



Erath 4th of July Celebration

RULES & REGULATIONS MISS QUEEN CONTRACT

I. REQUIREMENTS

- A. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN must:
- be between the ages of 17 and 23.
 - a resident of Louisiana.
 - be a citizen of the United States of America.
 - be single, have never been married and must remain unmarried during the term of her reign.
 - not be pregnant, have never been pregnant, not be the adoptive parent of any child, and must remain so during the term of her reign.
 - not be living with someone of the opposite sex or significant other.
 - be and have always been a female.
 - be of good moral character and not have an arrest or criminal conviction.
 - relinquish all beauty titles and may not enter any beauty contest of any kind during her reign other than Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festival Queen's Pageant.
 - have never been the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festival Queen.
 - Have never held the title of Miss Erath 4th of July.
 - Have never been stripped of a beauty contest title or festival pageant title in the Miss division.
 - Conform to all regulations set forth by the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN 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, and balls. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL QUEEN is to treat everyone with kindness and respect and always conduct herself with dignity and integrity.
- B. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN must maintain regular contact with the 4TH of July Queen's Committee/Directors/Coordinators, either by phone email or text, 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.
- C. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN will be allowed use of the official Miss Erath 4th of July Instagram Account (**erath4thofjulyroyalty**) 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 the social media rules below. This Instagram Account will be passed on to the new queen the following year.
- D. 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.

- E. 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 itself. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is expected to be knowledgeable of the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, history, events, and contests so she will be prepared to answer questions at appearances.
- F. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is expected to attend a minimum of **15 LAFF Events (Pageants/Festivals/Queen's Day, etc.)**, at least 3 per quarter. Though we also encourage a presence at pageants, attending a LAFF festival is strongly encouraged as part of fulfillment of the queen's contract and obligation. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN's first obligation at any festival or event is to promote the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION with the public. The Erath Fourth of July Celebration will reimburse the MISS QUEEN for mileage to these festivals/events at a rate of .67 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.
- G. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN will send quarterly reports with travel log and appearances to the Queen's Committee. Records must show date, festival or function, and mileage. Quarterly reports due: August 31st, November 30th, February 28th and May 15th.
- H. 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. HOWEVER, if you are unsure if you can attend an event because of a possible conflict, PLEASE wait before RSVP'ing as we do not want you to cancel. Cancellations look bad on you and on our association as a whole. If something comes up and you feel that you must cancel, you must contact the Queen's Committee/Coordinators prior to cancelling so that we can give approval, and so that we can also contact the pageant director.
- I. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is required to attend local festivals/events in our district and stay for the duration of the event. The Queen's committee will provide a list of Parish and District Events, but a few important District 3 Festivals include the Delcambre Shrimp Festival, Louisiana Cattle Festival, Gueydan Duck Festival, Scott Boudin Festival, Port Barre Cracklin Festival, New Iberia Spanish Festival, Rayne Frog Festival, Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival, and Louisiana Sugar Festival.
- J. 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 5, 2026, and Easter in Erath (TBA).
- K. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN agrees to allow the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION to use her information and photographs to promote the festival.
- L. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN agrees that the ERATH 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL, association, board members, and pageant directors are not responsible for loss of personal belongings, accidents, or illnesses during her travels.
- M. During her reign, the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN will be under the direct supervision of the Queen's Committee and Queen's Coordinators. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN must notify the Queen's Coordinators of any event that requires the QUEEN to stay overnight. At no time shall a member of

the opposite sex (other than the queen's father and/or brother) be housed with the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN during an overnight event.

- N. If 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.
- O. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN is expected to be dressed appropriately. No short shorts, bare midribs, 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 (not your parents/grandparents) if your outfit is inappropriate, and their decision is final.
 - 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.
- P. 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.
- Q. The 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. Preferably, updates for travel each week should go out every Monday.
- R. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN shall be a leader to the ERATH 4TH OF JULY Teen & Jr. queens on travel arrangements. Please keep the younger queens and their parents updated with events via the Queen GroupMe or other calendar app that the Miss Queen chooses to use to keep shared dates.
- S. 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 contestant in the L.A.F.F. Queen of Queens Pageant. The 2027 LAFF Convention will take place February 18 – 21, 2027, at the Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge. Please make arrangements with school and work as you are expected to be at the convention for the entire duration.

