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*“Starting the First Full Weekend in
November”*

The Louisiana Pecan Festival Teen, Miss, & Ms. Queens’ Pageant
General Information

The 2022 Louisiana Pecan Festival Teen, Miss, and Ms. Queens’ Pageant will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the B22Fit Auditorium (the former Dry Prong Jr. High Auditorium, 605 1st St, Dry Prong, LA 71423).

Entry Fees are as follows. Payment is due upon submission of entry form. Entry forms and photographs are due **NO LATER** than **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023**:

- *Teen Queen division (15 & 16 years of age): \$75.00*
- *Miss Queen division (17-23 years of age): \$75.00*
- *Ms. Queen division (24 years of age & up, singled or married): \$75.00 (payment due upon submission of entry form)*
- *Photogenic: \$10.00 – Please send 5”x7” photograph upon submission of entry form or email it to danielleyerby421@yahoo.com*

Contestants should arrive by **8:00 am** at the Louisiana Pecan Festival Office (611 8th St, Colfax, LA 71417) for registration. Contestants should be dressed and ready for their interview upon arrival.

Interviews will start **promptly** at **8:30 am**, after registration and a brief introduction of the Louisiana Pecan Festival Board and pageant committee.

After interviews (approximately **11:30 pm**), contestants are free leave.

After interviews, contestants will be allowed into the Auditorium to get ready. **Only one person will be allowed with each contestant in the dressing rooms; they will be asked to leave by 2:15 pm.**

The Pageant will begin at **3:00 pm** at the Auditorium. **All contestants not getting dressed at the school are required to be at the Auditorium no later than 2:15 pm.** Cost to enter will be \$5.00 for adults and children 5 years and younger enter at no charge.

If you have any questions, please contact pageant and queen’s director, Danielle Yerby, at 318.664.1048 (please leave voice mail or text if no answer); danielleyerby421@yahoo.com; or the Louisiana Pecan Festival office at 318.627.5196 (please leave message if no answer).

“Make It With Pecans!”

LOUISIANA PECAN FESTIVAL
QUEEN'S PAGEANT ENTRY FORM

**Please type or re-type.*

**Entry form is due NO Later than Wednesday, October 25, 2023*

Full name (First, middle, last): _____

Sponsors' name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

(Note: Please attach a copy of birth certificate or driver's license)

Home/Mailing address: _____

Parents' name (if applicable): _____

Parents' address (if applicable): _____

Home/cell phone: _____ Email address _____

Parents' phone (if applicable): _____

Name & age of siblings/Spouse & children for Ms. division: _____

High School/College attending/attended: _____

Grade (if applicable): _____ Graduation date (if applicable): _____

School activities, sports, honors (High School & College, if applicable): _____

Hobbies: _____

Civic organizations, church/religious groups, other notable activities & accomplishments:

List any professional experience, volunteer work, part time, or full time jobs that you have held:

List any special training (dance, music, art, etc) you have received: _____

List any other facts about yourself or your family that you find interesting or unique and would want publicized: _____

Three adjectives that describe me are: _____

What makes me happy is: _____

I want the Judges to know that I am: _____

What are your plans for the future (education, career, family, etc)? _____

I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

HELPFUL HINTS OF WHAT TO EXPECT ON PAGEANT DAY

What will I be judged on?

The pageant judging will be based on the following categories: interview, sportswear, on-stage presentation, evening gown presentation, and on-stage question. All of the categories will be weighed differently but total scores from each category will be tallied together for the final score. Interview will consist of 40% of your total score. Sportswear will consist of 10% of your score. On-stage presentation will consist of 10% of your total score. Evening gown presentation will consist of 30% of your total score. On-stage question will consist of 10% of your total score

What do I need to know for the interview?

What to wear – A skirted business suit or dress is **required**. It is suggested to pick a suit or dress that fits you best in a color that compliments you. Make sure your skirt is not too short! Hair and make-up should be worn appropriately.

What will they ask me – Make sure you are knowledgeable of the information you put on your entry form, so it is suggested to make a copy of it before you submit it. Also be sure that you are up to date on current world events. It is important for you to find out everything you can about the history of the Louisiana Pecan Festival. Answer every question truthfully, but most importantly, from the heart. And it is always important to know the answer these two important questions: Why do you want to be the next Louisiana Pecan Festival Queen? Why should you be chosen as the next Louisiana Pecan Festival Queen?

What is sportswear?!

Sportswear is the fun part of the competition where you can show off your personality by modeling a dressy casual outfit of your choice on stage (no midriffs, extremely short skirts or shorts please). A sun dress and cowboy boots, a cute pant suit, a sassy cocktail dress – anything fun and that describes you. If you are not exactly sure how to model sportswear, you will be shown, so don't worry.

What is an on-stage presentation?

Your on-stage presentation should do four things: introduce who you are, your contestant number, welcoming everyone in the audience to the pageant, and invite everyone to the Pecan Festival. It needs to be at least 30 seconds to one minute long, catchy, fun, and inviting. Again, this is a way to show your individuality.

What do I need to know for the evening gown presentation?

A floor-length evening gown is **required**. Choose a cut that flatters your body type and a color that is complimentary to you. Earrings are the only piece of jewelry you should wear – no rings, necklaces, chokers, bracelets, or gloves. Hair and make-up should be appropriate for a formal setting. Again, if you are not exactly sure how to model your evening gown, don't worry – you'll be shown.

On-stage question??

You will be required to answer a question on stage that you will not know before the pageant. They are not difficult questions. Promise! And you are not being judged on right or wrong answers. You are being judged on how well you handle yourself under a little pressure, how good you are about thinking on your feet. Again, your Pecan Festival knowledge and knowledge of your entry form might come in handy ;)

I hope this helps you prepare for the pageant. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Danielle Yerby at 318.664.1048.