

The 2024 Louisiana Corn Festival Queens Contract

Read Very Carefully

The title of the Louisiana Corn Festival Queen carries with a responsibility to carry out your duties accordingly. The following rules have been set forth by the Louisiana Corn Festival Board, please be sure to understand each one and its implications.

Eligibility, Requirements and Expectations

The Miss Louisiana Corn Festival pageant is open to single women whose age shall not be less than 17 nor more than 23 years of age on February 1, 2025, and must reside in the State of Louisiana. Contestants cannot be 24 at the time of LAFF Queens Pageant, which will be held in February 2025. Contestants must also meet the following 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

Miss Louisiana Corn Festival 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 reign
2. Marriage during her year's reign
3. Pregnancy or cohabitation with another individual during her reign
4. Any conduct unbecoming of a queen

After being selected the Miss Louisiana Corn Festival Queen, she will be under the supervision of the Louisiana Corn Festival Board and Pageant Director, all communication and exchange of information shall be between the Queen and the Pageant Director. The Pageant Director is appointed as the contact person for the Louisiana Corn Festival Queen during her reign.

Exchange of information regarding the Louisiana Corn Festival Queen's reign, or requests by family members of the queen should be directed through the Louisiana Corn Festival Queen to the Pageant Director. The Louisiana Corn Festival Board and Pageant Director has the final say concerning the Louisiana Corn Festival Queen when representing the Corn Festival and Town of Bunkie during her reign. The Louisiana Corn Festival Queen should not address any other Louisiana Corn Festival Board members with inquiries concerning her reign, it is vitally important to communicate with the Pageant Director.

Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen of Queens Pageant

It is MANDATORY that the queen attend the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queens Pageant held annually (February) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Louisiana Corn Festival will pay an entry fee and one room for number of nights queen is expected to stay. These arrangements need to be made in advance. If the queen will not be able to compete, she will be asked to give up her title and all prizes

and a new queen will be appointed. There will be a meeting prior to LAFF Convention to discuss attire, workshops, and to answer any questions.

Festival Weekend, Promotional Activities and Pageant

Louisiana Corn Festival Queen agrees to spend the 2nd full weekend in June (13th-15th) 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 all events of the festival, and be knowledgeable of the festival, history, contests, and the City of Bunkie to be prepared to answer all questions. She must also be available the week before the festival for public appearances. She will promote festival and pageant on television and radio stations. She will be given reimbursement on traveling expenses if appearances are required to promote the festival. 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. The Miss, Teen and Junior Queens and their mothers oversee hosting a reception for visiting royalty the morning of the parade. The festival will help with the cost of the reception. Queens and their mothers are expected to help with the Niblet pageant the following year.

Travel Requirements

It is MANDATORY that the "Miss Queen" travel across our lovely state as the representative of our festival. The Louisiana Corn Festival Queen must attend thirty (30) Louisiana Fairs and Festival (LAFF) events as well as Avoyelles Parish events as instructed by Director. It is mandatory she attend Bunkie Chamber of Commerce events and parish parades. 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. The queen is responsible for RSVPing to and making travel arrangements for festivals, pageants, and special events. Do not depend on the other festival queens and/or Directors. This is your responsibility! In the event the Louisiana Corn Festival Queen receives an invitation to a special event by an approved "LAFF" festival, 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. Please also include your Teen and Junior Queens on travel arrangements when appropriate. We expect the Miss Queen to be a leader for the Teen and Junior queens. If you attend an event together, please wear similar outfits (attire to be decided by Director and Miss Queen) as well as coordinate your banners.

Fundraisers may be necessary to help cover your and the other queen's expenses. Your participation is required to help make these fundraisers a success. Any fundraisers will be at the discretion of the Director.

Loaned Items

The Queen's crown, crown box, train collar, scepter and box, and luggage set are the property of the Louisiana Corn Festival. The Louisiana Corn Festival Queen is loaned these items for use during her year's reign and must be returned upon completion of her reign. Failure to return the queen's crown, crown box, train, scepter, scepter box, and luggage set will result in the fee of \$3,000.00 being paid to the Louisiana Corn Festival.

