



2016 Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana Queens Pageant
Teen Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Mardi Gras

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Registration: 2:00 pm

Interviews 4:00 PM

On Stage Competition 7:00 P.M.

Lake Charles Civic Center Rosa Hart Theater Lake Charles, LA.

Pageant Directors:

Danielle Newlin (337) 272-4995

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Admission: \$5.00 Children 12 Years and Under: \$3.00

One parent admitted w/contestant. All other Guests must purchase admission bracelet.

Happy Mardi Gras! We sincerely appreciate your interest in participating in our pageant! Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana one of the largest Mardi Gras celebrations in the United States. We take great pride in our lovely Queens selected to represent our celebration. The pageant's mission is ultimately to promote Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana. Our Queens represent our organization at various events throughout the region and the country. Our pageant strives to create an image of beauty, honor and respect and we along with our Queens and all those involved with our pageants will be expected to convey that image.

Miss Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana travels many miles each year to promote our area's Mardi Gras festivities representing our community, alternately in Washington D.C. (even years) and Sioux City, Iowa (odd years) and will be required to uphold her responsibilities on either trip she is sent on.

We hope that you enjoy the wonderful world of Mardi Gras through your participation in our Queens Pageant-----

Category Age and Attire Requirements

Teen Miss (13 15 Years)

Junior Miss (16 - 17 Years)

Miss (18 - 23 Years)

- Interview: Suit
- On Stage Competition: Floor Length Formal Gown

The Pageant Competition

Interview Competition

Competition starts promptly at 4 pm

Junior, & Miss Contestants will compete in Interview (5 minutes) and will be scored on knowledge of Mardi Gras and information obtained in personal bio, conversational ability, poise, and overall appearance for their Interview. Interview attire: Pageant Suits

Teen Miss Contestants will **NOT compete in interview portion of our pageant. **

On Stage Competition

Teen, Junior, and Miss will have on Stage Introduction and Evening Gown Presentation. Evening Gown Competition will be scored on introduction content, delivery, beauty, modeling/poise and overall appearance.

Mask Competition

Teen, Junior, & Miss Contestants will compete in the Mask Competition during the opening of the On Stage Event.

- Contestants **MUST** design and supply a Mardi Gras Mask on a stick
- During this competition they will present their mask creation on stage and state their favorite "Thing" about Mardi Gras.
- The Mask Contest will be scored for overall beauty of mask, originality and use of theme and presentation. A winner of the Mask competition will be named separately from the winner of the overall pageant winner.
- The winner's mask will be displayed in the Mardi Gras Museum of Southwest Louisiana for the year following the pageant.
- Mask scores will not be included in the final score for Queen and Alternates.

General Rules and Information

- **Contestants must be residents of Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, Beauregard and Allen Parishes, only.**
- You must compete in the Age Division you are on the day of the pageant. No grace periods or bumping.
- Scores will not be posted, but may be obtained by providing a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry form. **Allow 3-4 weeks post pageant to receive your scores.**
- Modeling formation will be a basic "T", with one "X" in the back and three across the front of the stage.
- The judges will be in front of the stage.
- Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated by a contestant or the contestant's representative (sponsor or parent). Your contestant will be disqualified and you will be required to leave without benefit of refund.

Queens will be required to attend all events scheduled by Mardi Gras of SWLA, and with proper attire and behavior befitting their Title.

Miss Mardi Gras of SWLA (17 - 23 Year Division and younger) Contestants must not be, or have been married, be pregnant or borne a child, live with a boyfriend, must be a Louisiana resident with intent to remain and may not currently hold any other Title or have held the LAFF Queen of Queens Title.

The 2016 Miss Mardi Gras will be contracted to Mardi Gras of SWLA and may NOT compete for or hold any other title during her reign. The 2016 Junior Miss Mardi Gras is also contracted but will be allowed to hold two other titles (Festival or State) during her year as queen. This is a total of three titles INCLUDING JR. Miss Mardi Gras of SWLA, no exceptions.

Mandatory

Rehearsal for all contestants - 6:00-7:30 PM Please Be PROMPT

Friday, January 8, 2016 - Rosa Hart Theater

Entry Fees and Deadlines

Jr. Miss and Teen Entry Fee: \$100.00

Jr. Miss and Teen Early Bird entry fee: \$75.00

Miss Entry Fee: \$125.00

Miss Early Bird entry Fee: \$100.00

Early Bird Deadline: December 1, 2015 by 5:00 PM

Absolute Deadline: January 6, 2016 by 5:00 PM

All checks/money orders must be properly labeled with contestants name and made payable to Mardi Gras of SWLA.

All entries must be mailed to:

Danielle Newlin

527 11th St.

Lake Charles, La. 70601

Or Hand Delivered from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to:

Hope Stanford (Salon Evans)

109 West LaGrange St.

Lake Charles, La.

Pageant Contract Agreement

I agree that The Lake Charles Civic Center, Mardi Gras of SWLA, Festival Board and Pageant Chairpersons will not be held responsible for accidents, injury, theft or loss that may occur before, during or after this event and to abide by all rules set forth in the application to compete. I understand that if I (we) win the title that I'm seeking, the I (we) am responsible for the train and mantle that will be provided to me by Mardi Gras of SWLA. I (we) will keep it in the condition it was given to me and return it in its package when I complete my year as queen. I (we) also acknowledge that, if crowned Queen, I (we) will be a representative of Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana and agree, that if at any time, my behavior and/or appearance is unbecoming to my title, I will be required to relinquish the Title. This includes by not limited to, agreeing not to post any inappropriate status updates or photos to any social media website that would embarrass our board and organization. I agree to be present in a timely manner at all Mardi Gras and other Events required by Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana with acceptable attire, grooming and behavior. I understand that if I do not abide by these simple rules and regulations, I will be required to relinquish all of my awards given to me by Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana including Crown, Banner, Train, Mantel and Scepter and all other prizes to the Pageant Chairperson and Mardi Gras of SWLA Board.

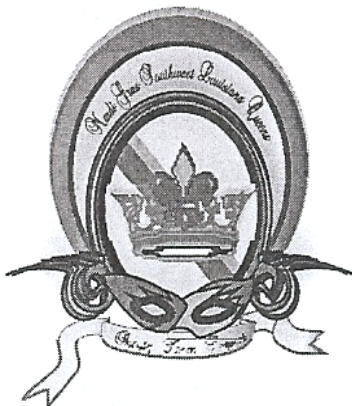
***If I am crowned Junior Miss Mardi Gras of SWLA, I agree not to hold more than two other titles (State or Festival) at one time. This is a total of three titles including Jr. Miss Mardi Gras of SWLA.**

****If I am crowned Miss Mardi Gras of SWLA, I understand that I will not compete for and/or hold any other title during the year of my reign. I also understand that if I am unable to complete my reign as Miss Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana because of any reason stated above, that I am fully responsible for reimbursing the board of Mardi Gras of SWLA for any expenses and trips paid for by this organization.**

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Please turn in with entry form)



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Miss Mardi Gras of SWLA

Entry Form

Please Type or Print Clearly:

Competition Division: _____

Name: _____

Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Full Mailing Address:

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Parents: _____

Education:

School: _____

Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Contestant Information:

Hair Color: _____

Eye Color: _____

Favorite Movie: _____

Book: _____

Favorite Color: _____

Hobbies: _____

Awards/Honor: _____

Ambition: _____

Favorite Mardi Gras Tradition: _____

If I could have any wish: _____

Sponsor: _____

ABSOLUTE Deadline for Pageant Entries: January 6, 2016