



Iowa Rabbit Festival's MISS BUNNY PAGEANT 2024

(TEEN, MISS, and MS.)

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Iowa High School Gym

401 W. Miller Street, Iowa, LA



IOWA RABBIT FESTIVAL MS QUEEN

Single, married, divorced, or over 23.

Registration: 3:30 PM **NO INTERVIEW** Evening Gown Competition 5:00 PM

On-Stage Introduction (NO LONGER THAN 60 SECONDS) **No** On-Stage Interview

IOWA RABBIT FESTIVAL TEEN QUEEN

14-16 Years of Age

MISS BUNNY

17-23 Years of Age, Contestants must be at least 17 and not over 23 as of January 1, 2024

Teen & Miss: Registration 1:00 PM – Interviews 1:30 PM - Evening Gown Competition 5:00 PM

On-Stage Introduction (NO LONGER THAN 60 SECONDS). **MISS ONLY:** On-Stage Interview & Question

PLEASE READ: Teen and Miss contestants must be single, never married, or have ever been pregnant and must reside in the state of Louisiana. Miss, Teen & Ms. contestants must never have been arrested, charged, or convicted of a felony. All contestants must have been born female. Miss Bunny must compete in the LAFF Queen of Queens pageant in February 2025. Miss, Teen, and Ms. must promote and participate in all Iowa Rabbit Festival events, including parades and gatherings. The Iowa Rabbit Festival Teen Queen may not hold more than two other festival titles, nor do any State/National titles while Queen without written permission from the pageant director. Miss Bunny & the Iowa Rabbit Festival Ms. Queen may not hold another title during her reign.

AWARDS

QUEENS - BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM CROWN, MONOGRAMMED BANNER & PIN, SCEPTER, FLOWERS, FUR VEST (MISS ONLY) THERE WILL BE AN AWARD FOR FIRST & SECOND ALTERNATE IN EACH DIVISION, (1) OVERALL INTERVIEW AWARD, AND (1) OVERALL FAYE BERGERON PHOTOGENIC AWARD, DONATED BY JACKIE BERGERON

RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION, please read carefully.

ALL QUEENS WILL REIGN OVER THE 2025 IOWA RABBIT FESTIVAL

PLEASE NOTE: The dressing room will be limited to the contestant and one person to help them.
Doors will open at 7:00 AM for hair and make-up to set up.

ADMISSION TO THE PAGEANT IS \$5.00 – CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE

Everyone must pay except contestants.

ENTRY FEE: Early Bird Entry (Teen & Ms) \$80.00 / (Miss) \$100 if paid in full by March 1, 2024. After March 1st the entry fee is (Teen & Ms) \$90.00 / (Miss) \$110

Make business checks and money orders payable to **THE IOWA RABBIT FESTIVAL**. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS**

PAYPAL: @iowabunnypageant *All payments sent via PayPal must be sent as "Friends or Family"

Include the contestant's full name and age division with your payment.

EMAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO: iowarabbitpageant@gmail.com *Please put the contestant's name and division in the Subject*

OR MAIL TO: Iowa Rabbit Festival Pageant, 119 Orchard Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70605

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS Friday, April 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR- \$115 entry fee (Teen & Ms) and \$135 entry fee (Miss) **CASH ONLY**. NO EXCEPTIONS. **SORRY, NO REFUNDS.** **The directors reserve the right to extend the deadline & waive the late fee for special circumstances.**

ATTIRE: Interview: Interview Style Suit/Dress **Evening Gown:** Floor-length formal gown ONLY

ONSTAGE INTRODUCTION: Each division has a 30-60 second on-stage introduction. The introduction can be about you, the festival, or the organization. This will be part of your overall score.

ONSTAGE INTERVIEW: MISS ONLY – You will be given an index card at registration and will put two topics you would like to discuss on the card. The first question you will be asked will come from your index card; the second question will be the same for each contestant and will be compiled by the pageant committee.

PHOTOGENIC PICTURES: PLEASE TURN IN PICTURE AT REGISTRATION THE DAY OF PAGEANT. One (1) photo, no larger than an 8X10, black and white OR color unframed photograph. Put name & division on back of photo.

