

# 2023 MISS & TEEN GONZALES JAMBALAYA PAGEANT



**Saturday, June 10, 2023**

**Gonzales Civic Center**

**7:00 p.m.**

**The Jambalaya Festival Association  
Presents:  
THE MISS AND TEEN GONZALES  
JAMBALAYA PAGEANT June 10, 2023  
GONZALES CIVIC CENTER  
Deadline for application is Tuesday  
June 6, 2023**

Once you have been selected Miss or Teen Gonzales Jambalaya Queen, you will be under the supervision of the Pageant Director. The title you hold carries with it a responsibility to carry out your duties accordingly. Please read the following rules set forth by the Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya Pageant Committee and JFA Board of Directors carefully and be sure that you understand each one and its implications.

**PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATIONS 2023**

1. Miss contestants must be at least 18 years and no more than 23 years of age. She must not turn 24 before March 1, 2024. Teen contestants must be at least 14 years or no more than 17 years of age. Both Miss and Teen contestants must be a resident of ASCENSION PARISH.
2. Miss/Teen Gonzales Jambalaya is expected to act in a ladylike manner AT ALL TIMES. Use of profanity, alcohol, drugs or any conduct unbecoming of a Queen while she is representing the Festival will be grounds for immediate dismissal. The title, all prizes and privileges of the same will revert back to the Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya Pageant.
3. Miss/Teen Gonzales Jambalaya queens may not make any posts or upload photographs online that are unbecoming of a queen.
4. A contestant cannot be married at the time of the contest and must never have been married. She must not have or ever have had a child. Marriage or pregnancy during her reign as Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya will result in automatic revocation of her title and all prizes and privileges of the same.
5. As Miss/Teen Queen she will be a special guest and ride in the December 2023 Jambalaya Festival Association Annual Christmas Parade. She will also reign at the annual Jambalaya Festival to be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 2024.
6. As a goodwill ambassador for our parish, she will make personal appearances representing not only the Jambalaya Festival Association, but also the City of Gonzales. As Teen Queen she will be allowed to attend JFA approved events. As

Miss Queen she will be required to attend a minimum of 30 JFA approved events, excluding the above. As Teen/Miss Jambalaya, the contestant also agrees to attend any functions the JFA arranges for her.

7. If she is presently a reigning queen, she will be asked to give up her crown and any other titles held should she be selected Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya. As Queen, she will not be allowed to represent any other Festival or Organization in any capacity without the written permission of the Pageant Committee. Failure to comply with this rule may result in immediate and automatic revocation for the title; all prizes and privileges of the same.
8. Entry forms must be submitted with the entry fee of \$175.00 for Miss and \$125.00 for Teen. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Jambalaya Festival Association. (You may get a sponsor.)
9. One (1) color or black and white 5 x 7 bust photograph may be brought to practice on Tuesday, Jun rehearsal.
10. Miss contestants will be judged in Interview, Evening Gown, and On-stage Question. Teen contestants will be judged in Interview and Evening Gown.
11. Contestants will be required to do the following:
  - Attend a meeting on Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.. The queens' contracts will be reviewed and contestants may practice modeling on stage.
  - Attend interview where Miss Gonzales Jambalaya contestants will have an approximate 10 minute interview with a panel of qualified judges on community activities, the Jambalaya Festival, current events, or questions chosen from completed questionnaire and Teen Contestants will have a 7 minute interview. Contestants will be interviewed in an interview suit.
  - Vote on Miss Congeniality.
12. A contestant may compete more than once for the title of Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya, but upon winning the title, may not compete again. If chosen Teen Queen, and she reaches the age of 18 during her year of reign, she will be ineligible to compete the following year for the title of Miss Gonzales Jambalaya as she must return to crown her successor.
13. Contestant's parents/family/helpers will not be allowed backstage once the pageant begins
14. If you wish to receive your scores and judges comments, bring a self addressed, stamped envelope to the meeting on June 6, 2023.