



2024 Spanish Festival Queen's Pageant

Saturday, October 5th, 2024 | 4:00 PM

Cyr Gates Community Center | New Iberia City Park
300 Parkview Drive, New Iberia, La 70563

*Hola, Muchas Gracias for your interest in participating in our Spanish Festival Pageant.
We look forward to meeting each and every one of you!*

Registration

Early Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 5th, 2024

Entry Fee: \$60 - Deb Miss | \$75 - Junior, Teen, Ms. Contestants | \$100 - Miss Contestants

\$10 late fee after Early Deadline! OPTIONAL: Photogenic: \$10 (Photo must be 5x7 or smaller, photo brought day of pageant)

PAYMENT:



Deb Miss



Junior, Teen, Ms.



Miss



Photogenic



- No Personal Checks
- Business Checks are allowed if Sponsoring Contestant

~ All Entry Forms (Typed Only) and Payments must be received by: **Thursday, September 19th, 2024**

~ Please submit forms to: spanishfestivalpageants@gmail.com

~ Contact information: Brinkley Lopez, Pageant Director | 337.380.7636 | spanishfestivalpageants@gmail.com

~ NO door entries will be accepted!

Rules & Regulations

CONTESTANTS MUST NOT HOLD A CONTRACTED FESTIVAL TITLE AT THE SAME TIME OF COMPETITION!

- I. Ages are as of October 5, 2024
- II. Deb Miss Contestants must be between the ages of 9-11
- III. Junior Contestants must be between the ages of 12-14
- IV. Teen Contestants must be between the ages of 15-17
- V. Miss Contestants must be between the ages of 18-23
- VI. Ms. Contestants may be married or have a child (18+) or single and over the age of 24
- VII. Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, & Miss Contestants must be single and have never been married, pregnant, nor had a child.
- VIII. Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, Miss, & Ms. Contestants must be of good moral character and never been convicted of any felony.
- IX. All Contestants must be born a woman and a resident of the State of Louisiana.
- X. Contestants do NOT have to be of Spanish descent to compete for this title.
- XI. Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, Miss, & Ms. contestants must NOT hold any contracted Festival titles and shall NOT enter any other pageants throughout their (1 year) reign as a Spanish Festival Queen. There will be a mandatory orientation for Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, Miss, & Ms. Contestants on Friday, September 20th at 6:30 PM at the Sliman Theatre, 129 E. Main Street, New Iberia, LA. 70560. Attire is business casual/church attire, NO JEANS PLEASE! At orientation, contestants will be taking headshots for People's Choice Award along with pulling their contestant number for pageant day.

Competition

~ **Interview Competition** for Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, Ms. & Miss Contestants will be conducted starting at approximately 12:00 PM. Interviews will be conducted off-site at the *Iberia Parish Library, Main Street Branch 445 E. Main Street*. Hair and makeup will NOT be allowed at the Interview location. Hair and makeup locations will be available at the Community Center. There will be restrooms available to change into interview attire at the library. We ask for each contestant to have ONE guest with them during the interview competition. We ask all contestants to arrive 15 minutes prior to their assigned interview start time for check in. Assigned interview start times will be announced a week prior to the pageant. Interviews will consist of a panel of judges. Interview questions will consist of information given from the entry form but not limited, Judges may ask additional questions regarding the history of Festival and/or New Iberia. Interview attire will consist of a suit/dress suit, nude closed toe shoes and stockings.

~ **Evening Competition** starts at 4:00 PM, all contestants must be checked in by 3:30 PM. Deb Miss contestants are required to have an on-stage introduction, no longer than 30 seconds and should include name and contestant number. Junior, Teen, Miss, & Ms. contestants are required to have an on-stage introduction, no longer than 60 seconds. Evening attire will consist of a long formal/Pageant Gown. MISS CONTESTANTS ONLY, will be asked to answer an on-stage question from the Festival's Board of Directors choice.

