to attend the Ag Chest meetings and take place in activities.
- Board of Directors: Officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, 3 elected members at large (directors), and (ex-officio) County Chairpersons.

# **GUIDELINES FOR DAIRY QUEEN PROGRAM**

## **PURPOSE:**

- To promote each community in Green County.
- To promote Green County as a whole-its resources, its industries, and its people-especially the youth and youth organizations.

## **SPONSOR:**

- Green County Agricultural Chest, Inc.

## **ROLE:**

- The Green County Queen and Princess are the official hostesses for the Green County Ag Chest.
- The Community Dairy Queens are hostesses in their communities.
- All Dairy Queens are responsible for keeping the public informed regarding the objective of the Green County Ag Chest.

## **PARTICIPATING QUEENS:**

- Green County Dairy Queen
- Green County Dairy Princess
- Albany Dairy Queen
- Argyle Dairy Queen
- Belleville Dairy Queen
- Blanchardville Dairy Queen
- Brodhead Dairy Queen
- Brooklyn Dairy Queen
- Browntown Dairy Queen
- Juda Dairy Queen
- Monroe Dairy Queen
- Monticello Dairy Queen
- New Glarus Dairy Queen

## **RULES FOR SELECTING COMMUNITY DAIRY QUEENS:**

- All candidates in each of the participating eleven communities shall be judged.
- Candidates must either attend high school, or reside in the Community/Township, or have a phone number in the community they wish to represent.
- Candidates must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school for the year they will be serving as Queen.
- Candidates will not be married, have been married, and will not have had a child or become pregnant while serving as Dairy Queen.
- Candidates can only compete in one community.
- No candidate shall be eligible if she already holds another annual crown and banner.
- Any candidate chosen as Community Dairy Queen and not fulfilling the obligation/requirements will lose her crown and may be replaced with the next runner-up of her community.
- A candidate may enter the contest more than one year if all eligibility requirements are met.
- All community candidates will be judged on 1 day and at the same location. The results will be kept by the Green County Queen Chairperson and revealed on the day of the community crowning. The first community queen crowning can take place after the Breakfast on the Farm and before the last Monday prior to Dairy Days.

## **RULES OF SELECTING COUNTY DAIRY QUEEN AND PRINCESS:**

- Each community Queen is automatically a candidate for Green County Dairy Queen and Princess and must attend the all-day judging, Queen's Banquet, and Green County Dairy Day Parade.
- Community Queens will be notified of time and place of judging.
- A panel of "out of county" judges will interview all candidates.
- Announcement of Green County Dairy Queen and Princess will follow the Dairy Day festivities.
- The Community Dairy Queens chosen as Green County Dairy Queen and Princess will become the official hostesses of the Green County Ag Chest. Both young ladies may be requested to represent Green County at county and state activities.

- At the time the Green County Queen and Green County Princess are chosen 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up is also chosen. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-ups are not disclosed unless they are needed.
- If, for any reason, the Green County Dairy Queen and Princess cannot finish their term, succession will take place in the following manner:
  1. Green County Dairy Princess will assume the Green County Dairy Queen position and first runner up shall assume the position of Green County Princess.
  2. If the Green County Dairy Princess cannot complete her duties, the first runner up will become Green County Dairy Princess.
  3. If the first runner up becomes Green County Dairy Princess, her community's first runner up becomes Community Dairy Queen.

**QUEEN RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- All Dairy Queens need a working knowledge of Green County and its resources, the dairy and other agricultural industries, and the Green County Ag Chest.
- Each Community Dairy Queen should have a working knowledge and awareness of her community and the activities that are developing in the community.
- Each Community Dairy Queen with the Community Chairperson should find promotional activities within her own community a minimum of 4 times per year.
- All Dairy Queens are expected to attend monthly meetings of the Ag Chest, introduce their chaperone, and give a report on the past months activities and any upcoming activities. Queens are expected to attend the meeting in its entirety. If unable to attend, please notify your Community Chairperson and/or County Chairperson prior to the meeting.
- All Dairy Queens are expected to do radio and newspaper reports when scheduled to do so.