Score Sheets will not be posted. If you would like your scores and judges' comments, you may submit \$3 when you register on the day of the pageant. **IT MAY TAKE UP TO 3 WEEKS FOR YOU TO RECEIVE SCORES; PLEASE DO NOT CALL, EMAIL, OR FACEBOOK FOR THEM.** Specific information will not be given as to who is in the divisions. Bad sportsmanship or disrespect to the Judges, Pageant, or Festival Coordinator/Committee will not be tolerated. You will be disqualified and asked to leave without the benefit of a refund.

For more information, please contact: Erin Canik at 337-794-9027 or Amber Deville at 504-358-9308

MISS BUNNY PAGEANT 2024

ENTRY FORM

(Miss, Teen, and Ms.)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY

DIVISION IN WHICH COMPETING: _____ AGE DAY OF PAGEANT _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY & STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ CELL #: _____ ALT PHONE #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

PARENTS/SPOUSE: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE / MAJOR: _____

HAIR COLOR: _____ COLOR OF EYES: _____ FAVORITE COLOR: _____

FAVORITE RABBIT FESTIVAL EVENT: _____

HOBBIES/INTERESTS: _____

FAVORITE MOVIE OR TV SHOW: _____

FAVORITE BOOK: _____

FAVORITE CELEBRITY: _____

AMBITION: _____

ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, AND ACTIVITIES: _____

LIST ANY HONORS OR AWARDS RECEIVED: _____

SPONSORED BY: _____

THE INFORMATION ON THIS ENTRY FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature of Contestant

Signature of Parent (if under 18)

The Iowa Rabbit Festival, its Board Members, the Pageant Directors, or Staff may not be held responsible for any items lost or stolen nor injuries sustained during the pageant, festival, or any functions attended to represent the Iowa Rabbit Festival. The Judges will be qualified and not from this area, and their decision will be final. Bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated, and those involved will be asked to leave without a refund.

Miss Bunny's Queen Contract
Teen and Ms Iowa Rabbit Festival Queen's Contract
READ CAREFULLY

Below is the list of obligations incurred by Miss Bunny, Teen, and Ms (QUEEN) as she represents the Iowa Rabbit Festival. Any modifications to the contract must be agreed to in writing, signed by Miss Bunny, her parent or guardian, if necessary, and a board member of the Iowa Rabbit Festival, and attached hereto.

I. RESIDENCY

QUEEN and her parents must be residents of the state of Louisiana at the time of the pageant.

If (Miss/Teen) QUEEN'S parents move from the designated area, QUEEN must remain within the area of residence during her reign.

II. REQUIREMENTS

(Miss/Teen) QUEEN must be single and remain so during her reign.

(Miss/Teen) QUEEN may not be pregnant.

(Miss) QUEEN must relinquish all other beauty titles and may not enter any beauty pageant/contest other than the Louisiana Association of Fair and Festivals Queen's Pageant during her reign. This includes "Cause" pageants.

(Teen/Ms) QUEEN may not enter any beauty pageant/contest during her reign. This includes "Cause" pageants.

QUEEN must conform to all regulations set forth by the FESTIVAL.

QUEEN may not enter any other publicity contract without the written consent of the Iowa Rabbit Festival's Board of Directors. This includes but is not limited to political or product promotional events (including alcohol promotional events.)

(Miss) QUEEN is responsible for maintaining and the upkeep of her crown, banner, scepter, fur coat/vest, crown box, collar and train, and luggage.

(Teen/Ms) QUEEN is responsible for maintaining and the upkeep of her crown, banner, and scepter. Any damage caused while in QUEEN'S possession, other than normal wear, will be repaired or replaced at QUEEN'S expense.

QUEEN must attend the 2025 Iowa Rabbit Festival and crown her successor at the 2025 Miss Bunny Pageant.

Friday and Saturday events of the Iowa Rabbit Festival are mandatory. Thursday events/activities are optional.

(Miss) QUEEN'S train and mantel are loaned to the QUEEN for her use during her year's reign and must be returned upon completion of her reign. Failure to return the QUEEN'S train and mantle in good condition will result in a fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,500.00) being paid to the Iowa Rabbit Festival.

