

Louisiana Crawfish Festival Pageant

Pageant will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2012

Entry fee is \$100 for Miss & \$50 for Teen

Complete the attached application form, and submit along with entry fee, contestant rules, and a photograph (black and white or color any size not to exceed 5X7) to:

LA Crawfish Festival Pageant

PO Box 223

Baker, LA 70704

Make checks payable to: LA Crawfish Festival Pageant

No Applications will be accepted after Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Miss Contestants

- **Must be 17 years of age at time of competition and no older than 23 by January 1, 2013;**
- Must never have been married or have had a child;
- Must be a resident of and live in Louisiana;

Teen Contestants

- **Must be 14 years of age and no older than 16 by March 25, 2012;**
- They can never have been married or have had a child;
- Must be a resident of and live in Louisiana;

2012 Louisiana Crawfish Festival Queens'

Prize Package:

- ♦ Formal Banner
- ♦ Festival Shirt
- ♦ Email Address
- ♦ Scholarship
- ♦ Use of Official Crown and Regalia
- ♦ Fees for state competition (Miss Queen Only)
- ♦ Much Much More

***Interview Location:**

Best Western Hotel
3400 Paris Rd.
Chalmette, LA 70043

***Pageant Location**

8245 W. Judge Perez
Chalmette, LA 70043

*** See Directions Provided**

AGENDA

Miss & Teen Contestants

9:30am—Report to interview area (dressed & ready!)
10:00am – 12:00pm –Interviews
12:00 – 2:30pm—Rest and Prepare for Pageant
2:00pm—Doors will open to the public.
2:30pm—Contestants must be at the pageant location and ready to begin
3:00pm—Pageant begins

No one will be allowed backstage with you including, but not limited to: fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, friends, and hairdressers

The contestants will be scored in the following categories:

- 3- 5 minute Interview – Skirt Suit
- Evening Gown – Full length formal, color of your choice
- On Stage Question – Evening Gown
- **Each contestant will present a 30 second self introduction at the beginning of the pageant (not scored).**

Side Awards include:

- Congeniality – Voted on by all contestants
- Fashion – Selected by Judges (not scored)
- Photogenic – Selected by Judges (not scored)
- Interview – Contestant with the highest score
- People's Choice – Votes are purchased at the pageant for \$1.00 a vote or 10 votes for \$5.00

Contestant Rules & Regulations

- 1) All contestants are expected to attend ALL events designated for their competition group (see agenda). Any contestant who is unable to attend an event, must have approval of director prior to the competition date;
- 2) Contestant must be a naturally born female. Contestants in the Miss & Teen divisions must be single and never have had a child.
- 3) Please be aware that the judges will be given the same information as the contestants, and are encouraged to select the girl who will make the best Queen. **If you feel you cannot commit yourself to the responsibilities of being our Queen, please refrain from competing.** Once your application is received, you will be sent the same set of guidelines our judges are given, and festival information. **Should you enter late this will effect you receiving this information.**
- 4) Contestants are allowed one (1) Guest during the day activities. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please do not invite your significant other to spend the day with you. Due to limited space, once the pageant begins only contestants will be allowed in the dressing rooms. **No one will be allowed backstage with you including, but not limited to: fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, friends, and hairdressers.** No cell phones allowed backstage;
- 5) Please be on time for all events and call Carrie Gagliano (225) 715-9120 if you will be late for any portion of the competition. At no time will the pageant be delayed due to the tardiness of a contestant. **If you are more than 5 minutes late, and you have not called, we will not wait for you and the judges will be aware of your tardiness. You will also have 2 points deducted from your total score each time you are late for an event;**
- 6) All parents and/or guests of the contestants are responsible for their own accommodations and food. Contestants are responsible for any overnight accommodations they may require; however, space for preparation and a light meal will be provided.
- 7) A copy of your score sheet is \$5.00, and scores will be mailed to contestants who turn in a self addressed stamped envelope with their applications. Scores will NOT be emailed;
- 8) Should a contestant decide not to compete, or is deemed ineligible after she has paid her entry her money will not be refunded.
- 9) A contestant may not hold a binding or festival title at the time of the competition. If a contestant holds any non-binding or non-festival title, she agrees that her first obligation is to the Knights of Columbus and the LA Crawfish Festival for appearances. If it is discovered that a contestant holds another binding or festival title, she will forfeit her eligibility to compete; if a contestant has previously held a binding or festival title she must be in good standing with her past organization(s).
- 10) The official queen's contract will be signed after the winners are crowned that evening;

Please sign below, and return with the application form, entry fee, and photo **NO LATER THAN** March 28, 2012. If you are under 18 years of age, please have your parent/guardian also sign in the space provided.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Contestant's Parent/Guardian

Date

Louisiana Crawfish Festival Queen's Pageant

All forms **must be typed** and received by **March 20, 2012**, along with signed rules, entry fee made payable to LA Crawfish Festival Pageant and contestant photo.