**CROWN AND BANNER RULES:**

- Each Community Dairy Queen and the County Dairy Queen and Princess receives a crown and banner to wear at all functions. When her year is over, it is hers to keep.
- Queens shall not wear crown/banner while dancing or while riding in cars unless given special permission.
- You are responsible for replacing your crown if lost, stolen, or broken.

- The County Dairy Queen and Princess and Community Queens should wear crown and banner at every Ag Chest meeting. If you forget your crown and banner you will not be allowed to give your monthly report.
- Queens should wear their banner on the right shoulder so that the letters read downward. No more than 2 small pins-not including your name pin-can be placed on your banner. In the event that your banner becomes soiled, please clean with spot remover. Wear name tag at all times.
- Queens will not use their cell phones while they are working an activity. Talking or texting while working with people is rude. If you need to use your phone, please excuse yourself and go where you are not seen by the group. (example-away from window in trailer to back of trailer)
- When wearing crown and banner a Queen may NOT be accompanied by a boyfriend.

### **CHAPERONES:**

- The Dairy Queens must **ALWAYS** be chaperoned by an adult when serving in an official capacity as a representative of the Green County Ag. Chest. A chaperone may be any interested person from the community, must be at least 18 years of age, graduated from high school, and is not a boyfriend.
- Chaperones and Queens must always be aware of where the other is at all times.
- Chaperones may be actively chaperoning more than 1 queen at a time. Arrangements should be made prior to arriving at the event. (i.e. do not arrive at an event hoping that someone will agree to be your chaperone.)
- When attendance at an event boyfriends will not accompany you even when a chaperone is not needed.

### **EVENTS:**

- County Dairy Queen and/or Princess should notify the County Chairperson/Co-Chairperson of an event she is attending as an Ag Chest hostess. Community Queen shall notify their Community Chairperson.
- The Queens who represent the Ag Chest may accept a gift as a token of appreciation for appearance, but cannot accept money for an appearance. Money given to a Community Dairy Queen for an appearance in an official capacity should be forwarded to the Community Chairperson for future community promotion. Money given to the Dairy Queen and/or Princess should be donated to the Green County Ag Chest for future promotion.
- No Queen shall miss school to do an appearance without permission from their parents and school.

- **HELPFUL HINTS:**

- When riding in a parade in an open convertible, take off your shoes so that the seat upholstery doesn't become punctured and sit on a pillow or large blanket.
- When making appearances in parades, etc., apply lip gloss to lips. This makes it easier to smile!
- When riding in a parade it is not permissible to yell, shout, or throw things. (including kisses)
- Always have money with you. Accidents do happen and it always best to be prepared.
- Follow rules 100%-act like a lady whether your crown is on or off-you are always being watched within your community and at other events.

**DRESS CODE:**

- Dress or skirts must hang at least to the knee or below. Skirts may not ride below the waist and should not be extremely form fitting. If you wear a gauzy, light colored skirt, you need to wear a slip as long as your skirt. No jean skirts allowed. Remember to sit like a lady!!
- When wearing a skirt, your blouse must be either tucked in or hang past the top of your skirt. It is NOT permissible for your midriff to show. Be aware of the fact that your shirt may rise or shift when you are moving about.
- Make sure that your top is cut in a manner that your cleavage does not show. Again, remember that while moving about, bending over, and working in the Ag Chest trailers your top will fit differently than standing straight up. Also, make sure that your top is not so tight that it clings to you.
- Splits in dresses should not go above the knee when sitting down unless an inlay is added so no leg above the knee is showing.
- **Dress slacks** should be worn with questionable weather (weather below 20 degrees), at the Green County Breakfast on the Farm and with the approval of the County and/or Community Chairpersons. Dress slacks will be worn at the waist and will be worn with the Queen Jacket, blazer, or nice blouse/sweater. Business attire. **NO SHORTS OR JEANS ALLOWED.**
- **FORMAL ATTIRE:** It is appropriate for queens to wear formal attire for parades, the Queen's banquet, and other similar events. Formals should be chosen carefully-please use common sense and if in doubt, check with your chairperson. Fingering gloves **must** be worn in parades. Queen shall not wear strapless and an off the shoulder type dresses. The backs of the dresses should not be lower than the mid back. Be reasonable; consult your county or community chairperson if a gown is questionable.

