

MR AND MISS

APOLLO BATON ROUGE

PAGEANT

feel the music

CONTESTANT PACKET



SATURDAY SEPT 9TH

DOORS OPEN 7PM

PAGEANT AT 8PM

**THEATRE BATON ROUGE
7155 FLORIDA BLVD,
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806.**

**BRITNEE ALEXANDER
MS APOLLO BATON ROUGE 2023**

**ALEXANDER ANDREWS
MR APOLLO BATON ROUGE 2023**

General Pageant Information

The **2024 Mr. and Miss Apollo Baton Rouge Pageant** will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Theatre Baton Rouge7, located at **7155 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806**. The pageant will begin **promptly at 8:00pm**; however, all contestants must be in the designated dressing room **by 7:30pm sharp**. Failure to do so will result in the deduction of **10 administrative points** from the final **OVERALL** score for that contestant.

Contestant registration will take place between **6:30pm and 7:00pm** on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Theatre Baton Rouge. Failure to be at contestant registration by **7:00pm** will result in the deduction of **10 administrative points** from the final **OVERALL** score for that contestant. **No entry will be accepted after 7:00pm.**

Previous holders of the title of Mr. or Miss Apollo Baton Rouge **may not** compete for a Apollo Baton Rouge title that person has previously held.

The entry fee is **\$75.00**.

Entry fees may also be paid via **PayPal** through the Mystic Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge website. Visit apollobatonrouge.com and click the "Menu" Link at the top of the page. Click the "Members Area" Link and find the link to "Donate" under Resources. Make sure you note that it's for pageant entry fees.

You may also email treasurer@apollobatonrouge.com if you would like for a Quickbooks invoice to be issued to you for payment.

Entry fees can also be paid in cash at registration the evening of the pageant.

All entry fees must be received/paid at or before registration. Fees are non-negotiable and non-refundable.

Contestant Entry Form

Part of the contestant entry process includes the completion of the Contestant Entry Form. This is a form that can be downloaded from apollobatonrouge.com (in either Word or PDF format). It also is included in this packet. We recommend downloading the Word document from our website. It can also be obtained by contacting pageant coordinator, Carlos Perez, at webmaster@apollobatonrouge.com.

Contestants are urged to type directly into the form and then email the saved form to webmaster@apollobatonrouge.com. **You must submit your contestant entry form by Friday, September 1, 2023 so that copies can be prepared!**

This form may be signed before you send it in. We will also have you co-sign it during the registration process in the presence of a member of the pageant committee. (We will have a copy of the form printed and ready for your signature at registration.)

Registration Requirements

The completed Contestant Application and Information form, entry fees, and proof of age must be submitted to the Pageant Committee Chairman (or his designees) by:

- **Form: Midnight on September 1, 2023**
- **Fee: 7:00pm on September 9, 2023**

A penalty of 10 Administrative points will be deducted from the final OVERALL CUMULATIVE score of any contestant who submits any part of these requirements after the deadlines.

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Music for Talent and Presentation must be presented to the committee at the time of registration (before 7:00pm, Saturday, September 9, 2023 at the Theatre Baton Rouge). All music selections should be on a digital Flash/Thumb Drive. A tag on the flash drive should contain the Contestant's Name, telephone number, and name of the talent/presentation. The file should be mp3 format, and the title should be the contestants name and the name of the song/mix. The committee will add the contestant's number when music is submitted.

The use of VIDEO will not be available throughout the pageant.

Rules and Regulations

The following Rules, Regulations and Requirements apply to all contestants vying for the title of Mr. or Miss Apollo Baton Rouge 2024. All contestants must be at least 21 years of age on or before September 9, 2023.

Proof of legal age is required and may be in the form of any State or Federal Government issued document (Driver's License, Birth Certificate, Passport, etc.) and **must be presented no later than the Saturday September 9, 2023 registration deadline**. The Pageant Administrator, or designee, will accept mailed photocopies, emailed scanned images to webmaster@apollobatonrouge.com, or photos through text message to **(225)907-5070**. If it becomes necessary for the pageant committee to investigate the age of a contestant, reasonable measures will be taken for that investigation and the contestant will be informed if just validation is found for disqualification from the pageant under this rule.

No previous winner of the Mr. or Miss Apollo Baton Rouge title is eligible to participate in this competition for the same title.

All contestants for the title of Mr. or Miss Apollo Baton Rouge **must portray the gender of the title they are competing for, regardless of their personal gender identity**.

The use of, possession of, or dispensing of narcotics, marijuana or other controlled substances is STRICTLY forbidden and will not be tolerated while participating in this pageant. Anyone caught in violation of these, or any other, laws of the State of Louisiana or the United States of America will be immediately disqualified and removed from the premises. This rule applies to contestants or any other member of their entourage. You, as the contestant, are responsible for making sure that these rules are followed.

Any contestant whose actions at any time are interpreted as demeaning to the title of Mr. or Miss Apollo Baton Rouge will be disqualified. Going forward, all contestants must abide by the Rules of Etiquette for title holders.

