

The 2017 Louisiana Corn Festival Miss Queens Contract

Read Very Carefully

The Miss Louisiana Corn Festival pageant is open to single women whose age shall not be less than 17 and no more than 23 years of age on February 15, 2018 and must reside in the state of Louisiana. Contestant cannot be 24 at the time of Queen of Queens Pageant which will be held February 2018. It is **MANDATORY** that the queen attend the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen of Queen's Pageant held in February in Baton Rouge. Louisiana Corn Festival will pay entry fee and one room for number of night's queen 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 appointed.

Louisiana Corn Festival Queen agrees to spend the 2nd full weekend in June 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 & director) and crowns and banners. Queens must be available for awarding of prizes for contests, take part in as many contests as possible and help with any events as needed. We expect the queens to study up on all events of the festival, and be knowledgeable of the festival, history, and contests so she will 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 KALB and Radio Stations. She will host Visiting Queens Receptions for Pageant and/or Festival as well as assist director with event planning. 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 Queen" travel across our lovely state as representative of our festival. The Louisiana Corn Festival Queen must attend twenty (20) Louisiana Fairs and Festival (LAFF) events as well as Avoyelles parish events instructed by director. It is mandatory she attend Bunkie Chamber Events and Parish Parades. She **MUST** submit one written list of events she has attended. She **MUST** post pictures or her travels to a **PRIVATE** facebook page that will be set up by the director. She will be given reimbursed 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. **This is your responsibility.** Please also work with and be a leader to your Teen & Jr. queens on travel arrangements as well. If you attend together, please wear similar outfits (attire will be decided by Miss Queen & director) as well as your crowns and banners.

Fundraisers may be instructed by your director to help sell items for income for your expenses. You are required to help make these fundraisers a success.

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.

The Queen's crown, crown box, train, collar and scepter 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, crown box, train, collar and scepter in good condition will result in the fee of \$2,500.00 being paid to the Louisiana Corn Festival.

Louisiana Corn Festival Queen must not hold any other titles, other than school or college, and may not enter any pageant of any kind other than the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen of Queens Pageant during her reign, unless director approves a special request in writing.

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 act in a lady-like 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
3. Physical violence of any degree
4. 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
5. Illegal drug use
6. Gum chewing while on stage at any event
7. Public display of affection shown to a date or boyfriend while representing the Corn Festival.
8. Failure to abide by a hosting Festival or Organization rules
9. Disrespecting any Louisiana Corn Festival committee worker
10. Usage of cell phone during an event for texting, social media, or talking.
11. Posting inappropriate posts/pictures on social media.
 - 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 nature.
 - c. No vulgar comments left on your page 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 times 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 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 directors' decision (not your parents/grandparents) if your outfit is inappropriate and their decision is final. Festival attire will be decided by Miss Queen for Teen & Jr. 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 stated 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 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 Queens 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 Queen will have a year she'll never forget! At the end of the Miss Queen's reign and when 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.



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 conduct 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, SnapChat, Twitter, or Face Book, 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 any and 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 7th day of April, 2017, 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, Pageant Director for the Louisiana Corn Festival and Bunkie Chamber of Commerce President.

Miss Louisiana Corn Festival Queen

Date

Parent or Guardian of Miss Louisiana Corn Festival Queen

Date

Pageant Director of the Louisiana Corn Festival

Date