Pageant Day

1. All Contestants must be checked in **15 minutes** prior to their assigned interview time which will take place at the *Iberia Parish Library | 445 E. Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560*.
2. All Contestants must be checked in by **3:30 PM** for the evening competition at the Cyr Gates Community Center, New Iberia City Park.
3. Door Admission: \$10, everyone must pay except contestants, 5 years and under gets in FREE
4. Concessions will be sold inside the Community Center during the Queen's Pageant
5. A dressing area will be available for all contestants.
6. Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Every contestant that competes is a winner!
7. **Contract signing** will take place **immediately following the Queen's Pageant**. All rules and regulations will be reviewed.
8. A Parent or Guardian must be present for the contract signing for the newly crowned Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, & Miss Queens.

Awards

~ Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, & Ms. Spanish Festival Queens will receive a custom Spanish inspired Crown, Elegant Formal Banner, Custom Spanish Festival Award, and a Bouquet of Flowers.

~ Miss Spanish Festival Queen IX will receive a custom Spanish inspired Crown and Scepter, Elegant Formal Banner, Custom designed Crown Box and Scepter Box, Custom designed Train & NEWLY designed Mantle, Custom Spanish Festival Award, a Bouquet of Flowers, & paid Hotel stay and entry fee for the 2025 LAFF Queen of Queen's Pageant which will be held in Baton Rouge, LA on February 6-9, 2025. Upon the completion and fulfillment of her contracted duties for the year, Miss Spanish Festival Queen IX will be presented with a \$500 Scholarship.

~ 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Alternates of each division will receive a custom Spanish Festival award.

~ Photogenic division winners will receive a gift; all contestants will receive a Spanish Flamenco Fan.

People's Choice Awards

People's Choice Award: All Contestants will have the chance to participate in the People's Choice Award, \$1 Per Vote! Contestant with the most votes will win a Custom Crystal Vase. Money proceeds will help fund the entry fee for the 2025 LAFF Queen of Queen's Pageant & Hotel Stay for the newly crowned Miss Spanish Festival Queen IX.

Upon Winning

The newly crowned 2024 Spanish Festival Royalty are required to attend the 11th Annual New Iberia Spanish Festival on April 11th - 13th, 2025 and events leading up to Festival month such as:

World Championship Gumbo Cookoff, New Iberia Halloween Parade, "Bless a Resident" gift donation drive,

Spanish Royalty Christmas Party, 2024 Royalty Photoshoot, television appearances and interviews.

Festival weekend activities will include Opening Ceremonies & Royalty Presentation, Running of the Bulls race,

Re-enactment of the Spanish arrival, Parade, Queen's Day activities, Thanksgiving Mass, and more.

The 2024 Spanish Festival Royalty are also required to attend the "Honoring Francisco Bouligny" event on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, along with the Annual Spanish King's Ball /Festival Poster Unveiling on Friday, October 3, 2025.

Founding Families of New Iberia, Louisiana

Gary, Lopez, Miguez(z), Prados, Romero, Segura, Viator



La Asociación Española de Nueva Iberia

A non-profit, volunteer organization incorporated in the City of New Iberia, Louisiana and serves as a vehicle for the recognition and promotion of Spanish ancestry and culture in New Iberia and throughout Louisiana. LAENI, Inc. encourages, supports and directs Student Exchange programs and activities involving educational, culinary, music, and art exchanges while creating an awareness and deeper understanding of our local Spanish heritage.

Name:

Phonetical Pronunciation:

Age:

DOB:

Age Division:

School Attending:

Grade:

School Achievements & Awards:

Major/Employment:

Future Plans:

Ambition:

Hobbies & Interests:

Community Activities:

Are you of Spanish Descent? If so, what is your Spanish Family Name?

What is your favorite Spanish Food?

Three words your best friend would use to describe you and why?

Sponsor:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Relationship:

Address:

Email:

Phone/Cell:

Medical Problems/Conditions:

I read the El Festival Español de Nueva Iberia rules and regulation- Queens contract agreement and understand the terms and condition of the contract prior to competing for this title.

Contestant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Official Use: Age: _____ Division: _____ Contestant #: _____

Photogenic: YES _____ NO _____ *Bring photo day of pageant

Payment: _____ Amount: _____ LAENI Representative: _____ Date: _____