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The Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant was created under the hopes of becoming one of the most well-rounded pageantry initiatives designed for youth and young adult women with a desire and passion to make a difference. Since the founding of the organization, the pageant has become a stapled-initiative for education, social awareness, and community service. Furthermore, Miss Belle of the Bayou is an official preliminary pageant in the Miss Louisiana Scholarship Organization, with Miss and Outstanding Teen winners advancing to the Miss Louisiana Pageant in Monroe, LA.

The pageant embraces the spirit of the bayou state, and challenges each of the participants to explore their own unique identity. Contestants may participate in a variety of resourceful programs such as: a philanthropic effort used to benefit the healthcare needs of children (Children’s Miracle Network), pageantry awareness sessions exploiting etiquette, social issues, interviewing techniques, talent critiques/artistic development, and a modeling exposition geared towards fashion consciousness, beauty, and self-esteem. Additionally, contestants become eligible for cash prizes and scholarships for the advancement of their studies and platform initiatives.

**ALL CONTESTANTS MUST REGISTER FOR THE PAGEANT ONLINE!!!** This packet is simply a printable version for contestants to review the application requirements in its entirety. All online applications, supporting documentation, and registration fees must be received by **Friday, January 8, 2016** in order to complete official pageant registration.

I am truly vested in the overall development of young ladies to become their best selves in all facets of their endeavors. I consider it a privilege and honor to be able to assist worthy young ladies with a scholarship pageantry experience. The Miss America Organization is, without a doubt, one of the most unique organizations in the world with an established history that accomplishes such goals. I sincerely welcome you to join our fold, and I am ecstatic about the opportunity to work with you along the journey!

Sincerely,

**Avery D. Wilson**, Director

Enc.: 2016 Pageant Information Sheet  
Competition Categories  
Application Checklist  
Registration Form  
Personal Data Form  
Talent Presentation Form  
Souvenir Ad Book Form  
Hold Harmless Agreement

Adds: Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant  
PO BOX 74109  
Baton Rouge, LA 70874

All Winners Receive the Official Miss America Organization Local Pageant Crown, Satin Banner, & Roses

**Miss Belle of the Bayou** - \$250 Cash Scholarship  
**Outstanding Teen Belle of the Bayou** - Cash Scholarship TBA  
**Junior Princess Belle of the Bayou** - Cash Scholarship TBA  
**Fleur de Lis Princess Belle of the Bayou** - Cash Scholarship TBA  
**Little Miss Belle of the Bayou** - Cash Scholarship TBA

**Awards**

**\*\*Miss Spirit of the Bayou\*\***

*The Outstanding Teen and Miss Divisions can potentially have two title winners pending the number of contestants in each division. The 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up to the Belle of the Bayou Winner will also win a cash scholarship and earn the second title – Spirit of the Bayou. (Outstanding Teen Spirit of the Bayou & Miss Spirit of the Bayou)  
Spirit of the Bayou winners will also advance to the Miss Louisiana/Teen Louisiana Pageant as competitive contestants.*

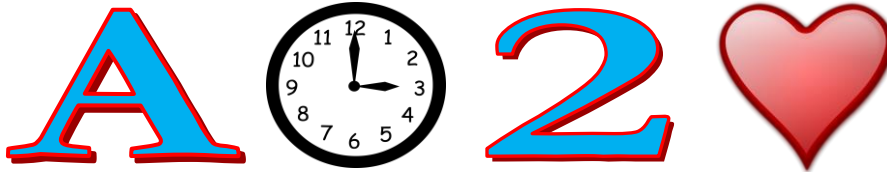
All participants, including Little Miss Contestants, receive a certificate for successful completion of the Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant experience. Specified category winners and division runner-ups receive flowers and/or a specialized trophy.

Additional Awards Include:

**Miss Congeniality** (All Contestants) – Specialized Award  
**Most Photogenic** (All Contestants) – Specialized Award  
**People's Choice** (All Contestants) – Specialized Award

**Miss Heart of the Belle** (Philanthropy Fundraiser Winner; All Contestants) – Satin Banner & Specialized Award

**Pageant Theme:**



**January 23, 2016**

**LSU Union Theater**

**7:00pm**

(Doors Open at 6:30pm)

**\$20 Admission**

**\$10 Student Admission (With Student ID)**

(Tickets Available at the Door)



# Competition Categories

Miss Belle of the Bayou	17yrs – 24yrs	\$100 CMN Fee
Outstanding Teen Belle of the Bayou	13yrs – 17yrs	\$100
Junior Princess Belle of the Bayou	10yrs – 13yrs	\$150
Fleur de Lis Princess Belle of the Bayou	7yrs – 9yrs	\$150
Little Miss Belle of the Bayou	4yrs – 6yrs	\$150

## Areas of Competition

*\*\*All advancing divisions must have a minimum of four (4) contestants.\*\**

**Business Interview** (All Contestants) – Contestants will have a 4-10 minute interview (time selection pending divisions) discussing personal topics, social and political matters, as well as generic conversational themes. Contestants must wear business attire/interview-friendly attire, and will be judged on their speaking ability, comfort, poise, and knowledge of various subject matters. Younger divisions will be group conversational interviews judged on overall personality and expression.

