

# Dodge/Jefferson County Honey Queen Guidelines & Expectations

## GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The Dodge/Jefferson Co. Honey Queen is a spokesperson and ambassador to the local beekeeping industry. She promotes and educates the public about honey, the benefits and products of honey, and honey bees.

### **Duties of a Honey Queen**

- The honey queen shall be poised, polite, a good speaker, and writer, and most importantly, interested in honeybees and beekeeping. The queen should be educated in the facts and figures on honey and beekeeping, which she may learn from her local county association, books, the National Honey Board website ([www.honey.com](http://www.honey.com)), and visits to a beeyard. The queen's main duty is to promote and educate the general public about honey and honey bees.

### **Term of a Honey Queen**

- A county honey queen's term will be from time of crowning through December of current year. If a reigning honey queen wishes to run for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a county honey queen, she may do so, but will be required to complete contest requirements if there is 1 or more additional candidate(s) competing for the queen title.
- The queen will be an honorary member of the Dodge/Jefferson Co. Beekeepers and will be provided with one year membership to the WI Honey Producers Association.

## REQUIREMENTS

- *A candidate for Dodge/Jefferson County Honey Queen must be age 16-21 years old*
- *The queen must complete a minimum of 3 public presentations/promotions*  
Presentations and promotions may be made at a variety of venues: farm markets, schools, agricultural events, beekeeper meetings (county, district and state), 4-H groups, etc. At least 1 of the queen's presentations shall include a cooking demonstration using honey as an ingredient. All appearances shall be approved by the Honey Queen Committee chairperson or its members.

Regarding promotional events, it is mandatory for the queen to attend the Dodge County Fair Wednesday – Saturday at various times each day. Daily scheduling of appearances at the Dodge Co. Fair will be made by the Honey Queen Committee.

- *Attendance at DJCBA Meetings*  
The honey queen must attend *at least* 3 club meetings, attired in banner & crown, and may be asked to give a report on her promotions and activities.
- *Recipe Brochure*  
The queen must submit a photograph to be used on the cover of the recipe brochure that announces her reign as county queen. A short biography of the queen shall also be included. The brochure shall contain *at least* 6 recipes using honey. The brochure can also include health & beauty recipes, baking & storage tips, dietary facts, etc.

- *Scrapbook*  
The queen must keep a scrapbook documenting promotion activities and can include: recipes, photos, articles, facts on honeybees, honey, or honey products, etc. The scrapbook must be displayed at any/all county meetings where the queen is in attendance.  
The final display of the scrapbook will be presented to members of the Dodge/Jefferson Co. Beekeepers Association for viewing at the December Christmas party.
- *Travel*  
For presentations and promotional events, the queen needs a chaperone in attendance, or otherwise to be determined by the Honey Queen Committee chairperson. A chaperone can be a family member or a designated county association member. For overnight or long distance events (ie. State Convention), the queen must be accompanied by a female chaperone or parent. Boyfriends are not acceptable chaperones and boyfriends are required (if necessary) by the Honey Queen Committee to keep a respectful distance from the queen during her appearances.
- *Clothing/Crown & Banner*  
The crown and banner shall be worn by the queen at all promotions and events. The honey queen may keep the crown & banner safely stored until she has reached her promotional event.  
  
A queen shall dress in appropriate attire while in the crown and banner: business suits/professional attire, skirts (knee length), dress pants, simple dresses, simple jewelry, simple-heeled shoes. Tattoos & body piercings shall be covered while in the banner and crown.  
A queen shall not drink alcohol and/or smoke.
- The reigning honey queen may be eligible to compete for the title of Wisconsin Honey Queen at the Wisconsin Honey Producers annual fall convention (held the first full weekend in November), upon completion of the necessary requirements as a county honey queen **and** pending state eligibility requirements. The honey queen must declare her intent to compete at the state level by August 1<sup>st</sup> to the county queen committee (see *State Honey Queen Preparation Requirements* for more information).
- Any issues or problems shall be immediately addressed to the Honey Queen Committee Chairperson.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Upon successfully completing the requirements of a honey queen, the reigning queen shall be awarded a \$250.00 scholarship at the end of the calendar year. The queen will be presented with the scholarship funds at the DJCBA's December Christmas party.

- If the reigning queen competes for the Wisconsin Honey Queen title at the WI Honey Producers annual convention, she will be awarded an additional \$200 at the end of the calendar year.

*Failure to comply with queen requirements may result in the revocation of queen title, crown, & banner, and scholarship opportunity subject by review of the Dodge/Jefferson County queen committee and executive committee.*