

Miss Creole Gumbo 2022 Pageant



Miss Creole Gumbo reigns as an ambassador for the Bridge City Gumbo Festival for one year. Being Miss Creole Gumbo is about community, involvement with other Fairs and Festivals, Friendships and all-around Fun. Promoting the Gumbo Festival is a chance of a lifetime.

As Miss Creole Gumbo, you will get to experience Louisiana at its best and do fun things along the way like; pick strawberries in the fields, have orange eating contest in Plaquemines Parish, race down the levee in a cardboard box, shuck Oysters in Amite, race frogs in Rayne, light bonfires, and so much more. Most of this is on the weekends with a group of other festival queens you will soon call sisters.

Miss Creole Gumbo will receive a trophy, two beautiful embroidered banners, signature personalized Gumbo crown (outgoing). She will receive a travel reimbursement up to \$50 for each of the 12 mandatory events. Her chaperone will also receive the same travel reimbursement (details in contract). An award of \$1,000 to MCG of even years, i.e. **MCG 2022**, MCG 2024, etc. will be payable to the Queen upon fulfillment of signed contract. For MCG of odd years, i.e. MCG 2023, MCG 2025, etc., Miss Creole Gumbo will represent the Gumbo Festival at the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians Washington Mardi Gras Ball held in our Nation's Capital, Washington D.C.* Entry and accommodations will also be paid for her to represent the Gumbo Festival at the annual Louisiana Fairs and Festivals (LAFF) convention held in Baton Rouge. During this weekend, Miss Creole Gumbo will compete for the title of Queen of Queens.

After almost a full year of traveling the state of Louisiana as an ambassador for the Gumbo Festival, she will reign over the Gumbo Festival enjoying a fun-filled weekend welcoming visitors from across the state. As she ends her reign Miss Creole Gumbo will host visiting queens from across the state, during the coronation ball weekend, in a weekend of fun activities including staying at the cabins at Bayou Segnette, a swamp tour and many other fun activities. This weekend will be the culmination of a year of travel and fun as Miss Creole Gumbo. However, although your reign will end you will always be a member of the Queens Club with opportunities to stay involved in the strong tradition of the Gumbo Festival.

If you are a Catholic young lady between the ages of 17 and 23 by January 2022, natural born female and a citizen of the United States, single status, never having been married or cohabitated with anyone, no children and have never been pregnant, currently do not hold a binding title, have never been convicted of a crime, are of moral character, reside on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish (minimum 1 year) and/or the daughter / granddaughter of an active parishioner of Our Lady or Prompt Succor or Holy Guardian Angels (minimum 1 year) YOU could be the next Queen of the World Famous Bridge City Gumbo Festival.

Please read full details in the attached packet. The deadline is August 14, 2022 @4pm – which will include a mandatory parent meeting.

For more information, or any questions, join us for **Tea on August 13th 2-4pm**. We'd love to answer any questions or concerns you may have for participation in this year's pageant or future pageants.

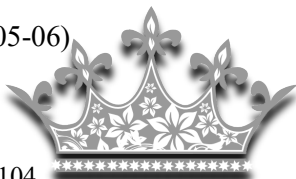
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Miss Creole Gumbo Pageant Rules and Regulations

- I. The decision of the judges is final.
- II. Contestants are expected to attend all events designated for the selection. A contestant who is unable to attend an event must have the approval of the Queen's Coordinator.
- III. Qualifications
 - a. Catholic – Registered Parishioner
 - b. Natural born female and citizen of the United States of America
 - c. Between the ages of 17 and 23 (by January 1st, 2023).
 - d. Single status, never having been married or cohabitated with anyone
 - e. No children; have never been pregnant
 - f. Currently do not hold a binding title
 - g. Have never been convicted of a crime; are of moral character
 - h. Reside on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish (minimum 1 year) **or** Parents or Grandparents registered members of OLPS/HGA parish (minimum 1 year)
I understand that I will be contacted after the deadline to confirm my qualification. Qualification confirmation is at the discretion of the MCG Queen's Committee and Fr. Buddy, Pastor of OLPS/HGA
- IV. Entry
 - a. Fee \$100.00, payable with application
 - b. 5x7 recent photograph
 - c. Completed application
 - d. Should a contestant decide not to compete, or is deemed ineligible after she has paid her entry fee, the money will not be refunded.