**Introduction** (All Contestants) – Each year, the Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant utilizes a theme for the introduction number. This year, all contestants must wear ‘LOVE’ attire of their choice! All contestants can only wear the following colors: Red, White, and/or Silver. Contestants will give a brief introduction including: name, age, and hometown. Although this is not a judged component for every division within the pageant, it may play a factor in every contestant’s overall impression/final ranking.

**Swimwear/Lifestyle & Fitness** (All Contestants) – Contestants must execute a specified runway pattern and will be judged on their pattern-execution, comfort, poise, fitness image, and choice of swimwear/fitness/sporting attire.

**Talent** (All Contestants Except Little Miss) – Contestants will have a maximum of one minute and thirty seconds to showcase any approved talent of choice. Talents must be appropriate for family viewing. Vulgarity will result in immediate disqualification.

**Eveningwear/Holiday Wear** (All Contestants) – Contestants must execute a specified runway pattern and will be judged on their pattern-execution, elegance, poise, and choice of eveningwear/holiday wear.

**On-Stage Question** (Miss & Outstanding Teen Only) – Contestants will be asked a division-appropriate question relative to any topic. Contestants will be judged on the quality/delivery of response.

Division	Pageant Categories					
	Business Interview (Pre-Pageant)	Introduction	Swimwear Lifestyle & Fitness	Talent	Eveningwear/Holiday Wear	On-Stage Question
Miss Belle	25% of total score	0% of total score	15% of total score	35% of total score	20% of total score	5% of total score
Outstanding Teen	25% of total score	0% of total score	15% of total score	35% of total score	25% of total score	
Junior Princess	25% of total score	5% of total score	15% of total score	35% of total score	20% of total score	N/A
Fleur de Lis	25% of total score	5% of total score	15% of total score	35% of total score	20% of total score	N/A
Little Miss	Highest Overall Score	Highest Overall Score	Highest Overall Score	N/A	Highest Overall Score	N/A



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## APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER:** This packet is simply a printable version for contestants to review the application requirements in its entirety. The first three **ONLINE** documents must be completed online via the website registration link. The **EMAIL** document should be emailed to – [info@missbelleofthebayou.com](mailto:info@missbelleofthebayou.com). The **PRINT & SUBMIT** documents must be submitted at the first official meeting.

**ALL DOCUMENTS AND FEES** are due by **Friday, January 8, 2016** in order to complete official pageant registration. Feel free to use this checklist as a help agent.

### I. Application Packet

- Registration Form (ONLINE) \_\_\_\_\_
- Personal Data Form (ONLINE) \_\_\_\_\_
- Talent Presentation Form (ONLINE) \_\_\_\_\_
- Full Color Headshot (EMAIL) \_\_\_\_\_
- Souvenir Ad Book Form (PRINT & SUBMIT) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hold Harmless Agreement (PRINT & SUBMIT) \_\_\_\_\_

II. Miss Louisiana Contract (Miss & Outstanding Teen Contestants Only) \_\_\_\_\_

III. Resume (Miss, Outstanding Teen, & Jr. Princess Contestants Only) \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Platform (Miss, Outstanding Teen, & Jr. Princess Contestants Only) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* All Miss Contestants are reminded that the \$100 entry fee is merely a \$100 CMN Registration Fee, \*\* which is required by the Miss America Organization to officially enter any local preliminary pageant. First-time competitors on the local level are eligible for a CMN Registration Fee Waiver via the Miss Louisiana Organization. Please see 'CMN Registration Info' on the website for more information regarding its completion.*

**COMPLETE ONLINE!**



# Registration Form

Please be sure to read the entire packet before attempting to complete this application online. All incomplete online applications will be disqualified. No supporting documents affiliated with the registration process will be returned. **All contestants must remember to email a headshot after completing the online registration! Headshots can be emailed to – [info@missbelleofthebayou.com](mailto:info@missbelleofthebayou.com).** The headshot must be a full-color photo with no words or name-labels printed as a border. Submitted headshots will be considered the contestant's official photo used for event posting and specialty competitions.

