



# Mardi Gras Queen Pageant

## 2019 Rules and Regulations for participation

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Gras!

1. Contestant must be female.
2. Contestant must be single, never married, divorced, or have had a marriage annulled. She must be of good moral character and never bore a child.
3. Contestant must never have performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could be characterized as immoral or indecent.
4. Contestant must attest that any and all online depictions associated with the contestant's name or likeness including but not limited to Twitter, Facebook, Instagram pages and SnapChat pictures are consistent with the standards and dignity of the Mardi Gras Queen Pageant. The contestant will remove any photos/comments that the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce deems inappropriate.
5. Contestant must not use or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
6. Contestant must not have been charged with or convicted of a felony offense. There also may not be any adjudications presently pending against her.
7. Contestant shall not be less than 16 years of age or more than 22 at the time of the pageant (October 12, 2019). Contestants less than 18 years of age must have written consent of parents.
8. Contestant agrees to have her photograph made at the discretion of the Queen's Committee. It is understood that this photograph may be used in any manner in connection with publicity for the Mardi Gras.
9. Contestant will be judged in these areas of competition: swimsuit, evening gown, private interview, and on-stage speaking.
10. Entries close at 11:00 a.m. August 31, 2019, or upon receiving 18 completed and paid applications, whichever comes first. We apologize, but no late entries will be accepted.
11. Contestant must have a sponsor for the pageant which will be held on October 12, 2019. The sponsor's fee is \$150.

### **The decision of the judges shall be final.**

### **Rules and Expectations for the Queen and her Court**

1. The contestant chosen as the 2019 Mardi Gras Queen agree to be available to reign over the 2019 Mardi Gras Festival.
  - a. The Mardi Gras Queen will be required to attend the Mardi Gras activities on October 25 and 26, 2019.
  - b. The Mardi Gras Queen is required to ride on the Queen's Float in the Mardi Gras parade on October 26, 2019.
  - c. The 2019 Mardi Gras Queen is required to attend the 2020 Pageant (October 10, 2020) and Mardi Gras Parade (October 24, 2020).
2. The contestant chosen as the 2019 Mardi Gras Queen will be expected to make personal appearances during her reigning year as arranged for by the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce.
3. The contestant chosen as the 2019 Mardi Gras Queen will be expected to champion and organize a community service project benefiting a non-profit organization in Pinckneyville.
4. The contestant chosen as the 2019 Mardi Gras Queen understands that in the case of marriage, or for any reason as determined by the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce being unable to fulfill her obligations as the reigning Queen for the entire year, she agrees to immediately relinquish the title and all privileges to said title (including crown, sashes, trophy, and scholarship money not yet awarded by that date) and to be succeeded by the next eligible runner-up.
5. The contestant chosen as the 2019 Mardi Gras Queen must provide proof of registration at a College or University (full or part-time) to the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce in order to receive scholarship money. The \$1500 scholarship for the 2019 Mardi Gras Queen will be paid in the form of a certified check to her College or University upon completion of her reign as Mardi Gras Queen.
6. The 2019 Mardi Gras Queen Court (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up) will be required to ride on the Queen's Float in the Mardi Gras parade on October 26, 2019.
  - a. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up must provide proof of registration at a College or University (full or part-time) to the Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce to receive scholarship money. The \$500, \$250, and \$100 will be distributed respectively in the form of a certified check to the College or University.

*\*Please keep this copy of the rules and regulations for your reference\**