

CANE RIVER CREOLE
HERITAGE
PAGEANT





Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

We are excited that you have chosen to join us for the Cane River Creole Heritage Pageant. The previous pageants were a tremendous success and we anticipate the continuation of this trend for this year's pageant. We believe that our pageant's purpose is more extensive than just winning a crown and that it is essentially more so about developing skills, building confidence and self-esteem, making friends and having lots of fun! Furthermore, pageant participants will be afforded a rewarding opportunity to learn more about our captivating Creole history and heritage.

This informational packet is designed to help you with your pageant preparations. If you have unanswered questions beyond the materials provided in the packet or the web-site, please contact us via email at info@canerivercreolepageant.com.

The pageant committee looks forward to meeting and working with each of you!

Sincerely,

Carla Roque-Allen, Pageant Director

PAGEANT DATE/TIME:

June 22, 2019, 1:00 PM
Natchitoches Events Center, 750 Second Street, Natchitoches, LA

AGE DIVISIONS:

*Bye-Lo Baby: 3mos – 1y Miss Creole Baby Belle: 2y – 3y Little Miss Creole Belle: 4y – 5y
Miss Petite Creole Belle: 6y – 8y Miss Cane River Creole Belle: 9y – 12y*

OPENING ACT PRESENTATION:

*All contestants will be asked to participate in an opening act at the beginning of the pageant. This will not be judged. It will be a fun, creative presentation that will additionally serve as an introduction of each girl to the audience and to the judges. The specifics of the opening act will be decided soon. Please note that contestants must attend at least one rehearsal **prior to** pageant day to adequately prepare for this presentation.*

WARDROBE:

-Opening Act (All age divisions)

The specifics of this outfit will be provided later, but will most likely result in all contestants wearing their version of an outfit to coincide with this year's pageant theme "The Artist In Me."

-Formal Gown (Miss Cane River Creole Belle Division only)

The younger aged divisions may wear a special occasion dress of their choice (Easter dress, Christmas dress, etc). No gloves. Gowns/dresses should be age appropriate, in good taste, no slits above the knee, no plunging necklines and nothing skin tight.

-Casual Wear (All age divisions)

For many, this is the most fun part of the pageant! Girls will model the outfit of their choice.

HAIR & MAKEUP:

The Cane River Creole Heritage Pageant is not a Glitz Pageant. The girls should look their age. Hairstyles should not be outrageous. Makeup is permissible for the 9 – 12-year-old division, but should be applied in moderation.

CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION:

1- Formal Wear (Miss Cane River Creole Belle Division only) or Special Occasion (All other divisions)

This portion is judged on poise, confidence, and presentation. The judges are looking for a representative of the Creole People who will portray an overall self-assurance in these three categories. Practice smiling at the audience and judges!! This is very important. Keep your head up. Use a natural walk and smile.

2- Casual Wear (All age divisions)

This is a fun ensemble that would be worn to the shopping mall or to a movie with your friends. It is not a theme-based outfit and should reflect each individual's personality. NO props allowed. Judging is based on both presentation and personality.

3- On-Stage Question(s) (Miss Cane River Creole Belle Division only)

Contestants will be asked an onstage question(s) during the formal wear competition.

4- Miss Photogenic & Miss Congeniality (All age divisions)

All divisions will be judged for Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality. Each contestant must submit a quality, wallet size photo with her name printed on the back. Photos need not be professional but should reflect a clear, sharp image as it will be used during the judging of this category. Photos will not be returned.

5- People's Choice Competition

On pageant day, contestants will need to bring a box or decorated container (similar to a valentine box) with a small opening on top for the collection of votes. The boxes will be on display during the pageant and audience members will vote for the contestant of their choice. There will be no limit on the number of votes submitted per person. Make sure there is an easy way to remove the votes for counting. Paper and pens will be provided on the display table. The winner of this contest will be announced at the pageant. Each girl will be able to bring their box home with them at the end of the pageant.

6- Ad Selling Competition

*Each contestant will be required to sell **at least 3 ads** which will be featured in the program booklet. These pages will showcase pictures of the contestants as well as good luck wishes from businesses, friends, and families. The contestant selling the most ads will be announced at the pageant.*

AD PRICES:

*Ad prices are as follows: **Full page \$100.00, Half page \$50.00, One-fourth page \$25.00, and Patron list with one-liner \$10.00.***

*Please submit all ads via email to info@canerivercreolepageant.com. Ads and monies collected must be turned in by **May 5, 2019** to be included in the program book and ad-selling competition.*

*Ad monies must be mailed by deadline to:
Cane River Creole Heritage Pageant, PO BOX 285, Natchitoches, LA 71458
Checks Made Payable To: Cane River Creole Heritage Pageant
**When submitting ads and monies, please specify which contestant you are supporting.*

Full Page Ad

(\$100)

1 - 5x7 photo and 1 - 4x6 photo

OR

4 wallet size (2.5"x3.5") photos

OR

1 - 5x7 photo with 2 wallet size (2.5"x3.5") photos

OR

1 - 4x6 with 2 wallet size (2.5"x3.5") photos

1/2 Page Ad (\$50)

*1 - 4x6 photo
OR
2 wallet size (2.5"x3.5") photos*

1/4 Page Ad (\$25)

*1 - wallet size (2.5"x3.5") photo
or Business Card*

Patron List (\$10)

No picture can be submitted.