



Miss Creole Gumbo 2025 Application



Miss Creole Gumbo reigns as an ambassador for the 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, beautiful embroidered banners, and a 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 2026, 2028, etc. will be payable to the Queen upon fulfillment of signed contract. For MCG of odd years, i.e. MCG 2025, MCG 2027, 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 Association of Fairs and Festivals (LAFF) convention held in Baton Rouge. During this weekend, Miss Creole Gumbo will compete for the title of Queen of Queens.

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. 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 Committee with opportunities to stay involved in the strong tradition of the Gumbo Festival.

Kindly read the attached application in full details of requirements for Miss Creole Gumbo as well as the included Queen's Contract.

Please read full details in the attached packet. The deadline is August 3, 2025 @4pm – which will include a mandatory parent meeting.

For more information, or any questions, join us for **Tea on August 2nd @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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- I. Requirements for Contestant:
- a. Be and have always been a female.
 - b. Between the ages of 17 and 23 (by January 1st, 2026)
 - c. Single status, never having been married.
 - d. No children; have never been pregnant.
 - e. Currently do not hold a binding title & have never before been Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festival Queen.
 - f. Have never before held the title of Miss Creole Gumbo.
 - g. Have never before been stripped of a festival pageant title in the Miss division (approx. 17-24 yrs old age group).
 - h. Have never been convicted of a crime; are of moral character
 - i. Currently reside in the following Parishes: Jefferson Parish, Plaquemines Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Orleans Parish, St. Charles Parish, Lafourche Parish, St. John Parish, St. James Parish & Terrebonne Parish.
 - j. Conform to all regulation set forth by the Gumbo Festival.
- II. Entry
- a. Fee \$150.00, payable with application
 - b. 5x7 recent photograph – printed & digital
 - 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.
- III. Participation
- a. Contestants are required to attend a mandatory rehearsal before the pageant.
 - b. All contestants are required to be at Holy Mass the Sunday following pageant.
 - c. All contestants are required to attend the Gumbo Festival Coronation Ball and will be presented.
 - d. Failure to fulfil these requirements may affect your future MCG eligibility

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.

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.



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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 a 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 any officer of the Gumbo Festival or delivered to rectory at OLPS. **Kindly place full application in envelope and mark as MCG Application for **add your name****

*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.

**Application (2pgs), Entry Fee, and 5x7 Photo due by DEADLINE of
AUGUST 3, 2025 @4pm**

Mandatory parent meeting August 3, 2025 @4pm

PAGEANT and/or SELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR August 23, 2025

CORONATION BALL IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

GUMBO FESTIVAL OCTOBER 10-12, 2025



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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? _____

Electronic fillable file available for completion upon request
Use 2nd page if needed



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