



**Miss Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival
Queen's Pageant**

Sponsored by: Avoyelles Arts & Humanities Council
PAGEANT OPEN TO STATE OF LOUISIANA

Date: *Sunday, April 28, 2024*
Time: *10:00am- Ages 0-8 years (Registration 8:00am-9:30am)*
Interviews- 1:00pm
3:00pm- Ages 9 years and above (Registration 12:30pm- 2:30pm)

Place: **Paragon Casino Resort Ballrooms** **Entry Fee:** 0 months – 8 years \$55.00
711 Paragon Place 9 years & UP - \$65.00
Marksville, LA 71351

Pageant Director: Lauren Harmason 318-240-3433
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DEADLINE

- * Mail-in entries MUST be postmarked by Friday, April 19, 2024.
- * Hand-delivered entries will be accepted until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024.
- * E-mail entries will be accepted until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024.
- * Payments must be made thru Paypal for e-mail entries.
- * Late applications or fees will not be accepted. However, the Director reserves the right to extend the deadline if numbers are low.

***All payments should be in the form of PayPal, check, or money order and made out to the Avoyelles Arts Council**

Paypal Payments avoyellesarts@gmail.com : Please include the contestants name in the notes section (choose friends and family option)

Mail or deliver entries to: Avoyelles Arts Council
Miss Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival Pageant
PO Box 956
Marksville, LA 71351

Age Groups:

0-11 months Baby Miss AAMF	12-23 months Tiny Miss AAMF
2-3 years Toddler Miss AAMF	4-5 years Petite Miss AAMF
6-8 years Little Miss AAMF	9-11 years Deb Miss AAMF
12-13 years Junior Miss AAMF	14-16 years Teen Miss AAMF
17-22 years Miss Marksville AAMF	23 – Up Ms. AAMF (Single, Married, Divorced)

Attire: **Festival Attire:** Ages 0 months – 8years- (Outfit of Choice- **Red, White, Blue**)

ON STAGE INTRODUCTION FOR DEB MISS, JR. MISS, TEEN MISS, MISS & MS

Interview: Miss, Teen Miss, & Ms. Divisions Only. Starts at 1:00pm. (Business suit or dress)

Photogenic Competition: Each division will have a photogenic winner. Photos must be submitted during registration in a zip-top plastic bag and MUST NOT be larger than a 5 x 7. No picture frames. Photos MUST be labeled on the back with name, age, and division. Unlabeled photos will not be accepted. Photos are submitted at \$5.00 per photo and should be picked up after the division contest.

Awards

Miss Queen: Beautiful custom large rhinestone crown, \$350 Scholarship, custom monogrammed banner, flowers, and rhinestone crown pin.

****MISS QUEEN WILL ATTEND THE CONVENTION FOR THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & FESTIVALS AND PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING COMPETING IN THE 2025 LAFF QUEEN OF QUEENS PAGEANT.**

Teen Miss Queen: Beautiful large custom rhinestone crown, monogrammed banner, flowers, trophy, and rhinestone crown pin.

Junior Miss Queen: Beautiful large custom rhinestone crown, monogrammed banner, flowers, trophy, and rhinestone crown pin.

All other division queens: Beautiful custom rhinestone crown, and monogrammed banner.

1st & 2nd alternates: Trophy.

Photogenic (per division): Photo frame.

****Please note that additional alternates may be added dependent upon number of contestants. ****

General Information & Guidelines

1. **Admission:** Adults \$5.00. Children ages 12 and under \$3.00. All entrants MUST purchase a ticket. NO exceptions. Please advise your guests.
2. **Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated.** You will be asked to leave with no refund of fees.
3. **Judges** will be Certified and not from this area. Judges' decisions are final.
4. **Queens' requirements:** Each title holder is required to attend the Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival on July 4th and represent the Avoyelles Arts Council and Festival with grace and dignity. The Deb, Jr, Teen Miss, Miss, and Ms. Queens are required to sign a Queen's Contract the day of the pageant. The Miss Queen must be a resident of Louisiana, never been married, expected to remain single during her reign of one year, has never borne a child or becomes pregnant during her reign, and has never been charged with any crime. If the crowned Queen should marry, become pregnant, or be charged with any crime during her reign, she relinquishes her crown to the 1st runner up.
5. **Our Queens represent the Avoyelles Arts Council and the Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival at various events throughout the parish and state. They will be asked to go out into the community and represent their title and the Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival. All queens are welcome to participate and attend these same functions. The Miss, Teen Miss, Deb Miss, Jr. Miss, and Ms. Queen are asked not to hold any other titles that would distract her from her required appearances as Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival and sign a contract on the day of the pageant.**
6. **Interviews for Miss, Teen Miss & Ms.:** Interviews will be held on the day of the pageant. Interviews will be 5 minutes each. Tentative time is 1:00pm. Time & location are subject to change.
7. **Backstage Rules:** Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated. We ask that all contestants come prepared beforehand because there will be limited space available for make-up, hair touch ups, and dressing. Each contestant can be accompanied by no more than 2 female attendants. We ask that all parents, helpers, and stylists leave the backstage area prior to the start of the pageant to ensure an orderly and quiet zone for the competition. Those escorting young contestants on stage must be dressed appropriately.
8. **Pageant:** The Deb, Jr, Teen, Miss, & Ms are required to do a short introduction during evening wear.

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Please type neatly and return.
Required information noted with (*).

Check one: \$55.00

- Baby Miss 0-11 mos.
- Tiny Miss 12-23 mos.
- Toddler Miss 2-3 years
- Petite Miss 4-5 years
- Little Miss 6-8 years

Check one: \$65.00

- Deb Miss 9-11 years
- Junior Miss 12-13 years
- Teen Miss 14-16 years
- Miss 17-22 years
- Ms. 23 years and up

*Contestant Name: _____

*Parents Name:

*Age on day of pageant: *Birthday:

*Mailing Address:

*City, State, Zip code:

*Phone number (w/ area code):

School Contestant Attends:

Scholastic Awards, Achievements, or Accomplishments:

Special Interest, Talents, Activities, or Hobbies

Additional Comments:

By signing, you agree to having read the above guidelines and rules. You also promise to represent the Avoyelles Arts & Music Festival & Pageant in accordance with the rules and guidelines established by the Pageant and Celebration Committee.

*Contestant Signature: _____

*Parents Signature: _____