



92nd ANNUAL
BLESSING OF THE FLEET AND SHRIMP FESTIVAL
May 28th, May 29th, May 30th, 2021
QUALIFICATIONS FOR SHRIMP QUEEN CONTESTANTS

TO COMPETE IN THE BLESSING OF THE FLEET AND SHRIMP FESTIVAL
PAGEANT, THE CONTESTANT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING
QUALIFICATIONS:

1. She must be between 16-19 years of age by May 1, 2021.
2. She must be either: A student of a high school in one of the following cities/communities: Biloxi, (including St. Patrick High School), St. Martin, D'Iberville, Ocean Springs **OR** a currently enrolled college student.
3. She **MUST** be a descendant of persons involved with **Mississippi's** seafood industry (active, retired or deceased).
4. She **MAY** create a heritage project display board based on her family's involvement and history in the seafood industry, how the industry has affected her family, what she knows about the shrimping industry, how she envisions the future of the industry or anything else related to shrimp and/or the industry. Project display boards will be used in contestant scoring as part of MISS SEAFOOD HERITAGE and will be used in the event of a tie] for QUEEN.
5. Anyone qualified through local family heritage, but not attending the qualifying schools, may petition the Shrimp Festival Committee for participation as a contestant.
6. Contestants are responsible for obtaining their own sponsorship. **Please make checks payable to the Biloxi Shrimp Festival.** Sponsors may be chosen from the list provided.

The Blessing of the Fleet and the Shrimp Festival is sponsored by St. Michael Catholic Church, City of Biloxi, Harrison County, along with cooperation and donations from local businesses. PLEASE NOTE: Contestant participation is subject to approval by the Shrimp Queen Pageant Committee. We are looking forward to you joining us this year. The following prizes will be awarded:

QUEEN- Sash with Pendant, Trophy and \$1,500.00 Cash
1st ALTERNATE - Trophy and \$600.00 Cash
2nd ALTERNATE - Trophy and \$400.00 Cash
3rd ALTERNATE - Trophy and \$300.00 Cash
MISS CONGENIALITY- Trophy and \$100.00 Cash
MISS SEAFOOD HERITAGE - \$500.00 Cash
Katie Pizzetta Scholarship- \$200 Cash

SPONSORS OF PAGEANT - Contestants can sell ads Coronation of the Shrimp Queen program, but this is not a requirement for this year. Program ad prices are as followed; \$25.00- quarter page, \$50.00-half page, and \$100.00-whole page.

APPLICATION AND PROGRAM ADS DEADLINE: April 24, 2021

Questions, please call Jamie Gollott – 697-4805 or Emily Aldrich – 234-6613.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Sat., April 24th

Initial Meeting (MANDATORY) – 9 a.m., via ZOOM. We will discuss key dates and the Blessing Committee Members will discuss the contestant scoresheet. We will email the link the day before. Please see our Facebook page for the link. The online application is available at www.stmichaelchurchbiloxi.com

Mon., May 3rd

Heritage Project Board Workshop (OPTIONAL) – 5 p.m. via ZOOM. Blessing Committee Members and the staff of the Biloxi Library Genealogy Department will assist contestants in obtaining the documents needed in completing their projects during this workshop. See the “2021 Queen Contestant Seafood Heritage Project Board Requirements and Guidelines” for details.

Wed., May 19th

2021 Poster Unveiling Reception, 6 p.m., *St. Michael Life Center*

***Poster unveiling will be streamed live. This will NOT be open to the public. Contestants will introduce themselves and their sponsor.

Pictures – 5 p.m., *St. Michael Catholic Church*. ***Individual photos will be taken. No group photos.

Wed., May 26

Rehearsal (MANDATORY) – 6 p.m., *Biloxi Civic Center*.

Fun Day - TBD

Thurs., May 27

Memorial Mass for Deceased Fishermen (MANDATORY) – 6 p.m., *St. Michael Catholic Church*.

****Heritage Project Boards are DUE at 5 p.m.****

Fri., May 28

Past-Royalty Reception (MANDATORY) – 6 p.m., *St. Michael Catholic Church*.

Sat., May 29

Contestant Interviews (MANDATORY) – 8 a.m., *Mary Mahoney's French House*.

Luncheon – with the judges (*immediately following the interviews*).

Blessing Mass – 4 p.m., *St. Michael Catholic Church*. Contestants must be present by 3:30 p.m. for Mass. Family is welcome.

Pageant – Contestants will drive from the church to the ***Biloxi Civic Center***.

***Tickets for family and friends can be purchased but will be limited. Ticket prices will include dinner.

Sun., May 30

The Blessing of the Fleet - The Queen plus (3) guests will ride on the Blessing boat with the King and Father Dominic. Contestants plus 1 guest will ride on the Schooner. You will be notified of the location and departure time on Saturday evening.

