



Erath 4th of July Festival Queen's Pageant

RULES & REGULATIONS MISS QUEEN CONTRACT

I. REQUIREMENTS

- a. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN must be between the ages of 17 and 23 and a resident of Louisiana.
- b. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN must be single, born a woman, have never been married, and must remain unmarried during the term of her reign. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN cannot be living with someone of the opposite sex or significant other, nor have a child. If at any time during her reign she should marry, become pregnant, or have conduct unbecoming of her title, she shall forfeit the title, crown, banner, and gifts. All property and awards must be returned to the Erath 4th of July Association.
- c. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN must not hold any other titles, other than school or college, and may not enter any pageant of any kind other than the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen of Queens Pageant during her reign.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is not just a title, it is an honor that comes with a responsibility and a commitment. For one year, you not only represent the ERATH 4th OF JULY Association and Festival, but also the community of Erath as their ambassador at various functions, festivals, pageants, and balls. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is to treat everyone with kindness and respect, and conduct herself with dignity and integrity at all times.

The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN must maintain regular contact with the 4TH of July Queen's Committee/Directors, either by phone or email, regarding upcoming events that she will be attending. She should also share photos after each event so that these pictures will be available to publish on the Erath 4th of July website and Facebook page. Please use the hashtag **#Erath4thofJuly** when sharing photos on Social Media platforms.

The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN will be allowed to have a Miss Erath 4th of July Instagram Account (**erath4thofjuly royalty**) where she will post positive experiences during her reign and her travels, however, this page must be followed and monitored by at least two members of the Queen's Committee. See social media rules below. This Instagram Account will be passed on to the new queen the following year.

The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of her crown, banner, mantle, and train. If damage occurs during the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN's reign she must notify the Queen's Committee/Directors immediately. Any damage caused while in the QUEEN's possession, not including normal wear, will be repaired at the QUEEN's expense. The ERATH 4th OF JULY QUEEN will NOT make her own "PLAY BANNER" or "FORMAL BANNER" or any other BANNER or CROWN other than the one awarded without the permission of the Queen's Committee/Pageant Directors.

The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is expected to act in a lady-like manner at all times. Any conduct unbecoming to a queen while she is representing this festival will be grounds for immediate dismissal. The following constitutes unbecoming conduct:

- A. Improper moral conduct or disrespect
- B. Foul or Abusive language
- C. Physical violence of any degree
- D. Vulgar body display or vulgar dancing
- E. Smoking, vaping, or drinking of alcohol while representing the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

Please Note: Removal of the crown and banner while attending a festival does not exempt The queen from her responsibilities.

- F. Illegal drug use
- G. Failure to abide by a hosting Festival or Organization's rules
- H. Failure to work with and adhere to the Queen's Committee/Directors
- I. Disrespecting the Erath 4TH of July board members and/or festival workers
- J. Poor Attitude
- K. Usage of cell phone during an event for texting, social media, or talking
- L. Disrespecting others on social media
- M. Posting inappropriate posts/pictures on social media.

-Any and all pictures and comments not following these guidelines MUST be taken down. At any time the festival board reserves the right to discuss with you any content we deem inappropriate.

III. APPEARANCES

a. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN agrees to spend the festival week (June 30th – July 4th) participating in various events at the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION. These events include, but are not limited to the Erath 4th of July Mass, scheduled television appearances, Fais Do Do Dance Contest, 4th of July 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run, Annual Water Fights, Grand Marshal & Queen's Tea/Social, 4th of July Parade, and the Festival. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is expected to be knowledgeable of the ERATH 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL, history, events, and contests so she will be prepared to answer questions at appearances.

b. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is expected to attend a minimum of **12 LAFF Pageants/Festivals**, at least 3 per quarter. The Erath Fourth of July Association will reimburse the MISS QUEEN for mileage to these festivals/events at a rate of .56 per mile or the current government rate, with a reimbursement cap of \$500. In the case of queens carpooling together to the same event, the ERATH 4th OF JULY QUEEN will be compensated only if her vehicle is used for the carpool. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN will send monthly reports with travel log and appearances to the Queen's Committee. Records must show date, festival or function, and mileage. When the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN receives an invitation or a request for an appearance, the QUEEN must reply within 48 hours of the receipt or before the deadline, whichever is first, even if she will not be attending.

c. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is required to attend the following local festivals/events and stay for the duration of the event:

- Delcambre Shrimp Festival Pageant/Delcambre
- Gueydan Duck Festival Pageant/Gueydan
- Louisiana Cattle Festival Pageant/Abbeville

d. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN should attend town functions that she is invited to, including but not limited to the Christmas in Erath event on December 3, 2022.

e. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN shall attend the Convention for the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals and participate in all activities pertaining thereto, and will compete as a contest in the L.A.F.F. Queen of Queens Pageant. The Erath Fourth of July Association will reimburse her for the following expenses:

- Entry Fee for contest
- Hotel Room
- Meals are generally provided by the L.A.F.F organization, otherwise, meal expenses are not reimbursed.
- Other expenses as determined necessary by the Queen's Committee.

f. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN agrees to allow the ERATH 4TH OF JULY ASSOCIATION to use her information and photographs to promote the festival.

g. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN agrees that the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, association, board members, and pageant directors are not responsible for loss of personal belongings, accidents or illnesses during my travels.

h. During her reign, the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN will be under the direct supervision of the Queen's Committee. ALL queens under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older when traveling. Anytime a QUEEN must travel overnight out of town, one parent or adult guardian (over 21) must travel with her. No member of the opposite sex, not related by blood, is allowed to travel with the QUEEN unless an invitation in writing is extended to that person or with the express consent of the Festival Board. However, in no event shall that person be housed with the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN during that event.

i. In the event that the ERATH 4TH OF JULY 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 or permission of the 4th of July Queen's Committee.

j. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is expected to be dressed appropriately. No short-shorts, bare midriffs, or extreme short skirts may be worn. QUEENS should adhere to the "fingertip rule" wherein bottoms should reach the QUEEN's fingertips. We expect you to look and act your best at all times. It is the decision of the Queen's Committee (not your parents/grandparents) if your outfit is inappropriate and their decision is final.

k. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN may not use the title, crown, banner, or their position as QUEEN to promote any commercial enterprise, organization, or political candidate without the permission of the Queen's Committee/Directors.

l. Pageant Directors must be notified in advance of Queen's travel plans and when Junior Division Queens will be attending. A record of travel mileage must be kept and should be reported to the Queen's Committee/Directors at the end of every quarter. (September, December, March, June) Records must show date, festival or function, and mileage.

IV. GENERAL

The Queen's Committee/Pageant Directors must clear any exceptions to the above rules in writing.

If any of the above rules are broken, the consequences are at the discretion of the Queen's Committee/Directors. Consequences may include, but are not limited to not allowing the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN to compete at LAFF, meeting with the festival board, and/or removal of title.

Upon completion of her reign and in fulfillment of obligations, the ERATH 4TH OF JULY MISS QUEEN will receive a \$500 Erath 4th of July/J.P. Landry Memorial Scholarship.

The ERATH 4th OF JULY QUEEN further agrees: From the date I sign this agreement until the completion of my reign, I will conduct my activities and life in accordance with the highest ethical and

moral standards, and I will not engage in any activity that might bring myself or the TOWN OF ERATH and the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION into public disrepute, ridicule, contempt or scandal or might otherwise reflect unfavorably upon the town, festival, or queen's committee members. I agree not to hold the ERATH 4th OF JULY CELEBRATION, its' Association and Board Members, Pageant Directors, nor anyone associated with the ERATH 4th OF JULY CELEBRATION responsible for any injury or loss to myself or my personal property while representing this said title. The terms and conditions of the above contract are subject to change and any changes will be presented to the Queen's Committee/Directors for approval and then passed on and signed by the titleholder.

I have read the above and foregoing contract and fully understand the terms and conditions thereof. By signing below I indicate my desire to accept those terms and conditions and be bound by them.

If I break any of the above rules, I agree to forfeit the title and return the crown, banner, and gifts to the Erath 4th of July Association immediately.

_____ (Print Name) Erath's Miss 4th of July Queen _____ date

_____ (Signature) Erath's Miss 4th of July Queen _____ date

_____ Parent or Guardian _____ date

_____ Queen's Committee/Director, Tarrah Davis (337) 224-9465

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