



Saturday, October 7th, 2023 | 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! Below you will find our rules and regulations guidelines of what we expect out of our contestants. Also, please make sure to review contracts prior to sending in entry form and payment.

Rules & Regulations

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

- I. Ages are as of October 7, 2023
- II. Deb Miss Contestants must be between the ages of 9-11, Junior Contestants must be between the ages of 12-14, Teen Contestants must be between the ages of 15-17. Miss Contestants must be between the ages of 18-23. Contestants may be married or single and over the age of 24.
- III. Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, & Miss Contestants must be single and have never been married, pregnant, nor had a child.
- IV. Deb Miss, Junior, Teen, Miss, & Ms. Contestants must be of good moral character and never been convicted of any felony
- V. All Contestants must be born a woman and a resident of Louisiana.
- VI. 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.
- VII. There will be a mandatory orientation/rehearsal for Junior, Teen, Miss, & Ms. Contestants on Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 PM at the Cyr Gates Community Center. During this time contestants will also have the opportunity to pull their contestant number for pageant day.
- VIII. Contestants do NOT have to be of Spanish descent to compete for this title.
- IX. Deb Miss, Junior and Teen Spanish Festival Queens who are under the age of 18 will require a parent/guardian to sign the contract agreement. Miss and Ms. Spanish Festival Queens will also need to sign a contract agreement, but a parent/guardian signature is not required.

Competition

~ **Interview Competition** will be conducted the morning of the pageant starting at approximately 10:00 AM. 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 location 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.

- 2023 Spanish Festival Queen's Pageant
- ~ **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. A dressing room will be available for contestants. MISS CONTESTANTS ONLY, will be asked to answer an on stage question from the Festival's Board of Directors choice.

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 VIII will receive a custom Spanish inspired Crown and Scepter, Elegant Formal Banner, Custom designed Crown Box and Scepter Box, Custom designed Train & Mantle, Custom Spanish Festival Award, a Bouquet of Flowers, & paid Hotel stay and entry fee for the 2024 LAFF Queen of Queen's Pageant which will be held in Baton Rouge, LA on February 22nd - 25th, 2024. Upon the completion of her contracted duties for the year, Miss Spanish Festival Queen VIII will be presented with a \$500 Scholarship.
- ~ 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Runner up 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 Award: Contestants will be able 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 2024 LAFF Queen of Queen's Pageant & Hotel Stay.

The newly crowned 2023 Spanish Festival Royalty are required to attend the 10th Annual New Iberia Spanish Festival on April 19th - 21st, 2024 and events leading up to Festival month such as: Poster Unveiling, A Night in Spain fundraiser event, 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 2023 Spanish Royalty are also required to attend the Annual Spanish King's Ball on Friday, October 4, 2024.

Registration

Early Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 7th, 2023

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 may be mailed with form or brought morning of pageant)

- ~ All Entry Forms (Typed Only, if possible) and Payments must be received by: **Thursday, September 28th, 2023**
- ~ **Payment: Money Order (Paid to LAENI), Cash, or PAYPAL** *** If paying via PayPal please add a \$3.00 convenience fee*
- ~ Please mail forms to: LAENI | P.O. Box 12963 | New Iberia, La 70562 OR email- spanishfestival@gmail.com
- ~ Contact information: Brinkley Lopez, Pageant Director | 337.380.7636 | spanishfestival@gmail.com
- ~ NO door entries will be accepted! Door Admission: \$10, everyone must pay except contestants, 5 years and under gets in FREE
- ~ Bracelets will be available for purchase for \$10, this will grant admission for both Children's & Queen's Pageants
- ~ Food Trucks will be open for business right outside the Community Center

Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____ Age Division: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

School Achievements/Awards: _____

Major/Employment: _____

Ambition: _____

Hobbies & Interests: _____

Why do you want to be the Spanish Festival Queen?

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

Founding Families of New Iberia, Louisiana
Gary, Lopez, Miguez(z), Prados, Romero, Segura, Victor

**La Asociacion Español de Nueva Iberia (LAENI)
is a non-profit, volunteer organization incorporated in the City of New Iberia, Louisiana and serves as a vehicle for the recognition and promotion of the 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 awareness and deeper understanding of our local Spanish heritage.*



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

Photogenic: YES _____ NO _____ Photo attached: _____ Bring day of pageant: _____

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