## REGISTRATION

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_


Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

*(This email will be used for all correspondence for Little Miss, Fleur de Lis, & Junior Princess Contestants)*

Mark the Division of Competition			
Division	Age	Entry Fee	Selection (X)
Miss Belle	17yrs – 24yrs	\$100 CMN Fee	
Outstanding Teen Belle	13yrs – 17yrs	\$100	
Junior Princess Belle	10yrs – 13yrs	\$150	
Fleur de Lis Belle	7yrs – 9yrs	\$150	
Little Miss Belle	3yrs – 6yrs	\$150	
	Registration Fee Paid	\$	
	Payment Description <i>(Cash/Check/Money Order)</i>		
	Parent/Guardian Signature <i>If 17 or Older – Contestant's Signature</i>		
	Date		

**COMPLETE ONLINE!**



# Personal Data Form

Division	Selection (X)
Miss	
Outstanding Teen	
Junior Princess	
Fleur de Lis	
Little Miss	

\_\_\_\_\_ Contestant Name

## QUICK FAVORITES

Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Holiday \_\_\_\_\_  
Sport \_\_\_\_\_  
Animal \_\_\_\_\_

Vacation Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Food \_\_\_\_\_  
Movie \_\_\_\_\_  
School Subject/Major \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITIES

List your favorite leadership activities; community service; athletic and artistic activities; and local, state, and national recognitions. Only use the space provided, do not attach a separate page.

### A. Special Awards and Recognition

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### B. School, Community, & Church Organizations and Involvement

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### C. Interesting Facts about the Contestant (Hobbies, Interests, etc...)

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**COMPLETE ONLINE!**



# Talent Presentation Form

Division	Selection (X)
Miss Belle	
Outstanding Teen	
Junior Princess	
Fleur de Lis	
Little Miss	

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Contestant Name

1. What is your talent presentation? *(i.e., musical theatre vocal, piano, jazz dance, dramatic, etc...)*

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2. What is the title of your selection?

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3. If you are singing, what type of microphone will you use? *(standing, handheld cordless, etc...)*

*\*\*NOTE: Lavalier microphones may/may not be provided\*\**

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4. Give a brief description of what you plan to wear for your talent presentation.

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5. Give a brief introduction for your talent presentation (use the one below as an example):

*Example: Jennifer Jones will present a theatrical vocal performance from the hit Broadway musical – The Lion King. Here to sing Circle of Life, please welcome – Jennifer Jones.*

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**PRINT & SUBMIT  
AT MEETING**



# Souvenir Ad Book Form

Division	Selection (X)
Miss Belle	
Outstanding Teen	
Junior Princess	
Fleur de Lis	
Little Miss	

\_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name

Advertisements for the Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant Souvenir Book must be paid in cash or money order only and are **DUE BY – January 8, 2016**. Each ad must be accompanied by or be submitted using an ad form. Individual and corporate sponsor ads must be legible; and all pictures and graphics must be emailed in a usable format for acceptance. This form can be duplicated for multiple ad submissions and all emailed photos should be sent to – [info@belleofthebayou.com](mailto:info@belleofthebayou.com) with the contestant’s name, division, and ad-size.

There are two types of ads available for the Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant:

- **Half-Page - \$50**
  - No more than 10 words
  - Pictures may be used
  
- **Full-Page - \$75**
  - No more than 20 words
  - Pictures may be used

Please denote if any of the below should be included in the ad...

Contestant’s Official Photo \_\_\_\_\_

Personal or Business Photo \_\_\_\_\_

Special Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

Text Information for Ad:

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**PRINT & SUBMIT  
AT MEETING**

Division	Selection (X)
Miss Belle	
Outstanding Teen	
Junior Princess	
Fleur de Lis	
Little Miss	



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## Hold Harmless Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ having a residence at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contestant Name) (Full Address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Hereafter Contestant) acknowledges (by witness of signature below) her application to participate in the Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant Program, with rehearsals in January 2016 (rehearsal dates to be announced) at the LSU Union Theater and other locations used for appearances/workshops/clinics/meetings all a part of the Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant Program. As part of her participation in this event, it is the Contestant’s responsibility to confine and amend her performance to adapt to the constraints of the production requirements. The Contestant and guardian hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Miss Louisiana Scholarship Organization, The Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant Program, and any other entities which might be construed as liable from and against any and all claims for personal injuries, death, damages, cost and/or other expenses including reasonable attorney’s fees arising from or in any way connected with the use of the premises, and Contestant does hereby waive any right of recovery against The Miss Louisiana Scholarship Organization, the Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant Program, and any other entities which might be construed as being responsible for loss, damage, theft of such equipment, stock-in-trade, personal property, etc. This agreement is subject to termination by the Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant Program without advance notice or penalty at any time. This agreement is personal to the Contestant and may not be transferred or assigned. In witness whereof, this agreement has been executed as of the date indicated below.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Contestant) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Pageant Director) Date \_\_\_\_\_

*\*No parent/guardian signature needed for Miss Contestants\**