

The Jambalaya Festival Association Presents:
THE MISS AND TEEN GONZALES
JAMBALAYA PAGEANT
June 14, 2026 @ 6:00PM
Gonzales Civic Center
Deadline for application and payment is
June 7, 2026

Once you have been selected as Miss or Teen Gonzales Jambalaya Queen, you will be under the supervision of the Pageant Director. The title you hold carries with it a responsibility to carry out your duties accordingly. Please read the following rules set forth by the Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya Pageant Committee and JFA Board of Directors carefully and be sure that you understand each one and its implications.

PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Miss/Teen contestants must be natural-born females at least 18 years old by the pageant date and no more than 23 years of age. She must not turn 24 before March 1, 2027. Teen contestants must be at least 14 years old by the pageant date or no more than 17 years of age. Both Miss and Teen contestants must be a resident of ASCENSION PARISH.
2. Miss/Teen contestant shall not be the daughter or granddaughter of a current JFA Board Member, Pageant Director, or any member of the pageant committee.
3. Miss/Teen Gonzales Jambalaya is expected to act in a ladylike manner at all times. Use of profanity, alcohol, drugs, or any conduct unbecoming of a Queen while she is representing the festival will be grounds for immediate dismissal. The title, all prizes, and privileges of the same will revert to the Gonzales Jambalaya Festival Association.
4. Miss/Teen Gonzales Jambalaya queens may not make any posts or upload photographs online that are unbecoming of a queen. Any incidents of questionable behavior will be reviewed by the pageant committee.
5. A contestant cannot be married at the time of the contest and must never have been married. She must not have or ever have had a child. Marriage or pregnancy during her reign as Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya will result in the automatic revocation of her title and her prizes and privileges of the same.

6. Contestant shall not have already won the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals (LAFF) Queen.
7. A contestant cannot have ever before been stripped of a pageant title.
8. Contestant shall be of moral character and cannot have a criminal record.
9. As Miss/Teen Queen, she will be required to reign at the annual Jambalaya Festival to be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 2027.
10. As a goodwill ambassador for our parish, she will make personal appearances representing not only the Jambalaya Festival Association, but also the City of Gonzales. As Teen Queen, she will be required to attend a minimum of 10 JFA-approved events. As Miss Queen, she will be required to attend a minimum of 30 JFA-approved events. As Teen/Miss Jambalaya, the contestant also agrees to attend any functions the JFA arranges for her.
11. If she is presently a reigning queen, she will be asked to give up her crown and any other titles held should she be selected Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya. As Queen, she will not be allowed to represent any other Festival or Organization (other than LAFF) in any capacity without the written permission of the Pageant Committee. Failure to comply with this rule may result in immediate and automatic revocation of the title; all prizes and privileges of the same.
12. Entry forms must be submitted with the entry fee of \$175.00 for Miss and \$125.00 for Teen. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Jambalaya Festival Association. (You may get a sponsor.)
13. One (1) color or black and white 5 x 7 bust photograph shall be turned in at the registration table at the pageant or it may be brought to the meeting (date and time TBA)
14. Miss contestants will be judged in Interview, Evening Gown, and On-stage Question. Teen contestants will be judged in Interview and Evening Gown. Both Miss and Teen should be prepared to do a brief introduction on stage.
15. Contestants will be required to do the following:
 - Attend a mandatory meeting at the JFA Building at 222 S. Francois Ave. in Gonzales on Sunday, June 7, 2026. The queen's rules and regulations will be reviewed, and any questions you may have can be answered at this meeting.

- Attend an interview where Miss Gonzales Jambalaya contestants will have an approximate 10-minute interview with a panel of qualified judges on community activities, the Jambalaya Festival, current events, or questions chosen from the completed questionnaire, and Teen Contestants will have a 7-minute interview. Contestants will be interviewed in an interview suit/dress (pants are acceptable)

- Vote on Miss Congeniality. This is done the morning of interviews.

15. A contestant may compete more than once for the title of Teen/Miss Gonzales Jambalaya, but upon winning the title, may not compete again. If chosen Teen Queen, and she reaches the age of 18 during her year of reign, she will be ineligible to compete the following year for the title of Miss Gonzales Jambalaya as she must return to crown her successor.

- Contestant's parents, family, or helpers will not be allowed backstage at any time during the pageant.
- If you wish to receive your scores and judges comments, bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the mandatory meeting.

***I understand that no legal action shall be pursued against the Jambalaya festival Association, the pageant director, and/or the pageant committee.*

Queens Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____