At the end of her reign, with the fulfillment of all requirements, the crown, banner, scepter, and fur coat/vest become the QUEEN'S permanent property.

If requirements are not completed, all prizes, including crown, banner, scepter, prizes, and fur coat/vest, will be forfeited, and returned to the pageant committee within 24 hours.

At the end of (Teen/Ms) QUEEN'S reign, with the fulfillment of all requirements, the crown, banner, and scepter become the QUEEN'S permanent property.

If requirements are not completed, all prizes, including the crown, banner, and scepter, will be forfeited and returned to the pageant committee within 24 hours.

If returned prizes are determined to be in a deteriorated state, within 24 hours, the QUEEN will pay the sum of the estimated value of the forfeited prizes to the Iowa Rabbit Festival.

III. PROHIBITIONS AND CAUSES FOR REMOVAL AND PENALTIES

QUEEN represents the town of Iowa and the Iowa Rabbit Festival wherever and whenever she is in the public's eye. Therefore, she shall ALWAYS act in a ladylike manner. This includes when she is not in crown or banner.

QUEEN must conduct herself in an appropriate manner. The following is an illustrative, not exhaustive, list of inappropriate behavior:

1. Smoking or drinking when making appearances as QUEEN, whether in crown and banner or not.
2. Public displays of affection shown to a date or boyfriend while representing the Iowa Rabbit Festival.
3. No visible body piercing is to be worn while representing the Iowa Rabbit Festival. This includes, but is not limited to, nose piercings, eyebrow piercings, tongue piercings, etc. Ear piercings and belly button piercings are acceptable.
4. The belly button piercing must be taken out or covered up when representing the Iowa Rabbit Festival.
5. QUEEN must maintain a natural hair color during her reign. Colors such as blue, purple, pink, etc., are not allowed.
6. No gum chewing while on stage in crown and banner as QUEEN.
7. Any foul language, disregard for the Board of Directors and Pageant Director, or discourteous attitude toward anyone will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to verbal and electronic message boards, such as Voy, and social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.).

Appropriate attire must be worn while representing the Iowa Rabbit Festival. No shorts, bare midriffs, or extremely short skirts may be worn. Blue jeans should be worn only when called for by the hosting queen/festival. Jeans should not have holes or tears.

Formal attire is required for all pageants. This will include a floor-length formal, crown and banner. Hair and make-up should be appropriate for a formal occasion.

(Miss) Train, mantel, and scepter will be required at numerous events throughout her year's reign.

The QUEEN will be immediately dismissed should she:

1. Competition in any other pageant system during her year's reign
2. (Miss/Teen) Marry, become pregnant, or coinhabit with a member of the opposite sex or partner of the same sex during her reign
3. Conduct herself in any inappropriate manner, including but not limited to:
 - a. Engaging in criminal conduct, whether officially charged or not
 - b. Abusing any controlled dangerous substances during the period of her reign
 - c. Consuming alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products while representing the FESTIVAL
 - d. Smoking or vaping while wearing crown and banner or any time that QUEEN is at an endorsed FESTIVAL event
 - e. The use of profanity, rudeness, or any conduct unbecoming of a QUEEN
 - f. Engaging in public displays of affection while representing the FESTIVAL
 - g. The use of social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Vine, Snapchat, TikTok, etc., specifically including, but not limited to, posting or sharing sexually suggestive photos/videos or verbally explicit comments or insulting, inflammatory, or inappropriate comments

- h. Posting on social media smoking or drinking alcohol at any time
- i. Being disrespectful to any FESTIVAL board member, personnel from other festivals or fairs, other FESTIVAL/VISITING QUEENS, or other RABBIT FESTIVAL ROYALTY

Complaints or violations will be handled as follows:

1. FESTIVAL Pageant Director will give QUEEN (1) warning on the first complaint from a public source.
2. The QUEEN shall appear before the FESTIVAL Board of Directors on the second or subsequent complaint from the same source or (3) individual complaints from different public sources.
3. The Board of Directors may take any action it deems necessary, including, but not limited to, removal.

