



CHAROLAIS PRINCESS GUIDELINES

Sponsored by Missouri Charolais Breeders Association and
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The “Charolais Princess” contest will be open to all female AIJCA members who are between the ages of 10-14 years of age as of January 1 of the year of the contest. Applications must be postmarked no later than July 31st of the year of the contest. Winner of the contest will reign as Charolais Princess for one year. Any former Charolais Princess may not enter the contest.

Additional Guidelines:

1. Charolais Princess applicants must be paid members of the American-International Junior Charolais Association (AIJCA).
2. Applicants will be judged by a three-member panel. At least one of the judge’s panel must be a Missouri resident unless there is a Missouri candidate for Charolais Princess. At least one member of the judge’s panel will be recruited from outside the Charolais industry as possible. No judge may be from the same state as any of the contestants.
3. Applications must include one (1) letter of recommendation from either your sponsor or a Charolais breeder.
4. Applications must include one 4 inch X 6 inch or 5 inch X 7 inch color photo of the contestant suitable for publishing in the *Charolais Journal*. It is preferred that photos be high quality, high pixelated headshots. Contestant photo will NOT be returned. It will become the official property of the Miss Charolais USA Program to be used for publicity and advertising.
5. Each candidate for Charolais Princess will be required to participate in the following judged categories:
 - completed application
 - personal story submitted with completed application
 - interview held at the American Royal
 - social judging held at the American Royal
6. The scores shall be compiled by the Miss Charolais USA Committee and the winner will be announced at the American Royal National ROE Charolais Show.
7. Non-refundable entry fee of \$75 per contestant payable to “**Miss Charolais USA – MCBA**”. Each individual is responsible for securing sponsorship from either a State Breed Association or an individual Charolais Breeder. Co-ops of sponsors are allowed.
8. All contestants must be accompanied by a parent or adult sponsor during the entire contest. All costs of the contest, including travel and lodging, are at the sole responsibility of the contestant for themselves and for their chaperone.

Charolais Princess Dress Code: The Charolais Princess at all times shall wear boots, a black colored skirt at least covering the tops of her boots or longer, a nice black

shirt/blouse to match the skirt that is not revealing, official sash, and official crown. A long, solid black dress that at least covers the tops of her boots or longer may be worn in place of a two-piece skirt and blouse as long as it is not tight fitting/body hugging. Official dress code must be worn to all National ROE Show activities attended, Jr. National Show activities, American Royal show activities, and all events where she is recognized/addressed as the Charolais Princess unless approved ahead of time by the Charolais Royalty Program Director.

Exceptions to the Dress Code: If the Charolais Princess is exhibiting cattle at a non-National ROE Show or attending small, production sales, she will be permitted to wear jeans if they are dark in color and pressed with a crease, a black collared blouse that is not revealing, official sash and official crown when she is not in the show ring.

Contestant Dress Code: All contestants are required to wear clothing suitable of the Charolais Princess at all times during the contest (i.e. boots, a long skirt covering at least the tops of her boots or longer, a nice shirt/blouse to match the skirt that is not revealing or a one-piece long dress that at least covers the tops of her boots or longer, and official contestant sash). Contestants are not permitted to follow the same solid color requirements of Miss Charolais USA or the Charolais Princess (i.e. contestants may not wear a black shirt and black skirt together or a royal shirt and black skirt together; contestants are allowed to wear a black skirt with a different colored shirt). Sashes with contestant's name and sponsor(s) will be provided for individuals competing each year and shall be worn at all public events of the contest.

9. The winner of Charolais Princess will receive an official Charolais Princess crown, use of the traveling official Charolais Princess leather sash, personal Charolais Princess satin sash, Charolais Princess belt buckle, crown royalty pin, and assorted additional gifts as donated each year.
10. The Charolais Princess will be required to attend the following shows during her year of service.
 - National AIJCA Show & Conference
 - American Royal National ROE Show and Junior Show in Kansas City, Missouri
 - One state or regional event in their home state

The Charolais Princess is invited and encouraged to attend the National Charolais Show and any National ROE Shows that she can throughout her year of service.