



THE 89th INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL QUEEN'S CONTEST

APPLICATION & RULES AND REGULATIONS

Signed and completed Applications & Rules and Regulations Form must be received by IRF no later than 5:00pm on September 25, 2026. Applications may be hand delivered, mailed or emailed.

Applications should be typed or clearly printed. They will be given to the judges for review.

For IRF Use Only: Contestant #: _____ Sponsor: _____ Paid: _____

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1 To be eligible to compete for the title of International Rice Festival Queen, young ladies must be 17 years of age on or by October 17, 2026 and not older than 23 years of age. Contestant must be a natural born female.
- 2 Entry is open to all young ladies who meet the requirements. However, those young ladies whose **primary residency**, not temporary school related housing, makes them eligible to compete for the title of Miss Crowley, "Zoned for an Acadia Parish Public School," will only be allowed to enter if they are sent through an official bid from another fair, festival or pageant.
- 3 Each contestant must have a sponsor who will be responsible for the entry fee of \$200. The sponsor may be a fair, festival, city, town, civic organization or business.
- 4 A contestant must be single and have never been married or had a marriage annulled. If she should marry or become pregnant before her one-year reign is over, she must relinquish her crown & title.
- 5 A contestant must not be nor ever have been pregnant or have ever borne a child.
- 6 In the event that a contestant participating in the International Rice Festival Queen's Contest has in her possession any substance that violates the Controlled Substance Penal Code Act, she will be disqualified and no refund of entry fees or any expenses will be given.
- 7 Contestants must be of good moral character and have never been arrested for and/or convicted of a crime (misdemeanor or felony) and are to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- 8 All contestants will be housed at accommodations provided by the International Rice Festival. Contestants are not allowed to have assistance with hair or make-up.
- 9 Contestants' formal gowns for presentation on stage during the 89th IRF Queen's Contest will be white or ivory.
- 10 Contestants must attend all functions that are listed on the Contestants' Itinerary. Transportation will be provided to and from all events by IRF and contestants must remain with the group at all times. The 89th IRF Queen's Court is expected to remain at the Festival and participate in all functions until the completion of the Grand Parade on Saturday afternoon and the 89th IRF Queen is expected to remain until close of Festival on Saturday or dismissal by the Festival Chairman. Participation in these events for all other contestants is optional.
- 11 If crowned IRF Queen, one must be available during her entire reign to represent her title at various functions. She will have the option to represent IRF in the 2027 LAFF Queen's Pageant, but may not participate in any other pageant as a contestant. A contract meeting will be held with the International Rice Festival Board of Directors, the Queen and the Queen's Parents on or before the 1st Tuesday in November at 6:30 pm where the Official Queen's Contract will be signed. However, it is agreed and acknowledged that a copy of the Contract has been provided to all contestants, it has been read and is understood, and that the rules of said Contract will begin at the time that the 89th IRF Queen is crowned.
- 12 No contestant competing for the title of IRF Queen shall promote herself by creating a contestant page on any social media platforms, including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. The use of hashtags, memes, etc. is also forbidden, example #IRFcontestant, #RiceQueen(year), etc. Contestants will also refrain from promoting themselves as a contestant by appearing at any IRF event without express permission/invitation from the IRF Queen's Contest Chairperson or the IRF Board of Directors.
- 13 By signing below, contestants and/or parents or legal guardians of minor contestants authorize the International Rice Festival to use the contestant's information, including name, bio and photograph for publicity related to the 89th IRF Queen's Contest. It is understood that this authorization allows for use on social media sites, such as but not limited to Facebook, along with any other local media outlets.

I have read & completely understand the above rules & regulations. My signature binds me to said rules & regulations & shows my consent to comply. I understand that failure to abide by these rules & regulations may result in my disqualification from the International Rice Festival Queen's Contest.

Signature

Date

Printed Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under the age of 18)

Date

Printed Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone #: _____

For more information about the pageant and/or the rules and regulations, please contact Tessa Richard at 337-223-0440 or send an email to IRFQUEENSCONTEST@gmail.com
Mailing address for application submission: PO Box 1900, Crowley, LA 70527
Please contact Tessa for hand delivery of applications.



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Full Name: _____

Contestant #: (IRF will complete this section) _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Address: _____
house number and street city zip code

Parents: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-mail address: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

School Attending: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Year Graduated or Expected to Graduate: _____

Occupation and Employer: _____

Please list all high school and/or college activities (Clubs, Offices Held and Services):

Please list High School and/or College Awards, Honors & Other Scholarships:

Major Course of Study: _____

Please list any other activities and awards (such as Civic and Church):

Please tell us about your hobbies and interests:

Other items of general interest:

I/We certify that the above information is true & correct to the best of my knowledge. My/Our signatures bind us to the rules and regulations outlined in this application. I/We completely understand that failure to comply may result in disqualification.

Signature Date

Printed Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under the age of 18) Date

Printed Name: _____



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: Friday, September 25, 2026 by 5:00 pm

***Applicants must attach a copy of their high school and/or college transcripts to be considered.**

*One \$500.00 Scholarship will be awarded based on GPA, financial need & career goals.

Full Name: _____

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

List all high school and/or college activities (clubs, offices held and services): _____

List other activities and awards (such as civic and church): _____

Date of High School Graduation (Expected): _____

University You Plan to Attend or Are Attending: _____

Major Course of Study: _____

Briefly explain why you are applying for the scholarship & explain your financial need (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

Signature

Date