



St. John Parish Andouille Pageant

1811 W. Airline Hwy.
LaPlace, LA 70068

Andouille Festival Teen Contestant Information

Contestant Mandatory Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

- **MANDATORY** Contestant Meeting at St. John Parish Government Complex (Council Chambers) 1811 W. Airline Hwy, LaPlace, LA 70068
- Parent/Guardian must attend this meeting with contestant
- We will go over the contract
- The format of the pageant will be explained
- Any questions regarding the pageant will be answered
- Dress Attire – Dressy Casual (A group photo will be taken for newspaper)
- 5x7 headshot digital picture for program; portrait layout, High-resolution JPEG file, minimum 300 dpi
- Completed online application (must be typed in provided fillable form)
- Entry fee \$100.00 (non-refundable)
- Signed Contestant Rules and Regulations form

Pageant Rehearsal:

- Practice is **MANDATORY** at St. John Theatre 115 W. 4th St. Reserve, LA 70084. **Please see page 4 for rehearsal dates & times**
- Dress Attire – Casual
- Will vote on Teen Congeniality among contestants
- Contestants will have time to practice on stage
 - Between 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Emcee and Sound Director will be available to review Bio and Sound
 - It is helpful to practice in shoes that you are going to wear for the pageant

Contestant Interviews: Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

- Must be at St. John Parish Government Complex (Council Chambers) Building **NO LATER** than 9:30 a.m.
- Dress Attire – Interview Suit/Dress

Pageant: Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

- St. John Theatre 115 W. 4th St. Reserve, LA 70084
- Must be at Theatre **NO LATER** than 6:00 p.m.
- Dress Attire – Introduction Outfit & Evening Gown

Questions can be directed to Economic Development Director, Michelle Miller at michelle.jenkins@stjohn-la.gov or pageant committee at g_pageantcommittee@stjohn-la.gov.



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Andouille Festival Teen Judging Categories

Interview

All contestants will be required to have an interview with the judges. Each interview will last approximately 8 minutes and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

On-Stage

All contestants will be presented in an opening number where contestants will give a brief introduction at the opening of the pageant, stating their name and number. The evening gown portion will consist of an overall presentation of each contestant.

Contestant Interviews: 50 Points

- The contestants will be interviewed for 10 minutes by a panel of judges
- Contestants will be judged on the following:
 - Stage Presence
 - Personality
 - Interview Attire
 - Appearance
 - Ability to answer questions clearly and concise
- Dress code for interview:
 - Business skirt suit | dress (no pants)
 - Stockings (optional)
 - Neutral shoes or those that match the contestant's suit
 - Hair fixed so it is out of the contestant's face
 - Contestant number (which will be given at the interview)
- Interview is the only time you will be able to speak with the judges. We would like the judges to be able to focus on the contestant, as an individual and her answers
- Only contestants will be allowed to enter the Council Chambers
- Contestants must stay at the interview until every contestant has finished
- A picture will be taken once all interviews are completed
- If you would like to receive a copy of the judges score sheets and pictures, please bring a stamped and self-addressed envelope to the interview

Evening Gown: 50 Points

- Formal and appropriate for the event
- Age-appropriate for the contestant
- Must be floor length
- Contestants' bio (information from the application) will be read during this time
- Contestants will be judged on:
 - Stage Presence
 - Personality
 - Evening Gown
 - Appearance
 - Overall Impression

Total possible points: 100



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ADDITIONAL AWARDS

- Teen Congeniality: Contestants will vote amongst each other to elect a winner based on personality
- Fashion Award: Judges will choose the contestant with the most fashionable choice in evening gown
- People Choice: Audience will vote for the contestant with the most photogenic 5x7 photograph. Cost is \$1.00 per vote
- Photogenic: Judges will choose the contestant that is most photogenic

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD WINNERS

- a. Line up for awards. Contestants will be asked to return to the stage & line up in numerical order for the announcement of award winners
- b. Step forward & accept award. Walk to stage left and await announcements of other winners
- c. If you are selected Teen, step forward, accept award & wait for the banner/crown/train/mantle & flowers to be given to you and walk the stage as rehearsed
- d. **THE TEEN QUEEN WILL NOT RECEIVE A TRAIN AND MANTLE**

AFTER AWARDS ARE GIVEN

- a. If you win an award, please wait on stage for pictures to be taken by the photographer
- b. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED ON STAGE UNTIL OFFICIAL PICTURES ARE TAKEN**
- c. Reception to follow at Petra's Restaurant & Lounge, 1036 W. Airline Hwy, LaPlace, LA 70068

POST PAGEANT EVENTS

- Once the winners are announced we will take group pictures
- Contracts will be reviewed and signed on Monday, September 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. John Parish Government Complex with the Economic Development Director



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MISS & TEEN CONTESTANTS

Rehearsal Location:

St. John Theatre
115 West 4th Street
Reserve, LA 70084

Rehearsal Information

- Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Full production run-through beginning at 7:00 p.m.)

Please note: Rehearsal will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Items to Rehearse

Contestants should bring the shoes they plan to wear for the actual pageant to rehearsal.

Contestants will practice the following:

Introduction:

- Dance for Opening Number
- Walk from rear center stage to microphone & state name, contestant #
- Walk to designated area on stage (to be determined) & contestants will lineup in numerical order
- Exit stage (*Emcee will announce*)

Evening Gown:

- Enter from rear center of stage & walk to the designated area layout
- Exit stage
- Contestants will line-up in numerical order and form a line across stage (*Emcee will announce*)
- Emcee will ask contestants to turn and face back of stage and will ask contestants to turn and face audience
- Exit stage (*Emcee will announce*)



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Andouille Festival Teen Contestant Rules and Regulations

- I. Andouille Festival Teen Pageant Contestants will always be respectful
 - a. Any disrespectful or misconduct, comments or actions will not be tolerated. The contestant will be asked to leave immediately and not to return to the Andouille Festival Pageant or to compete in any future Andouille Festival Pageants without refund
- II. Contestant requirements:
 - a. A female whose age shall not be less than 13 years of age or not more than 17 years of age by the date of the registration for the pageant
 - b. A resident of the River Parishes
 - c. Never have been married
 - d. No kids
 - e. Not currently representing any other fair or festival or currently holding a pageant title
- III. Contestants will submit an online application packet by the deadline, **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**
 - a. This includes entry fee (check or money order), signed contestant rules and regulations, completed applications, and (1) 5x7 digital headshot
- IV. Contestants are required to attend the Contestant Mandatory Meeting and pageant rehearsals
- V. When the contestant is crowned, she will sign the Andouille Festival Teen Contract on Monday, September 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the St. John Government Complex with the Economic Development Director
- VI. Contestants will not wear any clothing that exposes her midriff, lower/small of her back at any time
- VII. Contestants will not post pictures, videos, comments, or write anything that may be interpreted in a negative manner about Andouille Festival, or Pageant to any internet, media, or public platform of any kind
- VIII. I understand that the decision of the judges is final
- IX. Contestants are expected to attend all events designated for the pageant. A contestant who is unable to attend an event, must have the approval from the Economic Development Director
- X. The Andouille Festival may use any pictures or videos taken at the interview, pageant, or other events hosted by the festival on the festival website, for marketing or promotional reasons without notice

Contestant Signature

Date