



JUNE 23rd & 24th, 2023

Welcome to this exciting pageant system. The Very Special Miss Louisiana will be an experience of a lifetime. We ask that you give this pageant a try and set all your fears aside. We want you to give yourself a chance to try something different. To try and do something some people may say you could not do. We, with the Very Miss Louisiana pageant think you can do and be whatever your heart desires.

eight years ago, I could not have imagined how this pageant would impact so many lives. In six short years I have made so many friends and met so many amazing families. Each family has a different story to tell but they all have one thing in common and that is their beautiful daughters.

I have an amazing beautiful daughter who won many beauty pageants in the past. She is a doctor now. Pageants taught her to have self-confidence. It was never about how beautiful she was. It was about striving to be her best. I hope this pageant system gives each of your daughters the same experience.

I once gave this simple advice to a young lady I coached for a pageant. "A flower doesn't compete against the other flowers, it just BLOOMS!" I hope to see many beautiful flowers bloom at the 8th Annual Very Special Miss Louisiana pageant.

Robin Abrams, Director

VERY SPECIAL MISS LOUISIANA

Please read all the information provided.

Very Special Miss Louisiana

A FUNDRAISER FOR TARC, A CHAPTER OF THE ARC

Friday & Saturday June 23 & 24, 2023

Kickoff Party Friday June 23rd

Pageant Saturday June 24th

Mission Church

41347 I-55 Frontage Rd, Hammond, LA 70403

Door Admissions Fee \$6.00 for pageant
(Contestants/Parents/Guardians free)

Specialty Awards:

Fashion, Prettiest Eyes and Prettiest Hair

Photogenic (one photo only)

Pageant ENTRY is free for contestants

DEADLINE ENTRY FOR COMPETITION IN THE PAGEANT: June 12th 2023, to guarantee a shirt

MAIL IN ENTRY FORM TO (PAGES 5-8)

Very Special Miss Louisiana

408 North Cypress Street

Hammond, Louisiana 70401

QUESTIONS EMAIL: robintabrams@gmail.com or call 985-507-1985

This year interviews will be by submitting a video under 5 mins by email. This is NOT mandatory but a way for the judges to know the contestant. If you choose to do so, please make sure you record in a quiet place with no distractions. You can use your cell phone to make the video. Family members can be included. Please talk about what the contestant has as challenges day by day and what makes her excited/happy. Let the judges know as much as you can in 5 minutes about your daughter.

Competition Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Very Special Little Miss Louisiana each contestant must be a young lady between the ages of 0 months-40 years and reside in Louisiana.

The contestants must have an intellectual disability, a cognitive delay, or a development disability, that is, functional limitations in both general learning and adaptive skills.

A person is considered to have an intellectual disability for purposes of determining her eligibility to participate if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements:

The person has been identified by an agency or professional as having an intellectual disability as determined by their localities.

The person has a cognitive delay, as determined by standardized measures such as intelligent quotient or "IQ" testing or other measures that are generally accepted within the professional community in that accredited Program's nation as being a reliable measurement of the existence of a cognitive delay; or the person has a closely related developmental disability. A "closely related developmental disability" means having functional limitations in both general learning (such as IQ) and in adaptive skills (such as in recreation, work, independent living, self-direction, or self-care). Call if there is a doubt you do not qualify. There are exceptions to the qualifications.

Age Divisions:

0-11 months	9-11 years
12-23 months	12- 14 years
2-3 years	15-17 years
4-5 years	18-23 years
6-8 years	24-40 years

Contestant Services

Special escorts will be provided for each contestant the day of the pageant as well as hair and makeup artists to make sure every young lady feel extra special. We want all contestants to feel like a Queen. Friday we will have a Meet & Greet party where we will have a fun magical time with food and drinks provided. This will give each contestant the opportunity to meet their escorts and our staff in hopes to provide a smooth transition & familiarity the day of the pageant. Contestants also will have a chance to practice on stage at this time. All contestants will receive a tiara and a Very Special Miss Louisiana t-shirt. There will be a Queen, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division.