Division: (please circle one) Miss Teen

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

School Presently Attending/Graduated From: _____

Occupation: _____

Clubs and Organizations: _____

Hobbies or Interests: _____

Talents: _____

Ambition: _____

What is your favorite Crawfish dish and who taught you how to cook it? _____

What do you think are the three most important qualities a queen must possess? Why? _____

Why should you be chosen Miss/Teen Louisiana Crawfish Festival Queen? _____

PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING

You now have the opportunity to gain greater exposure in the Official Program Book with **SPECIAL ADS!** Although your picture appears in the contestant pages, what better way to express yourself than with different pictures and poses in the advertising pages. This is your opportunity to show the many facets of your personality.

The ads in the program book may be sponsored or self-promoted. The ads are a wonderful way to acknowledge your sponsors.

SUBMITTING YOUR ADS

The Pageant Program Book size is 8 ½" x 11". Photographs may be included in ads with the exception of business card ads. **Ads should be print ready.** Photographs should be actual photographs and not scanned copies for printing in the program book. Please make certain to have the contestants name on the back of all photographs. We will do our best to return all photographs.

All full page ads must fit on an 8 ½ "x 11" piece of paper. Photographs may not be larger than 8x10 for full page ads. Make sure to leave a border around your ad.

All half page ads must fit on an 8 ½ "x5 ½ "piece of paper. Make sure to leave a border around your ad. Photographs may not be larger than 5x7 for half page ads.

All quarter page ads may contain photographs no larger than 5x7. Make sure to leave a border around your ad.

If emailing or mailing on a disc all ads must be submitted in color or black & white high-resolution PDF format of 300 DPI or higher.

DEADLINE:

Do NOT wait to get started! Email your ad to lacrawfishpageants@yahoo.com , or mail a disc **and** hard copy to the address below. Send your check made payable to **LA Crawfish Festival Pageants**. Mail to: PO Box 223 ~ Baker, LA 70704. PAYMENT and ADS must be received no later than **March 20, 2012.**

AD SIZE AND COST

Full Page – Black & White	\$100.00
½ Page – Black & White	\$ 50.00
¼ Page – Black & White	\$ 30.00
Business Card – Black & White	\$ 15.00

What is expected of a Louisiana Crawfish Festival Queen?

- Queens are required to maintain lady-like behavior when representing the LA Crawfish Festival and KC Rummel Council 5747. This includes on Facebook, MySpace, Etc...
- To maintain contact with the Pageant Director. This includes any questions regarding contracts, events, or any other situation that may arise.
- To maintain satisfactory academic marks. We take pride in the achievements of our queen.
- To remain unmarried and without child. Failure to do so results in automatic resignation of title.
- To abide by all rules set forth in the contract signed upon winning. **YOU MAY NOT COMPETE FOR ANY OTHER TITLE UNTIL YOU CROWN A SUCCESSOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**
- To travel on the weekends to other festivals/ festival pageants, and to attend mandatory KC Rummel Council events. Miss is required to attend 30 events throughout the year and Teen is required to attend 19 events total.
- To keep an accurate account of events attended. These will be used to secure your scholarship at the end of your reign.
- To have fun, make friends, and to become a part of the Louisiana Crawfish Pageant family.

Directions to Pageant

**DO NOT FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY
MAPQUEST, RAND MCNALLY, OR ANY GPS.
THEY WILL DIVERT YOU THROUGH THE LOWER
9TH WARD.**

• **Pageant and Interview**

- I-10 East toward New Orleans; Merge onto I-610 East toward Slidell/New Orleans East; Exit I-610 at the Chalmette Exit, and continue into the far LEFT lane; You are now on PARIS RD; Continue on Paris Rd. until you reach West Judge Perez; Turn RIGHT onto W. Judge Perez; The Civic Center will be on the RIGHT hand side of the road.
- Follow the same directions as above to reach Chalmette. The Best Western is located ON Paris Rd.