



Erath 4th of July Celebration

Rules & Regulations MS QUEEN CONTRACT

I. REQUIREMENTS

- a. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY must be 24 years or older and a resident of Louisiana.
- b. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY can be single, married, or divorced.
- c. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY must not hold any other titles and may not enter any pageant of any kind.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY is not just a title; it is an honor that comes with responsibility and 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. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY is to treat everyone with kindness and respect and always conduct herself with dignity and integrity.
- b. In the event the MS 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.
- c. MS 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 always look and act your best. It is the decision of the Queen's Committee whether your outfit is inappropriate, and their decision is final. No jeans or shorts unless the invitation specifically calls for it.
 - a. Visible tattoos: Any full sleeve or large tattoos must be covered while in crown and banner. Tattoos that are small and discreet may remain visible, provided they do not interfere with the professional image of the association.
 - b. Piercings: Only earrings can be worn while in crown and banner. Facial & body piercings must not be worn or visible while in crown and banner. This includes nose rings. If you have a nose piercing, please wear a CLEAR nose retainer stud. Please refrain from industrial style earrings, i.e. gauges.
- d. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY is expected to always act in a lady-like manner. Any conduct unbecoming to a queen while she is representing this festival will be grounds for immediate dismissal.
- e. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of her crown and banner. ERATH 4th OF JULY QUEENS will NOT make their 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.

III. APPEARANCES

- a. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN agrees to spend June 30th – July 4th participating in various events at the ERATH 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL
- b. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is expected to attend a minimum of 5 LAFF Events (Festivals, Pageants, or Queen's Events).
- c. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN should attend town functions she is invited to, including but not limited to the Christmas in Erath event on December 5, 2026, and Easter in Erath (TBA).

- d. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN agrees to allow the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION to use her information and photographs to promote the festival.
- e. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN agrees that the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION and pageant directors are not responsible for loss of personal belongings, accidents, or illnesses during her travels.
- f. MS ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN must inform the Queen’s Committee a minimum of 48 hours in advance if she is going to attend an event and represent the festival.
- g. Our MS QUEEN is expected to serve in a motherly capacity and as a “Matron of Honor” figure to help assist the Miss Queen with her reign without overstepping. Our MS QUEEN may or may not have children, per qualification guidelines. However, if the MS QUEEN does have children, it is understood that she will comply with the child attendance/responsibility guidelines. MS QUEENS who are mothers are welcome to have their children attend festival events and appearances to enjoy all that Louisiana has to offer. However, it is expected that appropriate arrangements are made to ensure the child is properly supervised at all times. This may include the presence of a spouse, family member, or designated caregiver. While representing the festival, the titleholder’s primary responsibility is to fulfill her official duties. Therefore, children must remain well-behaved and under the direct supervision of the designated caregiver. It is also understood that fellow contestants, titleholders, or their family members are not responsible for the care or supervision of any child during events or appearances. Failure to ensure proper supervision and conduct may impact the titleholder’s ability to participate in certain events.

IV. REIGN

Please note that the 2026 Royalty will serve a transition term that will conclude with the crowning of the 2027 Royalty at the Erath 4th of July Tea on July 4, 2027. This means that the 2026 Queens will not give up their reign at the 2027 pageant, but will instead reign over the 2026 festival and the 2027 festival. They will crown the new Queens at the 2027 Tea, and following the 4th of July Parade will officially end their reign.

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

I have read the above and foregoing contract and fully understand the terms and conditions thereof. If any of the above rules are broken, the consequences are at the discretion of the directors. The consequences may include but are not limited to a meeting with festival board and removal of title.

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.

By signing below, I indicate my desire to accept those terms and conditions and be bound by them.

_____ (Print Name) _____ (signature)

Erath’s 2026 Ms. 4th of July Festival Queen _____ (date)

_____ (date)
 Parent or Guardian

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