



Road to the Pageant

2015

- August 1** **Individual/Business Sponsorship Solicitation Commencement**
- November 1** **Miss Belle of the Bayou Entry Application Available Online**
Miss Heart of the Belle Philanthropy Contest Commencement – Children’s Miracle Network
- December 12** **Participants & Parents Interest Meeting – 10:30am (FREE)**
XLR-8 Studio (9681 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70815)
***This meeting is not a mandatory requirement for contestants. It is simply an opportunity to receive a full orientation of what to expect within one’s Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant experience. This offering includes useful information and materials regarding all specialty awards presented at the pageant. (i.e. Miss Heart of the Belle – Philanthropy Fundraiser Winner, People’s Choice – Headshot Winner, & Miss Photogenic – Selfie Winner) Additionally, contestants are allowed to bring paperwork to be viewed by the Director before submission.*
- Modeling/Pageantry Workshop: 12:00pm-4:00pm (\$40 Registration Fee)**
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Contestants are highly encouraged to attend this pre-pageant workshop to gain valuable feedback and tips relevant to both the modeling and pageantry industries. All workshop presenters are licensed and/or professionals in the industry. Participant space is limited and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.
- *Eveningwear & Holiday Wear Modeling*
 - *Swimwear/Lifestyle & Fitness Modeling*
 - *Application Review/Platform Development*
 - *Hair & Make-up 101*
 - *Industry Apparel Trends & Fashion Tips*
 - *Nutrition & Exercise*
 - *Extemporaneous Speaking & Interview Skills*
 - *Honing the Talent*
- December 21** **Miss Belle of the Bayou Contestant Opening Number Choreography Available Online**
All contestants should review the choreography BEFORE coming to the first mandatory mtg.



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January 8

**** DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT & APPLICATION SUBMISSION ****

Contestants must be paid in full and have applications completed online by Friday, January 8th. Contestants who are unable to complete the online application/payment, and unable to attend the meeting/rehearsal should postmark materials in advance to ensure on-time delivery.

Contestants Meeting & Rehearsal – 6:00pm

XLR-8 Studio (9681 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70815)

****This rehearsal is mandatory for all contestants except non-local Miss Contestants.** Participants will begin with a general contestants and parents meeting. Afterwards, contestants will learn/review the opening number choreography and finalize staging placements. This detailed meeting/rehearsal is likely to last for 2.5hrs.

January 15

Contestants Rehearsal – 6:00pm

XLR-8 Studio (9681 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70815)

****This rehearsal is mandatory for all contestants except non-local Miss Contestants.** Contestants will begin with a review of the opening number choreography and rehearse performing order modeling for all phases of competition. Contestants will also receive stage placements for final awards and crowning. All local contestants **MUST** be in attendance!

January 22

Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant – TECH REHEARSAL

LSU Union Theater – Louisiana State University

Report Time (All Contestants) – 7:00pm

Opening Number attire and ALL category shoes required for ALL Contestants

January 23

Miss Belle of the Bayou Pageant – CROWNING NIGHT

LSU Union Theater – Louisiana State University

All interviews will be morning or early afternoon pending contestant order

Talent Competition (FDL & JP Only) – 12:30pm (*Tentative*)

Report Time (All Contestants) – 5:30pm (*Tentative*)

Doors Open – 6:30pm

Pageant Begins – 7:00pm

WARDROBE REQUIREMENTS



Business Interview (All Contestants)

Contestants should wear age-appropriate business attire for their personal interview. Choices should be flattering yet not distracting. Appropriate attire also considers one's personality as well as fashion-trending stylization. Be smart, be comfortable, be age-appropriate, be neat and/or professional!

Swimwear/Lifestyle & Fitness (All Contestants)

Miss Contestants are required to wear a swimsuit of their choice. Swimsuits can be a one-piece or a two-piece as long as it is within a reasonable standard of respectable taste. Contestants are encouraged to make swimsuit selections based on what best showcases their physical fitness and body aesthetic.

Outstanding Teen, Junior Princess, & Fleur de Lis Princess Contestants are required to wear physical fitness athletic-wear. This includes sports bras, sports tanks (mid or full length), athletic shorts, bike tight-shorts, socks of choice, and tennis shoes. Contestants are not allowed to wear swimsuits or any additional sports accessories including but not limited to headbands, wristbands, jewelry, etc...

Little Miss Contestants are required to wear a swimsuit of their choice. Swimsuits can be a one-piece or a two-piece as long as it is within a reasonable standard of respectable taste. Contestants are encouraged to make swimsuit selections based on what is age-appropriate for a fun day making sand castles at the beach. Accessories are permissible.

Talent (All Contestants except Little Miss)

Contestants are required to wear attire that is appropriate to perform their talent. Choices should be flattering yet not distracting. Appropriate attire also considers one's personality as well as fashion-trending stylization. Be creative, be age-appropriate, be memorable!

Eveningwear/Holiday Wear (All Contestants)

Miss & Outstanding Teen Contestants are required to wear an evening gown of their choice. Evening gowns can be a one-piece or a two-piece as long as it is within a reasonable standard of respectable taste. Contestants are encouraged to make eveningwear selections based on what best showcases their physique, and acts as an accomplice to their style, personality, grace, and poise.

Junior Princess, Fleur de Lis Princess, & Little Miss Contestants are required to wear a holiday dress of their choice. Appropriate choices may include but are not limited to attire that could be worn at the following events: Junior High Prom, Easter Sunday Service, Christmas Social, Wedding, etc...

On-Stage Question (Miss & Outstanding Teen Only)

All contestants will answer their on-stage question in their eveningwear attire.

Introduction/Opening Number (All Contestants)

Contestants must wear 'LOVE' attire of their choice for this year's opening number! All contestants can only wear the following colors: Red, White, and/or Silver. Attire choices should be age-appropriate as well as season appropriate. The social justice-inspired theme is *A Time 2 Love*; thus attire that is connected to this theme which is flattering yet not overtly distracting would be deemed appropriate. Contestants are reminded that dance is a formidable component of the opening number, so footwear should be comfortable for movement. Additionally, contestants are asked to be creative, stylish, and as pageantry glamorous as possible.