All contestants must be prepared to take center stage in each competition category whenever their name or number is called. Important: If a contestant's name/number is called and that contestant is not ready to begin the category, then the score of that contestant for that category will be ZERO (0).

All contestants must be present and accounted for (with all pageant materials) at least ONE HOUR prior to the scheduled pageant start time. (Check in by 7:00pm on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Once checked in, contestants are free to visit with their guests in the venue, if do desired; but should not leave the premises under any circumstances.)

IMPORTANT: Late arrivals will receive a deduction of TEN (10) Administrative points from the final overall cumulative score for failure to comply with this rule.

Presentation in the Talent Category will be limited to SEVEN (7) minutes per contestant. Only props that can be carried on stage by the contestant will be allowed and construction will be judged. Do not bring something on the stage you are not going to use or does not have relation to your talent. Backup dancers are allowed, but space is limited on the stage. Do not block the view of the judges for your talent. Contestants are responsible for their props. If it falls apart or collapses on stage, points will be deducted from your score. Timing begins when the contestant's name/number is announced and ends when the contestant, with any props, leaves the stage.

IMPORTANT: If the seven (7) minute time limit is exceeded, the contestant will receive 10 administrative point penalties on the talent score for every 30 second interval they go over the seven (7) minute limit.

No pyrotechnics (fire, flash pots, flaming batons, sparklers, etc.), liquids, confetti, or streamers will be permitted. Any type of presentation is acceptable, except those that might cause injury to the audience, staff, or to other contestants.

The use of VIDEO will not be available throughout the pageant.

Contestant Assistants

Contestants will receive one (and ONLY one) BACKSTAGE pass to the Pageant to be used at the contestant's discretion. It is assumed that this pass will be given to a person who will be assisting the contestant backstage between competition categories.

There may be only ONE person, per contestant, in the Contestant Dressing area at any time after the pageant begins at 8:00pm. This will be strictly enforced.

This person/assistant must always display the BACKSTAGE PASS while in the dressing room. The BACKSTAGE PASS may be handed off to another individual, if necessary, as long as ONLY ONE person per contestant is physically located in the dressing area at any time.

IMPORTANT: Dressing area monitors will be closely monitoring the individuals in the dressing areas. If a contestant is found to have more than ONE person in the dressing area at any given time after 8:00pm, a total of **TEN (10) ADMINISTRATIVE** points will be deducted from the contestant's final **OVERALL CUMMULATIVE** score. Each contestant has sole responsibility for every aspect of their performance as well as any assistants that they may require. **The TEN (10) point penalty will be assessed for EVERY VIOLATION of this rule.**

All presentation/talent backup persons are required to have a backstage pass (visible always) when in the backstage and dressing areas. Please provide at Registration a detailed count of every person performing with you in any category. Passes will be provided accordingly. Presentation/Talent passes will only be accepted in the backstage area **20 minutes prior** to that particular contestant's performance.

Please be advised that all participants must be at least 18 years old and will be required to adhere to the rules of the venue regarding identification. This identification may include arm bands or markings (by stamp or other method) on the hand or wrist. Removal of these identifying marks will result in the immediate removal from the venue. There will be no point deductions should one of your participants be required to wear these identification markings during your presentation or talent categories.

Competition Categories

Contestants will compete in four categories. These categories are **Presentation, Evening Gown/Formal Wear, On-Stage Question and Answer, and Talent**. Descriptions of these categories, along with available point scores follows:

Presentation

The presentation category allows the contestant to introduce themselves to the judges and audience. This is presentation, *NOT TALENT*. Contestants are asked to present their interpretation of your “Feel the Music.” Contestants are asked to create a full look that represents their favorite style of music, instrument, or famous musical artist. This is a creative category and contestants should remember that there are no “wrong” costumes. Feel free to express yourself in this category using costumes, props, etc.

Understand props may only be those that can be carried on the stage by the contestant; each contestant will receive the same amount of space to store props/costume pieces. You should visit the venue for height limitations.

(The use of VIDEO will NOT be available, throughout the pageant.)

Contestants will have a maximum of 3 minutes. You will be expected to introduce yourself, on the microphone, as well as state where you’re from, any entity you represent and identify any benefactors

The contestant will be judged on poise and confidence onstage, speaking ability, costume fit, accessories, props and whether the introduction requirement was accomplished.

Interpretation	20 Points
Stage Presence	20 Points
Verbal Skills	20 Points
Creativity	20 Points
Costume Fit, Accessories, Props	20 Points
Total Points	100 Points

Evening Gown / Formal Wear

Miss Apollo Contestants must wear full-length gowns. The gown must touch the top of the shoe in at least one place. Hair style, gown fit and accessories are important. Mr. Apollo contestants are strongly advised to wear an accessorized traditional formal tuxedo, not creative formal wear.

