

# **Louisiana VFW State Beauty Pageant**

## **June 7, 2019**

*"Miss Louisiana VFW" "Teen Miss VFW" "Junior Miss VFW" "Deb Miss" & "Little Miss Buddy Poppy"*

**All paperwork MUST be received by: May 31, 2019**

The State Beauty Pageant is a great opportunity for our young ladies and little girls to join us for a wonderful night at our State Convention in June. It also affords us the opportunity to bring to the attention of our communities in the State of Louisiana of our great organizations - the **VFW** and the **Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars**. ***Awards will be presented as listed in the program requirements.***

Following are the rules, general information, and applications. Make copies and distribute them among your members and the schools in your community. Remember contestants do not have to be affiliated with the VFW or the Auxiliary. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE CONTESTANTS ARE GIVEN ALL THE INFORMATION ATTACHED.**

Two contestants from a given Post can enter if sponsored separately - the Post can sponsor one contestant and an Auxiliary can sponsor another. If a Post has a pageant they may only sponsor the reigning queen. **A \$30.00 NON-REFUNDABLE entry fee per contestant must be included with the application made payable to: V.F.W. DEPT. OF LA.**

**\*\*JUDGES WILL BE FROM OUTSIDE OF VFW & AUXILIARY. JUDGES WILL HAVE PAGEANT EXPERIENCE, AND WILL BE SECURED THROUGH A 3RD PARTY.**

**\*\* POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED FROM CONTESTANTS, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, VFW OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS. Keep in mind participation is an honor and privilege.**

**NOTE: All contestants should be at the Convention Hotel by 12 NOON and should register with the State Chairman immediately upon arrival. The State Chairman will speak with all contestants during orientation. Pageant Entry Forms are included in Post C of A Packets/Envelopes or online at Department Web site: [www.vfwdeptla.org](http://www.vfwdeptla.org)**

**If you have any questions contact Casey or Carrie immediately:**

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# **RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **MISS LOUISIANA VFW**

1. Contestants must have reached their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, but not yet reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by the day of the pageant. Must be single, childless, of outstanding moral character, and cannot have been a previous Miss Louisiana VFW winner to be eligible.
2. At the pageant, contestants will be interviewed by the judges. Contestants must arrive dressed and ready per the pageant agenda.
3. The evening gown, (which can include sequin gowns,) and Patriotic outfit will be judged the Friday night.
4. Contestants do not have to be affiliated with the VFW.

## **TEEN MISS LOUISIANA VFW**

1. Contestants must have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, but not yet reached their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by the day of the pageant. Must be single, childless, of outstanding moral character, and cannot have been a previous Teen Miss Louisiana VFW winner to be eligible.
2. At the pageant, contestants will be interviewed by the judges. Contestants must arrive dressed and ready per the pageant agenda.
3. The evening gown, (which can include sequin gowns,) and Patriotic outfit will be judged the Friday night . Outfits should be age appropriate.
4. Contestants do not have to be affiliated with the VFW.

## **JUNIOR MISS LOUISIANA VFW**

1. Contestants must have reached their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, but not yet reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by the day of the pageant. Must be single, childless, of outstanding moral character, and cannot have been a previous Junior Miss Louisiana VFW winner to be eligible.
2. The evening gown, (which can include sequin gowns) will be judged the Friday night of the State Convention. Gown should be age appropriate.
3. Contestants do not have to be affiliated with the VFW.

## **DEB MISS VFW**

1. Contestants must have reached their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, but not yet reached their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday by the day of the pageant. Must be of outstanding moral character.
2. The evening gown, (which can include sequin gowns) will be judged the Friday night of the State Convention. Gown should be age appropriate.
3. Contestants do not have to be affiliated with the VFW.

## **LOUISIANA'S MISS BUDDY POPPY**

1. Contestants must have reached their 6th birthday , but not have reached their 8th birthday by the day of the pageant. Previous state Buddy Poppy queens are not eligible to re-compete.
3. Contestants must wear stark white dresses with at least one poppy in its original state (tag attached) on the dress.
4. Does not have to be affiliated with the VFW.



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To: Miss Louisiana VFW Pageant Contestant

From: VFW Beauty Pageant Chairman Casey Person , Auxiliary Chair Carrie Person

We are happy to have you as a contestant for the VFW State “Miss Louisiana VFW” Pageant, and look forward to meeting you at the Holiday Inn located in Alexandria, LA. Please note, all entries must be received no later than **May 31, 2019**.

