

## The 2023 Louisiana Corn Festival ~ Miss Teen Queens Contract

### Read Very Carefully

The Miss Teen Louisiana Corn Festival pageant is open to single women whose age shall not be less than 14 and no more than 16 years of age on the date of the pageant and must reside in the State of Louisiana. It is OPTIONAL that the queen attend the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen of Queen's Pageant held in February 2022 in Baton Rouge, LA to support the Miss Queen in her competition and for you to experience Queen of Queens.

Louisiana Corn Festival Teen Queen agrees to spend the 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend in June (9-11<sup>th</sup>) participating in various events at the Louisiana Corn Festival. During the three-day festival, queens must be available throughout the festival until they are released and must keep in contact with the director. The queens will wear similar outfits (attire will be decided by Miss Queen and director) and crowns and banners. Queens must be available for opening ceremony, the awarding of prizes for contests, take part in as many contests/events as possible and help with any other events as needed. We expect the queens to study up on all events of the festival, and be knowledgeable of the festival, history, contests, and the City of Bunkie in order to be prepared to answer all questions. She must be available the week before the festival for public appearances and both days of the festival. She will promote festival and pageant on television and radio stations. She will host the Visiting Queens Reception for Pageant and/or Festival under the assistance of the director to plan the event. It is the queen's responsibility to invite other reigning queens to the Queen's pageant and the Corn Festival. Mothers and Queens are in charge of hosting a reception for visiting royalty the morning of the parade. The festival will help with the cost of the reception. Mothers and Queens are expected to help with the Niblet pageant the following year.

It is MANDATORY that the "Miss Teen Queen" travel across our lovely state as a representative of our festival. The Louisiana Corn Festival Teen Queen must attend fifteen (15) Louisiana Fairs and Festival (LAFF) events. It is mandatory she attend Bunkie Chamber events and Parish parades as instructed by the director. She MUST submit one written list of events she has attended. She MUST post pictures of her travels to a private Facebook page that will be set up by the director. She will be given reimbursement on traveling expenses if appearances for advertisement purposes are needed to promote the festival. If director has not previously made RSVP arrangements for festivals, pageants, and special events, please make your own RSVP's and travel arrangements. Do not depend on the other festival queens and/or directors. This is your responsibility! Please also work with Miss Queen on travel arrangements as well. If you attend together, please wear similar outfits (attire will be decided by Miss Queen and director) as well as your crowns and banners.

Fundraisers are necessary and will be instructed by your director to help cover your and the other queen's expenses. You are required to help make these fundraisers a success.

In the event the Louisiana Corn Festival Teen Queen receives an invitation to a special event, she must be present during the entire event as called for in the invitation except in cases of illness, death, or the express permission of the inviting director and your director.

The Queen's crown and crown box are loaned to the Queen for her use during her year's reign and must be returned upon completion of her reign. Failure to return the queen's crown and crown box will result in the fee of \$1,000.00 being paid to the Louisiana Corn Festival.

Louisiana Corn Festival Teen Queen must not hold any other titles, other than school or college, and may not enter any pageant of any kind, unless director approves a special request in writing.

The Louisiana Corn Festival Teen Queen must conduct herself in an appropriate manner while wearing her crown and banner and representing the Corn Festival. She is expected to act in a ladylike manner at all times. Any conduct unbecoming to a queen while she is representing this festival will be grounds for immediate dismissal. The title and all privileges will be revoked immediately and will revert back to the Louisiana Corn Festival Association. The following constitutes unbecoming conduct:

1. Improper moral conduct or disrespect
2. Foul or abusive language, excessive loudness
3. Inappropriate clothing
4. Physical violence of any degree
5. Smoking or drinking when making appearances representing the festival
  - a. *Removal of the crown and banner while attending a festival does not exempt the queen from her responsibilities.*
6. Illegal drug use
7. Gum chewing while on stage at any event
8. Public display of affection shown to a date/boyfriend while representing the Louisiana Corn Festival
9. Failure to abide by a hosting Festival or Organization's rules
10. Disrespecting any Louisiana Corn Festival Committee worker or volunteer
11. Usage of cell phone during an event for texting, social media, or talking
12. Posting inappropriate posts/pictures on social media (i.e., Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, etc)
  - a. Absolutely no pictures of you drinking or smoking or the appearance of either
  - b. No pictures with males or females that can be portrayed in a sexual manner
  - c. No vulgar comments left on your pages as well as no vulgar words posted
  - d. No comments regarding any NEGATIVE or BIAST political and/or religious views. You are to represent yourself as a LADY who respects others no matter if you agree or disagree with their views
  - e. Any and all pictures and comments not following these guidelines MUST be taken down. At any time, the director of pageants and/or the festival board reserves the right to discuss with you any content we deem inappropriate

Appropriate attire must be worn at all times while representing the Louisiana Corn Festival. No short shorts, bare midriffs, or extreme short skirts or tight clothing may be worn. Casual attire should be dress slacks, capris, appropriate length shorts, or a nice skirt. Blue jeans should be worn only when extreme casual wear is warranted or an invitation specifically calls for it. It is the director's decision (not your parents/guardians) if your outfit is inappropriate and their decision is final. Festival attire will be decided by Miss Queen when traveling together. There is no discussion on this unless the director sees necessary. Formal attire should be worn for all pageants or ball events unless specifically state that cocktail attire. You will be called down by the director if any of the above cases occurs and further action will be determined acceptable. While you are representing the Corn Festival, all clothing including formal wear will be modestly worn.

Miss Louisiana Corn Festival Teen Queen shall forfeit the crown and all prizes associated with the title for, but not limited to, any of the following:

1. Competition in any other contracted pageant system during her year's reign
  2. Marriage during her year's reign
  3. Pregnancy or cohabitation with another individual during her year's reign
  4. Any conduct unbecoming of a queen
- Personal Characteristics:
1. I am and I have always been a female
  2. I am not now and I have never been married
  3. I am not pregnant, and I have never been pregnant, I am not the adoptive parent of any child
  4. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude

If you cannot fulfill the above rules and requirements, please do not enter the pageant.

During the Louisiana Corn Festival Junior Queen's reign, she will have the support system she needs at all times to fulfill the above requirements. Directors take pride in working with and making life long memories with Queens. Miss Louisiana Corn Festival Junior Queen will have a year she'll never forget!

The Louisiana Corn Festival Directors are very excited to spend the next year with you making memories you will carry with you for a lifetime!