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List of Sponsors

**C.F. Gollott & Son Seafood
Desporte Seafood
Fournier & Son Seafood
Seymour & Sons Seafood
St. Michael's Fuel & Ice
M & M Processing
Biloxi Freezing Processing
Custom Pack Inc./Biloxi Cold Storage
Gollott Brothers Seafood
Gollott's Ice House & Oil Dock
Golden Gulf Coast Packing
Gulf Pride Enterprises
North Bay Seafood
Ocean Springs Seafood
Quality Seafood
R.A. Lesso Seafood
P & M Seafood
Weems Brothers Seafood**

Sponsors can be a locally owned processing plant, retailer, wholesaler, or a MS licensed shrimp boat. Local restaurants selling locally purchased gulf fresh shrimp are also qualified sponsors.

For any questions or concerns about sponsorship, please contact Wendy Fayard at (228) 861-3755.

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Advertisement Form – Pageant Program

Please include this form with each individual ad

Please make checks payable to Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet

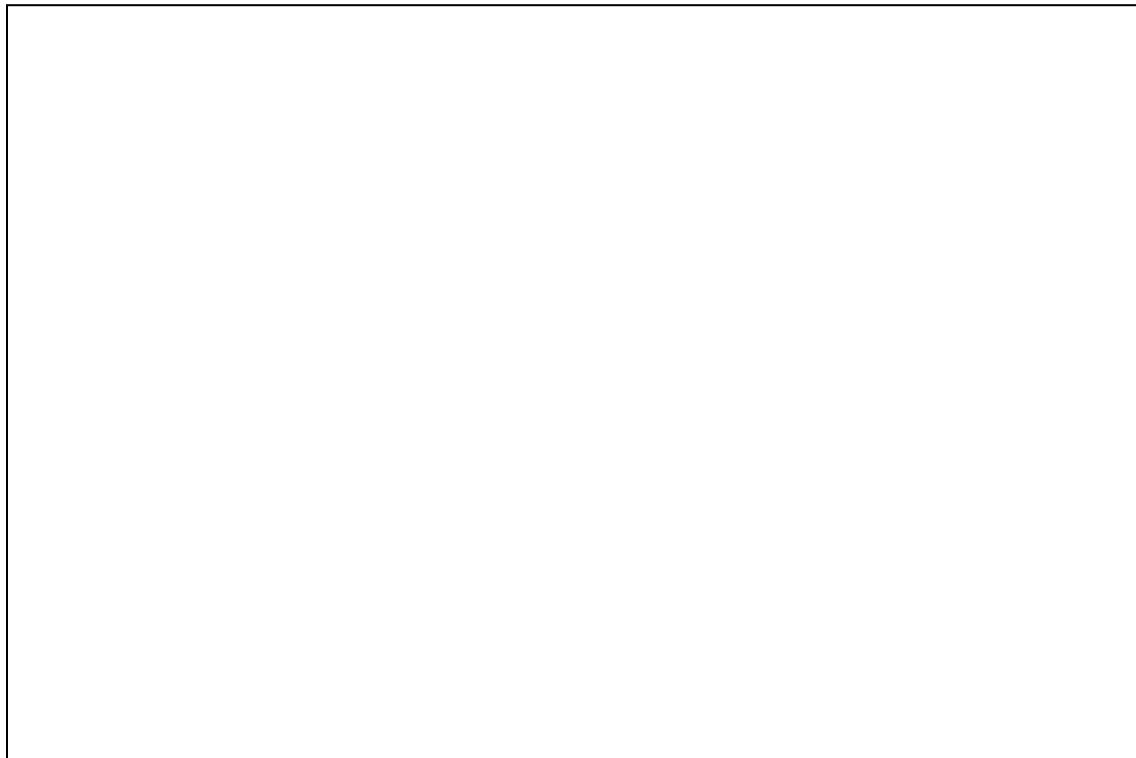
Name of Business or Individual: _____

Contestant's Name: _____

Advertisement Selection:

- Full Page** **\$100.00**
- ½ Page** **\$50.00**
- ¼ Page** **\$25.00**

Attach business card below or ad description with text and picture.



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Sponsorship Form – Shrimp Queen Contestant
Please make checks payable to Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet

Name of Contestant:_____

Sponsor's Name (Business Name):_____

Sponsor Representative's Name:_____

Sponsor Phone Number:_____

I hereby sponsor the above named 2021 Shrimp Queen Contestant. I have paid the \$100.00 sponsorship fee to the contestant to be submitted. I understand that my sponsorship fee helps fund prizes for the pageant and other expenses. It is also my understanding that the contestant will wear a sash during the pageant reflecting our company name.

Signed:_____ **Date:**_____