

2023 Alligator Festival Pageant

Sunday, September 10th

2:00 pm

Hahnville High School

Contact:

alligatorfestivalpageant@gmail.com

****Eligibility:**

- Miss Division is open to Louisiana residents between the ages of **18 and 23**.
- Teen Division is open to Louisiana residents between the ages of **13 and 17**.
- All contestants should be natural-born females that have never been married or had/bore a child and never convicted of a felony.

****Entry Fee: Miss and Teen Contestants \$100.00**

- **NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT ENTRY FEE.**
- Each contestant is responsible for obtaining your own sponsor to cover the entry fee, whether a local business, parents, etc.
- Please make all checks payable to Alligator Festival.
- Electronic payment options are available.
 - Venmo: @Alligator-Festival and PayPal: stcharlesrotary@gmail.com
 - Please include "Contestant's Name - Pageant Application Fee" in the memo.

****Photogenic: (Included in your entry fee)**

- Include a Color or B&W photograph with your application.
- The photograph should not be any larger than an 8x10.
- Photographs will be returned.
- Photogenic award will be given among both the Miss and Teen Divisions.

****Application:**

- All entry forms must be typed.
- This will be copied, and each judge will be given a copy for their folders.
- Applications and entry fees must be received by Wednesday, September 6th at 7 pm.
- Entry forms and application fees can be mailed to:
Alligator Festival Pageant
13101 River Rd.
Luling, LA 70070
- If mailing, do not place in the mail past Wednesday, August 30th to ensure your application is received by the deadline. Once mailed please notify directors to expect delivery. (Labor Day Holiday will affect the delivery of mail.)
- Drop-offs may be made at the discretion and approval of the directors, but not past the deadline. To arrange, contact alligatorfestivalpageant@gmail.com

****Contestants Interviews:**

- Interviews will be held at Hahnville High School.
- Contestant Check-In Time 10:30 am, interviews will immediately follow.
- A panel of judges will interview both divisions, Teen & Miss contestants.
- Contestants are to remain at Hahnville High School until all pageant festivities are finished.

****Pageant Festivities:**

- The pageant will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.
- Doors to public will open at 1:30 pm.

****Ticket Information:**

- Contestants do not need a ticket. All other guests must purchase a ticket.
- Tickets may be purchased at the door.
- **Pageant tickets are \$10.00**

****Interviews** will be worth **40 points** of total competition for both Miss and Teen Divisions.

- Dress code will be dress jeans with a fashionable top and heels. You can accessorize to taste.
- Interviews will take place immediately before the evening competition, this is called a backdoor interview. Therefore, please have your hair and makeup stage ready. The judges will be notified that is acceptable.
- The Teen Division interview is 5 minutes in length and will only pertain to your application.
- The Miss Division interview will be 7 minutes in length and can pertain to your application, current events, or anything else. Miss contestants should be able to display basic knowledge of the Festival, and the Louisiana Alligator Management Program. For more information visit:
 - <https://www.alligatorfestival.org/about>
 - <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/alligator-management>
- Miss and Teen Contestants will be judged on the following: Ability to Converse (1-10), Subject Knowledge (1-10), Poise & Personality (1-10), and Overall Appearance (1-10).
- **NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED TO STAY FOR THE INTERVIEWS.**

****“Sportsmen”wear** will be worth **20 points** of total competition for both Miss and Teen Divisions.

- Will include self-introduction no longer than 20 seconds and sportswear modeling.
- The theme of the “sportsmen”wear competition is “Gator Glam”. Be creative!
- You may add simple props for your sportswear modeling.
- This is worth 20 points of the total competition and will be judged on the following: Self-Introduction (1-10) and Stage Presentation (1-10).

****Evening Gown** will be worth **40 points** of total competition for both Miss and Teen Divisions.

- Will include modeling of your floor-length evening gown of any color and style that you desire.
- This is for both Teen and Miss Contestants.
- This is worth 40 points of total competition and you will be judged on the following: Beauty (1-10), Poise (1-10), Stage Presentation (1-10), and Overall Appearance (1-10).

****Awards:**

Queens, Alternates, Fashion, Photogenic, Congeniality, and People’s Choice awards will be awarded.

- Miss and Teen Titles are binding titles for one year.
- Teen Queen will not be allowed to compete in any other pageants.
- Miss Queen will compete in the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queens Competition in February 2024.

Judges’ decisions are final! There will be no contact allowed with the judges until after the pageant is over. Any misconduct or inappropriate behavior will result in disqualification from the pageant with NO REFUND! All contestants are to always remain backstage in the dressing room. Under no circumstances are any contestants allowed in the audience at any time. Only one person will be allowed with each contestant in the dressing room. No one other than contestants and committee members are allowed backstage!