

California Dairy Leaders Program Candidate Application Form

Personal data:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Mobile _____ Email _____

Dairy Affiliation (dairy farm name) _____

Relationship to Dairy (owner, employee, relative) _____

Have you discussed the program schedule with dairy management (y/n)? ___ Are you married (y/n)? _____

Do you have children (y/n)? _____ Have you discussed the time commitments with your family (y/n)? _____

Age _____ Educational level _____ Are you currently enrolled in any educational program? _____

If currently enrolled in an educational program, please describe including expected duration: _____

List organizations in which you are an active member:

Agricultural organizations, boards, commissions, or regional groups _____

Social, religious or community groups, other _____

What past or present leadership roles have you held in above-named organizations? _____

Essay Questions (answer on a separate sheet – limit of 250 words each question):

1. What are your professional, personal, and family goals for the next 15 years? How do you see your role in accomplishing these goals?
2. What do you personally expect to learn from the Dairy Leaders Program? What do you expect to contribute to the program?
3. Why do you want to participate in this program?
4. What is your vision of the dairy industry in California 10 years from now and beyond?

Office Use Only

Application _____

Essay _____

Letters (3) _____

Fee _____

Interview _____

Final _____

(OVER)

Letters of Recommendation:

Each applicant will supply three letters of recommendation. Please list the names and contact information for each person who will be sending a letter.

1. Name _____

Mailing address _____

2. Name _____

Mailing address _____

3. Name _____

Mailing address _____

Application Instructions:

Return the completed application form and attached essay responses, the signed Candidate Agreement, and the application fee of \$750 payable to **Western United Dairymen** to:

Western United Dairymen
1315 K Street
Modesto, CA 95354

All applications must be postmarked by the **Friday, March 19, 2010**, deadline to be eligible for consideration. All semi-finalists will be personally interviewed by the selection committee before the end of March. After final selection of this year's class, those not selected will receive a prompt refund of their application fee.

Fees and Requirements

Participants in the California Dairy Leaders Program will pay a \$750 application fee. They are responsible for their own transportation costs to each session. The Program will cover participants' airfare to Washington, D.C., and hotel and meal expenses during all sessions (exclusive of alcoholic beverages and room service).

Program Modules

- Marketing, Promotion & Media Training (2-day session)
- California Political Advocacy (2-day session)
- The California Milk Pricing System (2-day session)
- Federal Political Advocacy / Technology & Biotechnology (7-day session)
- Environmental Issues (2-day session)
- Graduation at the Western United Dairymen Annual Meeting



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California Dairy Leaders Program Candidate Agreement

- I have reviewed the program materials for the California Dairy Leaders Program. I understand that the program will consist of five sessions. Each session will be approximately two days in length except for the Washington DC session, which will be up to seven days.
- I understand that if selected to participate in the program, I will be expected to prepare for each session by studying material that may be provided in advance.
- I understand that if selected to participate in this program, I will be expected to attend all sessions. Failure to attend any session without prior consent from Western United Dairymen will result in my removal from the program and forfeiture of the program fee.
- I have fully discussed this program and its requirements with my family and my employer and/or dairy management.

Signed:

(Candidate) _____

(Date) _____

(Dairy Manager) _____

(Date) _____

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