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“Starting the First Full Weekend in  
November”

The Louisiana Pecan Festival Queen’s Pageant  
*General Information*

The 2017 Louisiana Pecan Festival Queen’s Pageant will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at the Colfax Activity Center at the Colfax Recreational Center Red River Lock & Dam 3.

Entry Fees are as follows:

- *Queen division (17-23 years of age):* \$75.00 (payment due upon submission of entry form)
- *Photogenic:* \$10.00 – Please send 5”x7” photograph upon submission of entry form
- Entry forms and photographs are due **NO LATER** than **Thursday, October 26, 2017.**

Contestants should arrive by **9:30am** at the Louisiana Pecan Festival Office (611 8<sup>th</sup> St, Colfax, LA 71417) for registration. Contestants should be dressed and ready for their interview upon arrival.

Interviews will start **promptly** at **10:00am**, after registration and a brief introduction of the Louisiana Pecan Festival Board and pageant committee.

After interviews (approximately **11:00am**), contestants will attend a luncheon hosted at the Swafford Family Home in Colfax (**11:15am to 12:15pm**).

After the luncheon, contestants will be allowed back into the Colfax Activity Center to get ready. **Only one person will be allowed with each contestant in the dressing rooms and will be asked to leave by 2:00pm.**

The Pageant will begin at **2:30pm** at the Colfax Activity Center at the Colfax Recreational Center Red River Lock & Dam 3. All contestants **not** getting dressed at the Activity Center are required to be at the Activity Center **no later than 2:00pm**. Cost to enter will be \$5.00 for adults and children 12 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](mailto: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 Thursday, October 26, 2017*

Full name (First, middle, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors' name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & age of siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/College attending/attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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Three adjectives that describe me are: \_\_\_\_\_

What makes me happy is: \_\_\_\_\_

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I want the Judges to know that I am: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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, nude colored stockings, and taupe shoes are **required**. It is suggested to pick suit 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. Ear rings 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.