- Green County Dairy Queen and Princess must wear at least 75% green (preferable the top half if a skirt and blouse are worn.) Community Queens **should not** wear green.
- Nylons optional.
- SHOES: Comfortable shoes should be worn at all times. You will be on your feet for extended periods of time so be sure your shoes fit properly. Sneakers/Tennis shoes and flip flops (even thick soled ones or ones with adornments) **are not acceptable** shoes to be worn at any events where you are in crown and banner. Exceptions with the County Queen Chairperson approval.

**DRESS CODE CONTINUED:**

- FACIAL PIERCINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED; UNLESS A NOSEPLUG CAN COVER THE HOLE. This includes nose rings, pierced eyebrows, and pierced lips. If the nose is pierced, a retainer maybe used in its place.
- Ear piercing. No more than 3 earrings should be in the ear while wearing the crown and banner.
- No Hickeys allowed.
- TATTOOS must be covered at ALL times.
- A \$150.00 dress allowance will be given to all Queens to be used wisely for **Queen Appropriate Clothing.**
- IF YOU COME TO AN EVENT/MEETING DRESSED INPROPERLY, YOU WILL BE SENT HOME. ANYTHING QUESTIONABLE MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE WORN AT ANY EVENTS WHERE YOU WEAR YOUR CROWN AND BANNER.
- IF IN DOUBT-CHECK IT OUT!!! GETTING APPROVAL WILL MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR ALL INVOLVED.

**RULES FOR REMOVAL OF CROWNS AND BANNERS:**

*COUNTY QUEEN, PRINCESS, AND COMMUNITY QUEENS ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES APPROPRIATELY AT ALL TIMES. IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFENSES ARE COMMITTED, THE QUEEN WILL FORFEIT HER CROWN, BANNER, IS REQUIRED TO REFUND THE \$150.00 DRESS ALLOWANCE PLUS THE COST OF HER GREEN COUNTY AG CHEST JACKET.*



- Use, possession, buying or selling of intoxicating beverages, tobacco, or controlled substances or look alike. (Under the legal age of 21, alcoholic beverages are illegal.)
- School suspension. This must be reported and reviewed by county and community chairperson.
- Pleading guilty to a criminal act or conviction of a criminal act as determined by the courts.
- Attending a party, being in a vehicle or tavern (unless accompanied by a parent) where alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances are present. This will be considered grounds for removal of crown and banner even if the Queen is not consuming alcoholic beverages or controlled substances. Any Queen attending a gathering where alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are present or being used illegally will be considered in violation of the Green County Ag Chest code except as follows:
  1. Attendance at an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in addition to food/recreation services (restaurants, bowling alley)
  2. Attendance at family gatherings, including weddings, where alcoholic beverages are available to people over 21 years old and the Queen does NOT consume alcoholic beverages.
  3. Participation in religious observances.
- Become pregnant or get married.

***IF A QUEEN IS SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING THE GREEN COUNTY AG CHEST RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE FOLLOWING STEPS WILL BE TAKEN:***

1. Green County Ag Chest officers/board will request a meeting with the Queen, her parents/guardians and the Community/County Chairpersons to review the offense.
2. If the Green County Ag Chest officers/board finds that the Queen has violated the rules, the Queen will be released from her duties and it will be up to their discretion if the Queen will return her crown, banner, \$150.00 dress allowance, and cost of Ag Chest jacket within a period of 1 week.
3. The Queen's runner up will be offered the opportunity to assume the duties of the released queen.
4. In the event there is no replacement for a community queen, the Green County Dairy Queen and/or Princess will be the official representative for the community.