

# *National Ayrshire Princess Contest*

## Rules

1. Each candidate must be a junior member in good standing of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association.
2. A candidate must be between the ages of 16-21 by December 31 of the current year.
3. Each candidate must enter on an official entry blank, signed by her parent or guardian.
4. Each candidate, (or her state association, if applicable), is responsible for her own expenses in conjunction with the contest.
5. Candidates will be judged by a committee on poise, personal appearance, general intelligence, speaking ability and knowledge and experience with Ayrshires.
6. Each candidate must sign a National Ayrshire Princess Code of Conduct Form.
7. The princess shall conform to all the rules and regulations outlined in the Rules of Conduct.
8. The Princess must provide her own chaperone for events particularly if she is less than 18 years of age.
9. The princess's responsibilities include being at the National Convention (both the year she is selected and the following year for the crowning of the new princess) and attending at least one National Junior Show (i.e. Eastern States, Harrisburg, Madison, or Louisville) and is encouraged to attend as many as possible.
10. Expenses incurred during the commission of National Princess Duties during her reign will be the responsibility of the individual and/or her family. The National Princess will receive \$500 for the Ayrshire Youth Fund to help with travel expenses. \$250 will be paid after she attends one national show with the balance being paid following the National Convention where her reign is concluded. The National Princess is permitted to obtain sponsorship from individuals and state organizations to assist with travel expenses.
11. All applicants must be available to assist with youth activities at the National Convention, including the Youth Fun Auction, or as requested by Youth Committee members.

# National Ayrshire Princess Contest Application Form

Application deadline: May 15, 2009

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Current Address:

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Telephone:

Birthdate:

Age:

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Parent or Guardian

Name:

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Parent or Guardian

Address:

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School and/or current

employment:

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Name and address of local

paper(s):

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Farm

Name:

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Number of registered Ayrshires applicant owns:

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Hobbies & Interests

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Activities

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Special Honors

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## Code of Conduct Form

1. The National Ayrshire Princess shall represent the Ayrshire Association at all times when on official public appearances that have been approved by the Ayrshire Youth Committee, and shall abide by the following guidelines:
  - a. She shall promote the Ayrshire Association, the Ayrshire cow and her product.
  - b. She shall uphold the highest ideals of ladylike conduct, dress, poise and personality
  - b. She shall not consume any alcoholic beverages while representing the Ayrshire Association at any Ayrshire function.
2. The selection of the Ayrshire Princess is limited to single candidates, never married and never had a child. A candidate must be between the ages of 16-21 by December 31 of the current year. In the event the National Ayrshire Princess marries during the year of her reign, she shall be expected to forfeit her title to the first runner-up.
3. The National Ayrshire Princess Banner and Crown shall be accessorial if the attire and occasion suggest. The National Ayrshire Princess shall avoid informal attire as much as possible on official occasions of official representations.

If, for any reason, the National Ayrshire Princess cannot uphold the above standards, she will be expected to forfeit her title to the first runner-up upon notification by the Youth Committee.

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I have read the Code of Conduct for the Ayrshire Princess Contest and promise that if I am selected as the National Ayrshire Princess, I will abide by the Code of Conduct with the understanding that any violation may result in the forfeit of my title.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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I have read this application and certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information is correct.

Parent's Signature

Date

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***Please answer the following questions (500 words or less each) on a separate page, typed, double-spaced:***

1. Outline your affiliation with Ayrshires, your involvement with your herd, and your involvement with the breed.
2. Explain how you have benefited from your experiences with Ayrshires.
3. Explain why you would like to be the National Ayrshire Princess and how you feel that you can help promote the breed.
4. What are your future plans?
5. What should the Ayrshire breed emphasize to stay competitive in the dairy industry today?

Submit completed application, signed Code of Conduct, a personal commentary to be read at the National Ayrshire Association Banquet, and two black and white photographs of application by **May 15, 2009** to:

**Ayrshire Breeders Association  
1224 Alton Darby Creek, Suite B  
Columbus, OH 43228**

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