



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

Saturday, November 5, 2016

7:00 P.M.

(Interviews - 4:00 PM)

Lake Charles Civic Center - Contraband Room - Lake Charles, LA  
**The doors will open at 7:00 A.M. for Hair & Make-up.**

### **Pageant Directors:**

Danielle Newlin (337) 274-4995

Kathy Harrell (337) 274-4350

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

One parent admitted per contestant. All other Guests must purchase admission.

**Registration: 2:00 pm    Interview: 4:00 pm**

**On Stage Competition: 7:00 pm**

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 in 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 and her sister Queens travel many miles each year to promote our area's Mardi Gras festivities representing our community. Miss Mardi Gras travels alternately in Washington D.C. (even years) and Sioux City, Iowa (odd years).

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

### Category Age and Attire Requirements

**Teen:** 13-15      **Junior Miss:** 16-17 years      **Miss:** 18-23 years

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

### The Pageant Competition

#### Photogenic Competition

*Please submit a 5x7 or smaller color or black and white photo for the photogenic division.*

#### Interview Competition

*Competition starts at promptly at 4pm*

*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 the 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 stamped self addressed 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. The queens will be required to wear white polo shirts (which will be monogrammed at the queen's expense), and black pants at the casual events. They will be required to wear floor length gowns in all parades and formal appearances during their reign over the festival season.**

Miss Mardi Gras of SWLA (17 – 23 Year Division and younger) Contestant 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 2017 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 2017 Junior Miss Mardi 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, November 4, 2016  
Contraband Room

**Entry Fees and Deadlines**

Teen Entry Fee: \$75.00  
Jr. Miss Entry Fee: \$100.00  
Jr. Miss Early Bird entry fee: \$75.00  
Miss Entry Fee: \$125.00  
Miss Early Bird entry Fee: \$100.00

**Early Bird Deadline: October 1, 2016 by 5:00 PM**  
**Absolute Deadline: November 2, 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 or hand delivered to:**  
**Danielle Newlin**  
**1123 Pithon Street**  
**Lake Charles, LA 70601**

\*\*\*Please note that if you opt to hand deliver, it is drop off ONLY. Any questions can be **emailed** to [danielle.newlin@aol.com](mailto:danielle.newlin@aol.com) or you can leave messages with either of the

directors with the telephone numbers provided on page 1 of this entry.\*\*\*

### **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 am seeking, then 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 in and return it in the 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. This includes, but 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 SWLA 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 the Title, Crown, Banner and all other prizes to the Pageant Chairperson and Mardi Gras of SWLA Board. I will also 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.

**\*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 SWLA, 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 endorse and return with entry form.)**



**2017 Miss Mardi Gras of SWLA Queens Pageant  
Entry Form  
Please Type or Print clearly:**

*Competition Division:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Age:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Birthday:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Full Mailing address:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*City:* \_\_\_\_\_ *State:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Home Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Cell Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parents (spouse):* \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

*School:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Grade:* \_\_\_\_\_ *GPA:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant Information:**

*Hair Color:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Eye Color:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Favorite Movie:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Book:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Favorite Color:* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*Awards/Honor:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Ambition:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Favorite Mardi Gras Tradition:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*If I could have any wish:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Sponsor:* \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSOLUTE deadline for pageant entries:  
November 2, 2016**