- Two banners are provided to the Louisiana Corn Festival Queen to wear all year long. One formal banner to be worn to pageants, ball events and business events. Formal banner is NOT to be worn at festivals or parades. One play banner is given at the time of crowning that will coordinate with the Louisiana Corn Festival Royalty and Niblets. No stoning, alterations or any other banners are allowed without Director's approval.

Conduct

The Louisiana Corn Festival Queen must conduct herself in an appropriate manner while wearing her crown and banner and representing the Corn Festival. She is expected to always act in a lady-like manner. 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 to the Louisiana Corn Festival Association. The following constitutes unbecoming conduct and applies to both in-person interactions as well as on social media:

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 or 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 Ex. texting, social media, or talking
12. Posting inappropriate posts/pictures on social media (i.e., Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, etc.). This applies to all posts, regardless of if crown and/or banner are portrayed in the post.
 - 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. 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

Attire

Appropriate attire must be always worn 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. Festival attire will be decided by the Director and Miss Queen for Teen and Junior Queen when traveling together. Formal attire should be worn for all pageants or ball events unless specifically stated that cocktail attire is allowed. While you are representing the Corn Festival, all clothing including formal wear will be modestly worn.

Reward

During the Louisiana Corn Festival Queens reign, she will have the support system she always needs to fulfill the above requirements. Directors take pride in working with and making lifelong memories with Queens. Miss Louisiana Corn Festival Queen will have a year she'll never forget! At the end of the Miss Queen's reign, if she has satisfactorily fulfilled her required obligations, she will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the school of her choice. If Queen is in her senior year and/or graduated it will be in the Director's discretion to make the scholarship a cash disbursement.

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!

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

I further agree:

The Bunkie Chamber of Commerce is the sponsor of the Louisiana Corn Festival. The Chamber is a very prestigious business and is very visible in the community. Because of the important work the Chamber does, it is important that whoever represents the festival, conducts themselves in an appropriate manner.

From the date I sign this agreement until the completion of my reign, I will conduct my activities and life in accordance with the highest ethical and moral standards and will not engage in any activity that might bring myself, any member of the Louisiana Corn Festival, officers and Board members of the Bunkie Chamber of Commerce into public disrepute, ridicule, contempt or scandal.

If at any time any sexually suggestive photos appear on any website or social media, such as Instagram, Snap Chat, Twitter, or Facebook, or if at any time, I am arrested or charged with the commission of a crime (including, without limitation, reckless or drunk driving or minor in possession of alcohol or drugs) or engage in any activities in violation of this provision, then the Louisiana Corn Festival Board may, in their sole judgement, remove my title. The Corn Festival Board of Directors decision on all matters arising under this provision shall be conclusive.

If the person breaches any provision of this Agreement, refuses to carry out any service or duty required hereunder, made a material misrepresentation or untrue statement that causes any warranty or acknowledgement herein to be false or if the person marries during the term of this Agreement, the Louisiana Corn Festival shall have the right to declare this Agreement terminated and, upon the provision of one day's notice to the person, the Corn Festival may divest the queen of her Miss Louisiana Corn Festival title and have the sole right to select a successor. Loss of title and the return by Queen all prizes awarded, crown, banner, train, collar, and scepter to the Louisiana Corn Festival Board of Directors.

I agree not to hold The Louisiana Corn Festival, Bunkie Chamber of Commerce, its Board of Directors, Pageant Director, nor anyone associated with the Louisiana Corn Festival Pageant responsible for any injury or loss to myself or my personal property while representing this said title.

I have read the above and I understand what my duties and obligations are to The Louisiana Corn Festival and the title of Miss Louisiana Corn Festival.

On the 14th day of April, 2024, this contract detailing the rules and regulations to be followed by The Louisiana Corn Festival Queen were reviewed, agreed to and signed by said Queen, her parent or guardian and agent for the Louisiana Corn Festival.

Miss Louisiana Corn Festival Queen Date

Parent or Guardian of Miss Louisiana Corn Festival Queen Date

Agent for the Louisiana Corn Festival Date