Good sportsmanship is required at all times. Applicants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to work with the Gumbo Festival volunteers in a positive manner. Any applicant, parent, or guardian exhibiting an unprofessional, unsportsmanlike, or unethical code of conduct will result in the applicant being asked to leave the competition.

A contestant may not hold a binding or festival title at the time of the competition. If a contestant holds any non-binding title, she agrees that her first obligation is to the Bridge City Gumbo Festival and Holy Guardian Angels for appearances. If it is discovered that a contestant holds another binding or festival title, she will forfeit her eligibility to compete. If a contestant has previously held another festival title, she must be in good standing with her past organization(s).

Contestants are required to attend a mandatory rehearsal before the pageant. All contestants will be presented at the Gumbo Festival Coronation and are expected to be at mass the next morning.

If selected as Runner-up, and the title of Miss Creole Gumbo falls to me after a vacancy occurs in that title, I shall have a period of five (5) days from notification to accept that title and agree to abide by the rules pertaining to the title of Miss Creole Gumbo.

In the event that there are less than 3 qualified contestants, Miss Creole Gumbo will be chosen by interview (with option of presentation in evening gown) by the members of the Miss Creole Gumbo Committee or selected committee.



Miss Creole Gumbo 2022 Application



Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____
(Print their names THE WAY YOU WANT THEM INTRODUCED at the selection)

Occupation (if applicable): _____ Employer: _____

High School Attending/Graduated From: _____

College Attending/Graduated From: _____

Clubs & Organizations: _____

Hobbies or Interests: _____

Ambition/Plans for the future: _____

What is your favorite type of Gumbo? _____

What do you like best about the Gumbo Festival? _____

What do you think are the three most important qualities a queen must possess? Why? _____

Why should you be selected Miss Creole Gumbo? _____

Use 2nd page if needed

**Application (2pgs), Entry Fee, and 5x7 Photo due by DEADLINE of
AUGUST 14, 2022 @4pm**

Mandatory parent meeting August 14th, 2022 @4pm

PAGEANT and/or SELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2022

CORONATION BALL IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 1ST, 2022

GUMBO FESTIVAL OCTOBER 14-16, 2022

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Qualifications (Please check off what applies to you):

- Catholic / Church _____ registered: _____
- Natural born female and citizen of the United States of the America
- Between the age of 17 and 23 years of age (by January 1st, 2023)
- Single status, never having been married or cohabitated with anyone
- No children, have never been pregnant
- Currently do not hold a binding title
- Have never been convicted of a crime; am of moral character
- Reside on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish (minimum 1 year)
- AND/OR Parents or Grandparents registered OLPS or HGA parishioners (minimum 1 year)

I understand that I will be contacted after the deadline to confirm my qualification. Qualification confirmation is at the discretion of the MCG Queen's Committee and Fr. Buddy, Pastor of OLPS/HGA.

By submitting this application, the applicant and her parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to abide by the rules and requirements of the Gumbo Festival Board of Directors and the Queen's Coordinator.

My signature below signifies that I have read the Gumbo Festival's Miss Creole Gumbo rules and regulations. I have also received and read a copy of the contract for Miss Creole Gumbo included in this packet. I also do hereby allow the Gumbo Festival to use any photographs or information submitted with this application, or any photograph taken during the pageant for publicity at the discretion of the Gumbo Festival Committee.

I realize that failure to abide by said Rules and Regulations will result in the forfeiture of my rights and any benefits I would receive as participant of the Miss Creole Gumbo selection and will affect eligibility in future Miss Creole Gumbo selections.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

By submission of this application, I do hereby give my consent as parent or guardian of the above listed applicant to participate in the Miss Creole Gumbo selection. I also do hereby allow the Gumbo Festival to use any photographs or information submitted with this application, or any photograph taken during the pageant for publicity at the discretion of the Gumbo Festival Committee. I also have read and understand the contract which will be signed if my daughter/granddaughter is selected Miss Creole Gumbo.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Application can also be given to Fr. Buddy or delivered to rectory at OLPS. **Kindly place full application in envelope and mark with Fr. Buddy Noel – MCG Selection 2022**

*in the event that the WMGB or any other activities are cancelled for any reason, the Gumbo Festival is not obligated to compensate for any expenses or replace events in any way.