The Iowa Rabbit Festival reserves the right to request that QUEEN submit to a random test for any controlled, dangerous substance with a parent or legal guardian present. Refusal to take the test or the return of a positive screen indicating the presence of any controlled, dangerous substance without a valid medical prescription shall constitute cause for removal.

In the event of removal, the removed QUEEN shall pay the Iowa Rabbit Festival the sum of \$500.00 for necessary expenses to install and maintain the new QUEEN.

In addition, the removed QUEEN shall return to the Iowa Rabbit Festival the crown, scepter, banners, (Miss) train, mantle, fur coat/vest, crown box, and luggage within 24 hours of removal. Should these items not be returned, QUEEN is monetarily responsible for replacing them.

Should QUEEN be removed, the title, all prizes, and privileges shall be revoked immediately and revert to the Iowa Rabbit Festival. The Festival Board will have sole discretion in removing the QUEEN for any violation of the rules and regulations, and its decision will be final.

If the Iowa Rabbit Festival must obtain an attorney to enforce this provision, the removed QUEEN shall be responsible for any attorney's fees and court costs incurred.

IV. APPEARANCES

Iowa Rabbit Festival Pageant Director is appointed as the contact person for the QUEEN during her reign and will be notified of all appearances.

(Teen/Ms) QUEEN is expected to attend a minimum of 12 approved festivals. (Miss) QUEEN is expected to attend a minimum of 15 approved festivals.

The following festival pageants are mandatory:

- Cajun Music Festival
- Cal-Cam Fair
- Louisiana Pirate Festival
- Louisiana Fur and Wildlife
- Mardi Gras of Southwest Louisiana

Any time the (Miss/Teen) QUEEN must travel out of town, one parent or adult guardian must travel with her. No member of the opposite sex, unrelated by blood, is allowed to travel alone with the (Teen/Ms) QUEEN or be housed with the QUEEN during that event.

If QUEEN accepts an invitation to an event, she must be present during the entire event as called for in the invitation except in cases of illness, death, or the express permission of the inviting director.

If QUEEN accepts an invitation but cannot follow through on that commitment, a written apology must be sent to the inviting director as soon as possible, and a copy of the apology must be provided to Festival Pageant Director.

All correspondence must be answered promptly. Thank You notes should always be sent to hosting events attended by QUEEN.

(Miss) QUEEN must include TEEN and MS QUEEN on all invites unless the event has been designated for MISS queens only.

While visiting a Festival, QUEEN must sit in the area designated by that Festival's Pageant Director.

Appearances shall also be made at Iowa town events as they are scheduled. This may include the Christmas Parade, Buddy Ball, Easter at the Park, Farmer's Markets, Trunk-or-Treat, activities at the Senior Center, and the Homecoming Parade.

Only travel approved by the FESTIVAL Pageant Director, or Pageant Liaison, shall be reimbursed with a travel stipend allotted by the FESTIVAL. A travel report with specific dates, events, and mileage for which reimbursement is desired shall be turned in quarterly (July 15th, October 15th, January 15th, and April 15th).

The travel stipend is \$0.50/mile with a cap of \$500 (Miss).

(Miss) QUEEN must attend the annual Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen of Queens Pageant and Convention held in February 2025 at the Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She will arrive at the hotel on Thursday and remain until Sunday. The Iowa Rabbit Festival will provide a hotel room for three (3) nights and the entry fee into the LAFF Queen of Queens Pageant.

QUEEN shall be a hostess to all visiting queens during the Iowa Rabbit Festival at the end of her reign. Thursday night of the festival is not mandatory. The QUEEN must attend Friday night and Saturday. She shall also host visiting queens during Day Activities at the end of her reign.

V. SCHOLARSHIP

1. The FESTIVAL Scholarship shall be remitted to the (Miss) QUEEN only after the following:
 - a. The full completion of her reign
 - b. A designation by Pageant Director/Liaison that QUEEN has completed required appearances and has not been stripped of her title
 - c. The train, mantle, crown box, and luggage have been returned and are in good condition.

I also permit that any and all photos taken by Iowa Rabbit Festival photographers may be used in any publicity ads, social media, & products.

Any problems or concerns must be immediately reported to the Pageant Director.