The Erath Fourth of July Association will reimburse her for the following expenses:

- a. Entry Fee for LAFF and the Queen's Contest for Erath's Miss 4th of July
 - b. Hotel Room (Queen's Room)
 - c. Meals are generally provided by the L.A.F.F organization, otherwise, meal expenses are not reimbursed
 - d. Other expenses as determined necessary by the Queen's Committee
- T. THE ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN shall not depend on the other festival queens. THE ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN shall take responsibility for meeting her obligations under this contract. Please communicate with the Queen's Committee if you need anything or have questions.

III. PROHIBITIONS, CAUSES FOR REMOVAL AND PENALTIES

The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN shall not:

- A.) Marry, become pregnant, or be arrested during her reign.
- B.) Use any controlled dangerous substances during her reign.
- C.) This is not a “crown and banner” contract. The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN’s conduct matters under this contract whether the queen is in crown, banner, regular clothes, formal attire, and whether at a function as a representative or not. From the moment she is crowned, until she crowns her successor, the queen’s actions, behavior, and conduct are a representation of the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION.
- D.) The ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN 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. The following constitutes unbecoming conduct:
 - 1. Improper moral conduct or disrespect
 - 2. Foul or Abusive language
 - 3. Physical violence of any degree
 - 4. Vulgar body display or vulgar dancing
 - 5. No visible tattoos
 - 6. Smoking, vaping, or drinking 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.
 - 7. Illegal drug use
 - 8. Failure to abide by a hosting Festival or Organization’s rules.
 - 9. Failure to work with and adhere to the Queen’s Committee/Coordinators
 - 10. Disrespecting the Erath 4TH of July board members and/or festival workers
 - 11. Poor Attitude
 - 12. Usage of cell phone during an event for texting, social media, or talking
 - 13. Disrespecting others on social media
 - 14. Posting inappropriate posts/pictures on social media.
 - a. All pictures and comments not following these guidelines MUST be taken down.
 - b. At any time, the festival board reserves the right to discuss with you any content we deem inappropriate.
 - 15. Failure to abide by Queen’s Committee or hosting Organization’s rules.
 - 16. Willful disobedience by royalty, parents, or other associated persons out representing the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION of the instructions of the Queen’s Committee will not be tolerated and is grounds for immediate dismissal. The Queen’s Committee is supported by the full force of the ERATH 4TH OF JULY BOARD.
 - 17. Engaging in ANY acts or activities characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent, in bad taste, that do not comply with the rules set forth by this contract, including participating in gossip.
 - 18. If the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN breaches any provision of this Agreement, refuses to carry out any service or duty required hereunder, makes a material misrepresentation or untrue statement that causes any warranty or acknowledgment herein to be false, then the ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION shall have the right to declare this Agreement terminated and, upon the provision of 24 hours’ notice to the person, ERATH 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION may remove the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN of her title and have the sole right to select a successor. Loss of title and the return by the ERATH 4TH OF JULY QUEEN all prizes awarded, crown, banner, train, collar, scepter to the ERATH 4TH OF JULY Queen’s Committee and/or Board of Directors within 48 hours after notice of termination.

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 2026 Royalty will reign over all events for the 2027 Celebration and is therefore obligated to attend the following:

- Erath 4th of July Pageant – Saturday, June 26, 2027
- Erath 4th of July Mass – Sunday, June 27th, 2027
- Erath 4th of July Celebration and Events – June 30th – July 4th, 2027

V. GENERAL

The Queen’s Committee/Coordinators 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/Coordinators. 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. In the event that I am removed from my title, I agree to forfeit and return the crown, banner, and gifts to the Erath 4th of July Association immediately.

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, Queen’s Coordinators, 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/Coordinators 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.

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_____ (Print Name) _____ (signature)
 Erath’s 2026 Miss 4th of July Queen _____ (date)

_____ (date)
 Parent or Guardian _____

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