

Miss Harvest Festival Queen Agreement

Once you have been selected Harvest Festival Queen, you will be under the supervision of the Board of Directors of the Harvest Festival. The title you hold carries with it a responsibility to carry out your duties accordingly. Please read the following rules set forth by the Harvest Festival Board and be sure that you understand each one and what it entails.

1. The Harvest Festival Queen is the Official Hostess for the Harvest Festival. She must act accordingly and promote and publicize the Harvest Festival and the City of New Roads during her reign.
2. The chosen Queen of the Harvest Festival and her parents must be residents of Louisiana. In the event the Queen's parents move from Louisiana, the Queen must maintain an area residence during her reign.
3. The Harvest Festival Queen must be single and remain so during the term of her reign.
4. The Harvest Festival Queen must relinquish all other beauty titles, other than school or college, and may not enter any beauty contest of any kind other than the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queen of Queens Pageant during her reign.
5. The Harvest Festival Queen must conform to all regulations set forth by Harvest Festival and the City of New Roads.
6. At any time the Harvest Festival Queen must travel out of town, one parent or adult guardian must travel with her. No member of the opposite sex not related by blood is allowed to travel with the Harvest Festival Queen unless an invitation in writing is extended to that person or with the express consent of the Festival Board, however, in no event shall that person be housed with Harvest Festival Queen during that event.
7. In the event the Harvest Festival Queen accepts an invitation to an event, she must be present during the entire event as called for in the invitation except in cases of illness, death or the express permission of the inviting director.
8. In the event the Harvest Festival Queen accepts an invitation but cannot follow through on that commitment, a written apology is to be sent to the inviting director as soon as possible.
9. The Harvest Festival Queen will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of her crown, scepter, collar and mantle, all of which are the property of the Harvest Festival. It is her duty to see that these properties are kept in good repair by notifying her director. Any loss or unusual damage of these properties will be the sole responsibility of the Harvest Festival Queen.
10. The Harvest Festival Queen during her year reign and also during personal time SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN:
 - a. i. Marriage, pregnancy or being arrested for any felony all shall constitute grounds for immediate removal. (An arrest of any other kind will be at the discretion of the pageant director and city for removal of the queen's title.
 - ii. Abuse of any controlled or uncontrolled substances, illegal drugs, and/or dangerous substances.
 - iii. Conduct herself in any inappropriate manner including but not limited to:
 1. The use of profanity at any time in public,
 2. Disrespecting any Festival Board Member or other responsible adult including but not limited to Personnel of any other Festival or Fair,
 3. Engage in public displays of affection by male companions while representing the Harvest Festival,

4. Consume alcohol or tobacco products .
5. Any other conduct specifically prohibited by the Harvest Festival,
6. Commission of any felony.

b. With the exception of items 10(a) (i) and 10(a)(ii) complaints or violations of the above and foregoing rules shall be handled as follows:

- i. On the first complaint from a public source, Queen's Director, shall give a warning,
- ii. On any second or subsequent complaint from the same source or complaints from different public sources the queen shall appear before the Festival Board. The Executive Board may take any action it deems necessary including, but not limited to, removal.

c. The Queen's director reserves the right to request that Harvest Festival Queen submit to a random test for any controlled dangerous substance, with a parent or legal guardian present. The refusal to take the test or the return of a positive screen indicating the presence of any controlled dangerous substance without a valid medical prescription shall constitute cause for removal,

d. In the event of removal, the removed Harvest Festival Queen shall return all Festival property including, but not limited to, crown, train, mantle, and awards within 24 hours. If it is necessary for the Festival Board to obtain an attorney to enforce this provision, the removed Harvest Festival Queen shall be responsible for any attorney's fees and court costs incurred.

e. In the event of Harvest Festival's removal, the 1st Runner Up shall be crowned. In the event the 1st Maid cannot fulfill this obligation, the 2nd Maid shall be crowned. In the event the 2nd Maid cannot fulfill the obligation, Miss Congeniality, in turn, shall be offered the crown provided that the requirements as set forth in the Queen's Agreement are met.

11. The Harvest Festival Queen is required to compete in the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals (LAFF) "Queen of Queens" Pageant. The City of New Roads will be responsible for the room accommodations and reservations, entry fees and registration of the Harvest Festival Queen.

13. The Harvest Festival Queen is not allowed to compete or hold any other title other than "Harvest Festival Queen" with the exception of (LAFF) "Queen of Queens" title.

14. The Harvest Festival Festival Queen must attend at least 1 Festival per month – TWELVE (12) FESTIVALS during her reign. The Queen should make every effort to attend the following festivals:

January - Fur & Wildlife, Cameron

February – LAFF Convention & Pageant, Baton Rouge

April - Strawberry, Ponchatoula, Boudin Festival (Scott)

May - Crawfish, Breaux Bridge

June - Corn Festival, Bunkie

July - 4th (Fourth) of July Festival, Erath

August – Shrimp, Delcambre

September – Duck, Gueydan; Shrimp and Petroleum, Morgan City; Sugar Cane, New Iberia October – Cattle, Abbeville; Cotton, Ville Platte; Rice, Crowley

December – Festival of the Bonfire, Litcher; Orange, Buras (Plaquemines Parish)

15. The Harvest Festival Queen's Directors, Carlyn Morales can be reached at 225-810-3012 & Paula Lambert at 225-718-2528. Once the queen is selected she becomes the sole responsibility of the Harvest Festival. No other organization or individuals may give the queen assignments or schedule appearances without clearing it with the Queen's Director.

16. The City of New Roads has set a maximum of \$700 for approved expenses of the Queen when representing the Harvest Festival.

17. The Harvest Festival Queen will be expected to be dressed appropriately at all times while attending her Festival duties. Acceptance of this title means that she will be responsible for any clothing expense incurred as Harvest Festival Queen. She is expected to look and act her best at all times.

18. If at any time the Harvest Festival Queen cannot or will not comply with the rules of the "Queen's Agreement" as stated, the City of New Roads and the Harvest Festival Committee reserve the right to replace her at their own discretion. Should this happen, the title and privileges will revert to the Harvest Festival. All properties (including traveling crown and banner) will be returned upon demand to the Harvest Festival in the condition in which the Queen received them.

19. The Harvest Festival Queen's Director Carlyn Morales can be reached at (225) 810-3012. Once the queen is selected she becomes the sole responsibility of the Harvest Festival. No other organization or individuals may give the queen assignments or schedule appearances without clearing it with the Queen's Director.

20. The Harvest Festival Queen is asked to attend at least two Board of Directors Meetings to report about her activities during her reign.

HARVEST FESTIVAL FESTIVAL QUEEN'S AGREEMENT

I have read the rules as set forth in the Harvest Festival Queen's Agreement. I understand each rule and agree to abide by them. Upon accepting the title of Harvest Festival Queen, I accept the responsibilities and duties of serving the City of New Roads, its people, and its traditions. I further understand that my failure to conduct myself in the manner deemed appropriate to a Queen during both my personal time and my representation of the Harvest Festival will result in my dismissal. I also agree that should I be dismissed (or resign), I will immediately return all properties in good condition to the Harvest Festival at the City of New Roads office.

Signed: _____

Parent or Guardian

Queen's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone: (____) _____