Wardrobe for contestants

All contestants are required to wear a formal dress of some kind. If you need help finding a dress, please call. You may choose to bring your own dress as well. We have included pictures of dresses to give you an idea.



Please note these are just examples. Please select your style of choice.

NEW INTERVIEW BY VIDEO

A few parents have asked for us to offer an interview with the judges. This will be optional, and no points will be given, but we encourage participation so the judges can get to know the contestants better. A video is due by June 3rd. Contestants are welcome to do a maximum 5min video. We welcome for families to be involved in the interview to express what a typical day is for the contestant. We are doing this due to time restrictions the weekend of the pageant. Please email to robintabrams@gmail.com.

Contestant Bio

(PRINTED HANDWRITING MUST BE LEGIBLE)

Name _____ Nickname _____

Age _____ DOB _____

Address _____

Favorite
Hobby _____

Favorite
Food _____

Favorite TV
Show _____

Favorite
Animal _____

What do you hope to gain from this pageant experience? (use this space only) NO OTHER SHEETS WILL BE READ

MUST FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION (*office use*)

Name: _____

DOB: _____ AGE _____ Disability: _____

Parent/ Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Do you need a hair and makeup artist (we provide this service free of charge)

YES _____ No _____

T-shirt size: Circle one (**contestants will receive a complimentary shirt**)

Toddler: 12 month (Smallest Size) **Toddler:** 24months 2T, 3T, 4T

Youth: Small Medium Large X Large

Adult: Small Medium Large X Large 2X 3X

You can purchase shirts for other family members at the pageant

Health Information

Please list the following: Dietary Restrictions, Disorders (i.e. Seizures), Physical Limitations, Allergies, etc. Feel free to include a list of medications/or Physician information at your discretion. Nurses will be onsite the day of the event.

Does the contestant require a mobility device? YES or NO (i.e. wheelchair)

If Yes, please indicate type _____

MOBILITY DEVICES ARE NOT PROVIDED BY THE VERY SPECIAL MISS LA. PAGEANT

How did you hear about this pageant? Check one:

Billboard _____ News _____ Facebook _____ Friend _____ Other _____

Very Special Miss Louisiana Pageant/ and or TARC Release and Indemnity Agreement

I, _____, in consideration of permission to participate as a contestant in the Very Special Miss Louisiana Pageant/ and or TARC, hereby, for myself and my personal representatives, heirs and next of kin, RELEASES, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Very Special Miss Louisiana Pageant/ and or TARC, its Officers, Directors, Judges, and any other person, firm, individual, or corporation charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns, hereafter referred to as the "releases," from any liability to me, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for all loss or damage, and any claim, demand, action, or right of action, arising from or because of any injury to my person or property or death, whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise, while I am competing in and/or in any other manner participating in any activity related or affiliated with or related to the Very Special Miss Louisiana Pageant/ and or TARC.

I agree to indemnify the releases and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost the releases may incur due to my presence at the Very Special Miss Louisiana Pageant/ and or TARC while participating in any activity affiliated with or related to the Very Special Miss Louisiana Pageant/ and or TARC whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise. I further release the releases from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or services rendered to me during participation in the Very Special Miss Louisiana Pageant/ and or TARC.

I agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of Louisiana and that if any portion of the agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the remainder will, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I further state I have carefully read the above release and know the contents of the release and sign the release as my own free act. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this agreement, and the terms of the release are contractual and not mere recital.

By submitting this application, I understand that Pageant staff, volunteers, and/or venue location will not be held responsible for damages, theft or injury to individuals or their belongings before, during or after event.

I give permission for my child's name, likeness, and pictures to be used for marketing, sale of commercial products or services, TARC promotional needs, Very Special Miss Louisiana.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Contestant's Signature (if over 18) _____

Date _____



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