Overall Appearance	25 Points
Clothing Fit	25 Points
Modeling / Poise	25 Points
Creativity, Style, Hair, and Accessories	25 Points
Total Points	100 Points

On-Stage Question and Answer

The On-Stage Question and Answer category will take place once the contestant has completed modeling of their Evening Gown / Formal Wear. Contestants will be asked to draw a number, which corresponds to a set of questions held by the Mistress of Ceremony. The question will be read twice and then you will be given a chance to answer.

Confidence	10 Points
Verbal Skills	10 Points
Answer Content	30 Points
Total Points	50 Points

Talent

The Talent Category is a TIMED category and may not exceed SEVEN (7) minutes **The use of VIDEO will not be available throughout the pageant. As is stated in the Rules, Regulations and Requirements section, exceeding the time limit will result in a 10 point penalty for every 30 second interval over the seven (7) minutes.**

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Entertainment Value	50 Points
Costume Fit Style	50 Points
Lip Sync / Performance Ability	50 Points
Showmanship (props, backup performers, choreography, etc.)	50 Points
Total Points	200 Points

Judging

Contestants will be judged and awarded points based on the criteria outlined in the Competition Categories of this handbook. Each judge will judge independently of the other judges. A total cumulative score will be calculated by adding the scores from judges for each category.

In the event of a tie, a second question and answer category will be held and judged.

All judges should document the reasons for any point deductions (as well as other feedback for the contestant) on the Contestant Score Sheets. These score sheets will be provided at the end of the pageant by the pageant committee. A judge should not mark deductions without providing written feedback as to why those deductions were made.

Judges are not informed of PENALTY or ADMINISTRATIVE points that may have been assessed against any pageant contestant. These points will be deducted by the score tabulation committee.

The tabulation score sheets, from the evening, will be provided via email to all contestants as quickly as possible. Individual score sheets for all contestants also will be emailed to anyone requesting them (by emailing president@apollobatonrouge.com).

Housekeeping / Miscellaneous Information

Dressing area space for all contestants and prop storage will be sufficient for all contestants but evenly distributed, so limited. Please plan accordingly and feel free to contact Carlos Perez or KD Linkous-Smith (listed at the bottom of the opening page of this document) with questions about the area or the venue.

There will be sufficient room for all contestants, assistants, and presentation/talent participants to get ready as long as everyone makes a commitment to share the space and to abide by the rules regarding times for assistants or talent entourage to be in the dressing area.

Again, please remember, **only props that can be carried on the stage by the contestant are allowed.**

All props and accessories used during the pageant must be removed from the premises IMMEDIATELY following the pageant's conclusion.

During the crowning ceremonies, Miss Apollo Contestants must appear in EVENING GOWN. Mr. Apollo Contestants must appear in FORMAL WEAR.

Please make sure you obtain any music you want returned to you (Flash/Thumb Drives) before leaving the venue.

Prizes

The winner of the title of **Mr. or Miss Apollo Baton Rouge 2024** will receive the following prizes:



Mr. & Miss Apollo Baton Rouge will receive a \$500 Cash Prize (\$250 will be distributed at their crowning and \$250.00 at their step down provided all requirements have been fulfilled). The prize will be paid after conclusion of the pageant in the form of a check from the Mystic Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge. The Krewe will also pay the winners' entrance fees to the National Apollo Pageant.



Miss Apollo Baton Rouge will receive a custom crown by Double D Jewels of Tampa, FL.



Mr. Apollo Baton Rouge will receive a custom designed medallion by Double D Jewels of Tampa, FL.



Mr. and Miss Apollo Baton Rouge will receive commemorative sashes, proclaiming the title and year, by Sash in the City.



Mr. and Miss Apollo Baton Rouge shall receive a paid membership to the Krewe the following year of their crowning, provided they meet the requirements for eligibility and are successfully voted into the Krewe.

**Mr. & Miss Apollo Baton Rouge 2024
Contestant Application and Information Form**

Legal Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

By affixing my signature, I affirm that I will not hold the Mystic Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge, its officers, members, judges or other agents; nor the owners, managers, and employees of the Theatre Baton Rouge responsible for any loss of personal property or injury I may incur before, during or after the Mr. and Miss Apollo Baton Rouge contest and the accompanying events. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I have read the official rules of this contest and that I will comply with those rules. The information provided on this entry form is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Contestant's Original Applicaton Signature and Date	
Contestant's Registration Signature and Date <u>(Do not sign in this space until registration the day of contest)</u>	
Witness Signature and Date	

This form should be completed and returned either printed and mailed or emailed, with arrival on or before the entry deadline of September 1, 2023. You can print this and physically submit it in person to Carlos Perez or KD Linkous-Smith. We prefer that you type directly into the Word form or scan and send it to webmaster@apollobatonrouge.com (Emailed forms do not have to have an original application signature. Simply type your name and the application date into that blank. Your signature will be obtained on a form we will print and present to you at registration.)

Please remember application forms must be submitted by September 1, 2023 and entry fees must be received by 7:00pm September 9, 2023, to avoid associated administrative penalties for late entry/payment!

