

58th Annual National Guernsey Queen Contest

RULES

1. Each candidate must be a member in good standing of a state Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association, if there is one in her state; and be a youth member of the American Guernsey Association.
2. Each candidate must have been selected in a statewide contest in her own state if there is one.
3. A candidate must be born between or on the following dates: January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2006
4. Each candidate must enter on an official entry blank, signed by her parent or guardian and by the president of the state Guernsey Association, if there is one in her state.
5. Each candidate, or state association, is responsible for her own expenses in connection with the contest.
6. Candidates will be judged by a committee of three, and will be judged on poise, professionalism, general intelligence, speaking ability and knowledge and experience with Guernseys.
7. **The candidates will be required to participate in the Public Speaking contest, which will also serve as part of the selection process. All queen contestants will participate in the Senior Division regardless of actual age.** Rules for the speech contest are attached to this application.
8. The candidate scoring the highest will be named National Guernsey Queen. The next candidate scoring the highest will be designated the National Guernsey Princess. The contest portions will be weighted the following way: Application – 20 points, Impromptu Question – 30 points, Observance – 50 points, Interview – 100 points, Speech – 50 points, Writing Prompt – 15 points, Knowledge Exam – 50 points, Informal Interviews – 30 points
9. A completed application for the contest and one-color photograph must be submitted to the American Guernsey Association, 1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd., Suite G, Columbus, OH 43228 **not later than March 31, 2024.**
10. Each candidate must sign a National Guernsey Queen Code of Conduct Form.
11. If selected as Queen or Princess, the winners will be expected to fulfill duties at the three National Shows in Harrisburg, Madison and Louisville at the expense of the AGA Youth Fund. They will also be expected to attend next year's National Convention.

National Guernsey Queen Contest Application Form

Application deadline ~ March 31, 2024

Name: _____

Temporary Address: _____

Until: / /

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Address: _____

School and/or current employment: _____

Farm Name: _____

Number of registered Guernseys applicant owns:

Cows: _____ Heifers: _____ Calves: _____

Give some background on your home farm:

NATIONAL GUERNSEY QUEEN CONTEST APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline ~ March 31, 2024

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE NATIONAL GUERNSEY QUEEN

1. The National Guernsey Queen shall represent The American Guernsey Association at all times when on official public appearances which have been approved by the Executive Secretary or a representative s/he has designated, and shall abide by the following guidelines:

- a) She shall promote The American Guernsey Association, the Guernsey cow and her product.
- b) She shall uphold the highest ideals of professional conduct, dress, poise and personality.
- c) She shall not consume any alcoholic beverages while representing The American Guernsey Association at any Guernsey function.
- d) When public appearances have been approved, she shall attend planned functions of the host relating to Guernsey affairs in general. She shall not use the title of National Guernsey Queen out of context of Guernsey interests for personal gain.
- e) She will be expected to clear any appearance with the Executive Secretary or a representative s/he has designated, if she has a doubt relative to participation.

2. The selection of a National Guernsey Queen is limited to candidates between or on January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2006.

3. The National Guernsey Queen Banner and Crown shall be accessorial if the attire and occasion suggest. The National Guernsey Queen shall avoid informal attire as much as possible on occasions of official representations.

If, for any reason, the National Guernsey Queen cannot uphold the above standards, she will be expected to forfeit her title to the first runner-up upon notification by the Executive Secretary of The American Guernsey Association.

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

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

State Guernsey Club President's Signature _____ Date _____

Submit completed application, signed Code of Conduct and a color photograph of applicant by **March 31, 2024, to: American Guernsey Association, 1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd., Suite G, Columbus, OH 43228.**

1. Briefly summarize your dairy cattle experiences (showing, judging, 4-H or FFA project work, awards, offices held, etc.) Please include only highlights of your career and do not exceed one TYPED page attached to this application form.
2. List the most important school, church and civic activities in which you have participated. Please limit your TYPED response to one page or less.
3. How have you been involved in your home farm operation? Please provide TYPEWRITTEN answer on separate sheet of paper.
4. What are your future plans? Please provide TYPEWRITTEN answer on separate sheet of paper.
5. What should the Guernsey breed emphasize to stay competitive in the dairy industry today?
6. As National Guernsey Queen, what do you feel your responsibilities would involve?

AMERICAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION YOUTH PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Rules and Regulations

I. Eligibility

1) To be eligible to compete in the Public Speaking Contest, the contestant must be a youth member of the American Guernsey Association.

The contest is divided into three age divisions:

Senior Division

Born between and including January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2005.

Intermediate Division

Born between and including January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2009.

Junior Division

Born between and including January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2014.

2) All queen contestants will compete in the Senior Division, regardless of age.

3) All contestants must be registered to participate in the contest by June 1st.

4) **Contestants in the Public Speaking Contest will be required to submit three copies of their detailed speech outline on the morning of the contest at the National Convention.**

5) Contestants will be allowed to participate in their age division until they have won that division twice and then they may move up to an older age category.

II. Subject

Contestants may choose any subject pertaining to Guernsey cattle and the Dairy Industry. For subject matter we wish to encourage exploration and understanding of any and all entities of the dairy industries, emphasizing the Guernsey's role. Current policies, affairs and trends in the industry are suitable topics.

III. Time Limit

In the Senior Division, each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. In the Intermediate Division, each speech shall be a minimum of five minutes and a maximum of seven minutes. In the Junior Division, each speech shall be a minimum of three minutes and a maximum of five minutes. Each contestant will be allowed five minutes during which the judging committee will ask questions related to his or her speech. Deductions of 20 points per minute will be made from the score of each judge for speeches that are under or over the time limit in length.

IV. Method of Selecting Winner

1) The Youth Committee will be in charge of the contest. Competent and impartial judges will be selected by the committee to judge the contest.

2) A contestant will be permitted to use notes; but excessive reference to notes may result in deductions from his or her score. Contestants in the Junior Division (ages 9-13) will be permitted to use posters or props in order to promote their

speeches. Juniors will be judged on how they present the material and not on creativity and design of the props and posters.

3) A timekeeper will be designated who will record the time used by each contestant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime and overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.

4) Prior to the contest, judges will be furnished with typewritten copies of the contestants' outlines.

5) Each judge will ask questions after a speech; and each contestant will be scored on his or her ability to answer all questions by all judges.

6) When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total his or her score on composition and delivery for each speech. Contestants will be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge, without consulting with each other.

V. Awards

Awards will be given to the top three individuals in each division.

The winner of each division will deliver his or her speech at a designated meal during the AGA National Convention.

Part I. For Scoring the Content

1) Content Includes: 40 points

- Importance and Appropriateness of Subject
- Suitability of the Material
- Accuracy of the Statements
- Evidence of Purpose
- Organization of the Content
- Logical Development
- Language Used
- Accomplishment of Purpose - Conclusions

Part II. Scoring Delivery of Presentation

1) Voice Includes: 10 Points

- Quality
- Pitch
- Pronunciation
- Force

2) Stage Presence Includes: 10 Points

- Personal Appearance
- Poise and Body Posture
- Confidence
- Personality
- Ease Before Audience

3) Power of Expression Includes:

15 Points

Fluency, Emphasis
Directness
Sincerity
Communication Ability

4) Response to Questions Includes:

15 Points

Ability to satisfactorily answer questions on the speech, which are asked by the judges, indicating originality, familiarity with subject, and ability to think.

5) General Effect Includes:

10 Points

Extent to which speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention.

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ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Date of
Birth _____

Age _____

Division _____

Email Address _____

Speech Topic _____

Entry Due By June 1st to:

American Guernsey Association
1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd., Suite G
Columbus, OH 43228