If your Post does not have a formal pageant you are authorized to enter one contestant for each division to represent the VFW and the Auxiliary equaling two (2) contestants per Post per division. If your Post has a formal pageant you are allowed to send your queen only equaling one (1) contestant per Post per division.

Contestants are asked to provide a **vertical 5x7 photo** to participate in the People’s Choice Award. This photo should be a headshot, and does not have to be professional. Snapshots and school photos are acceptable. Monies will be donated to The VFW National Home. Contestants are encouraged to collect donations prior to the pageant. Please send your photo with your entry form.

All Contestants should be at the Convention Hotel no later than 12:00p.m. Someone at the hotel front desk will be able to direct you to the Beauty Pageant registration table. Please see the agenda below. **Miss and Teen contestants should arrive dressed and ready for interview.**

**Post Commanders, Auxiliary Presidents, and Pageant Directors** - Please ensure your contestants are prepared upon arrival. It is your responsibility to make sure contestants are given this packet. Attached to this packet is a layout of the ballroom that will be used for the Pageant. During the welcome the state chairman will give further instructions regarding any changes, and will answer any questions you may have at that time. There will also be a mini pageant rehearsal.

### **Pageant Agenda:**

Orientation and Rehearsal ( <b>ALL contestants</b> )	<b>MUST</b> arrive and be seated by 12:00 p.m.
Miss and Teen Interview	1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Ballroom available for additional walkthrough	5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
<b>ALL Contestants</b> to the holding area	5:45 p.m.
Pageant starts	6:00 p.m. sharp

**Timing is critical! Please ensure your Contestants are at the designated time and location.**

## **Contestants will compete in the following categories:**

- ♦ *Miss* – Interview, Patriotic Wear, Evening Gown;
- ♦ *Teen* – Interview, Patriotic Wear, Evening Gown;
- ♦ *Junior* – Evening Gown;
- ♦ *Deb*– Evening Gown;
- ♦ *Buddy Poppy* – Stark white dress with at least one poppy in its original state (tag attached) on the dress.

## **Pageant order of competition:**

- ♦ “*Teen Miss Louisiana VFW*” Patriotic Clothing Competition
- ♦ “*Miss Louisiana VFW*” Patriotic Clothing Competition
- ♦ “*Little Miss Buddy Poppy*” Competition (immediately following the Patriotic Outfit competition)
- ♦ “*Deb Miss Louisiana VFW*” Evening Gown/Formal Wear Competition
- ♦ “*Junior Miss Louisiana VFW*” Evening Gown/Formal Wear Competition
- ♦ “*Teen Miss Louisiana VFW*” Evening Gown/Formal Wear Competition
- ♦ “*Miss Louisiana VFW*” Evening Gown/Formal Wear Competition

## **Optional Award Categories:**

<b><u>INTERVIEW</u></b>	<b><u>AMERICANISM</u></b>	<b><u>FASHION AWARDS</u></b>	<b><u>PEOPLE’S CHOICE</u></b>
Highest score in Miss and Teen .	Highest score in Miss and Teen.	Judges opinion. Has no bearing on scores or placement.	Most money raised/donated. 1 per division. Has no bearing on scores or placement.

## **WINNERS AND ALTERNATES WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH DIVISION AND ARE BASED SOLEY ON SCORES.**

The competition will be judged by outside sources, with no affiliation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Louisiana. All judges will have previous pageant experience. All judges decisions are final. **At no time are judges to be approached by any one other than a Pageant Committee Member.** Contestants desiring a copy of their personal scores can submit a self-addressed stamped envelope at Registration.

**Essay**—Americanism is a very important issue to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The required essay topic found on your registration form is evaluated by the judges, and is worth up to 25% of the contestants (**Miss and Teen ONLY**) overall score. Please ensure your contestants understand, and take the essay seriously.

**Interview** – Attire for the interview is either “Sunday church clothing” or a business suit. Potential questions include but not are limited to the following topics: patriotism, personal goals, accomplishments, understanding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. However, there will no questions about **POLITICS or RELIGION.**

*During orientation, interviews, and backstage **ONLY ONE (1)** Parent or Guardian will be allowed in the room. Friends, boyfriends, and younger siblings are not allowed. Additionally, in the Contestant Changing area these same rules apply.*

**If you are running late for any reason contact Casey Person at (225) 268-4334 immediately.**