

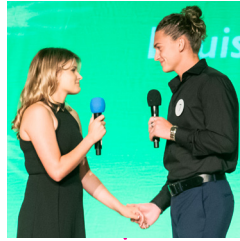
# Youth Contests

QUEEN'S CONTEST • TALENT CONTEST • TALK MEET CONTEST



FARM BUREAU QUEEN  
2023-2024

Gracie Pepper  
Lafourche Parish



SENIOR TALENT CONTEST  
WINNERS 2023

Lily Mikulas &  
Walker Cheek  
Rapides Parish



JUNIOR TALENT CONTEST  
WINNER 2023

Frances McCann  
Avoyelles Parish



TALK MEET CONTEST  
WINNER 2023

Kinzie Brassell  
Jefferson Davis Parish

## Show us what you've got!

Louisiana Farm Bureau's Youth Contests offer many opportunities for the young people of Farm Bureau to show their talents, share their insights and win recognition, as well as cash prizes. Whether it is our Junior and Senior Talent Contests, oratory Talk Meet Contest or our glittering Louisiana Farm Bureau Queen's Contest, there is something for every young person at Farm Bureau—including you!



LOUISIANA FARM BUREAU® ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 27 - 30, 2024 | New Orleans Marriott®

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#### PLEASE KEEP IN MIND BEFORE YOU APPLY:

- All incomplete contest applications will be returned to the parish and may result in delayed delivery of instruction to participants.
- Contestants will not be allowed to have cell phones during any portion of their contest. Louisiana Farm Bureau is not responsible for loss of personal property.
- Due to uncontrollable circumstances, all arrangements described for the 2024 Youth Contests may be interrupted, delayed, restricted, go virtual, hybrid, and/or be canceled.

#### ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2024.

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## QUEEN'S CONTEST

State Chair: Kassi Leger, St. Martin Parish



### Who May Compete:

1. Any single female member of a Farm Bureau family between ages 17 & 20 by June 27.
2. Previous LFBF Queens are ineligible to compete.
3. Parish queens may enter the state contest again if selected by her parish.
4. Parish queens holding other state titles are ineligible.

### Judging:

Contestants are judged on the following: knowledge of Farm Bureau and agriculture (40%), conversational ability (15%), personality (15%), general appearance (10%), poise (10%), and beauty (10%).

### What to Wear:

- Orientation: interview suit
- Brunch: Sunday dress
- Contest: full-length formal gown, any color

### Rules & Regulations:

1. Parish Farm Bureaus must submit entry forms and a digital color headshot of contestant to the state office by May 1.

2. Parish Farm Bureaus will provide a chaperone for contestants and submit her name to the contest chair with the contestant's entry. Chaperones should plan to attend orientation.
3. Parish Farm Bureaus are responsible for obtaining room reservations for contestants and chaperones.
4. No entry will be accepted unless completed using the JotForm online application.
5. If crowned LFBF Queen, she cannot serve as parish queen and must relinquish the parish crown.

NOTE: Queens will not be escorted.

### Duties of Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Queen:

1. Reign until her successor is crowned.
2. Represent LFBF at major commodity festivals and events as contracted by the LFBF Office.
3. Participate in convention activities, as directed by the Queen's Contest Chair and contracted by the Women's Leadership Committee.
4. The LFBF Queen is not eligible to compete in other contests, festivals, fairs, etc. during her reign.
5. Will maintain a code of behavior in accordance with standards set forth by LFBF.

### Schedule:

#### Thursday, June 27

4 p.m. – 5 p.m. — Registration  
5:30 p.m. — Awards Program

#### Friday, June 28

10 a.m. — Orientation (reigning queen, contestants and judges)  
11 a.m. — Interviews (queen's suite)

#### Saturday, June 29

8 a.m. — Rehearsal (CLOSED)  
11 a.m. — Women's Brunch  
5:30 p.m. — Contest

### Awards:

**Parish:** An expenses-paid trip for contestant and chaperone to attend the convention, courtesy of the parish Farm Bureau, and additional awards as determined by each parish.

**State:** The queen receives a \$500 gift, an expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Mardi Gras, full reimbursement for travel, accommodations and meals while representing Farm Bureau for the queen and a chaperone.  
First Runner-Up — \$150 gift; Second Runner-Up — \$100 gift; Miss Congeniality — \$100 gift.

## TALENT CONTEST

State Chair: Jennie Guidry, Iberia Parish



### Who May Compete:

1. Any member of a Farm Bureau family between ages of 6 & 19 by June 27.
2. State Junior Division winners cannot compete again until they are in the Senior Division. State Senior Division winners may not compete again.
3. Parish winners may enter the state contest again if selected by his/her parish.
4. All group contestants must be in the same age category.
5. No professional act is eligible. Acts must be certified by the parish president and/or contest chair as amateur to participate. We define professional as having received fees for talent performances.

### Judging:

Contestants are judged on the following: quality of act (40%), stage presence (35%), and style (25%).

### Rules & Regulations:

1. Parish Farm Bureaus must submit contestant entry forms to the state office by May 1.
2. Parish Farm Bureaus will provide a chaperone for contestants and submit his/her name(s) to the contest chair with the contestant's entry.

3. Parish Farm Bureaus are responsible for obtaining room reservations for contestants and chaperones.
4. Acts must be performed as submitted on the entry form. No entry will be accepted unless completed using the JotForm online application.
5. There are two divisions: Junior (6-13 yrs.) and Senior (14-19 yrs.).
6. Each parish Farm Bureau may enter only one act in the state contest; either Junior or Senior, not both.
7. Acts may have a maximum of four (4) people.
8. Contestants must bring their own equipment, props, etc. and be able to carry them on stage in one trip. No assistance will be provided. A piano, microphones and sound system will be provided. NO AMPS ALLOWED. Contestants using music must e-mail the file to megang@lfbf.org by May 1. (Music files must be files found on Spotify or a .mp3 or .mp4 file.)

**Contestants:** Please bring a flash drive with the music file to convention for back-up purposes. LFBF will not have mixing equipment available. All contestants will use hand-held or stand microphones and sound system provided.

9. Acts must be three-and-a-half minutes (3 minutes, 30 seconds)! Longer acts will be disqualified. All acts will be timed.

10. Contestants are limited to two (2) practices on stage.
11. Any entertainment in good taste is suitable. This includes vocals, instrumentals, folk dance, novelties, impersonations, etc. Modest dress in costume required.
12. Stage dimensions:  
24 ft. deep, 36 ft. wide, 32 ft. tall.

### Schedule:

#### Thursday, June 27

2 p.m. – 3 p.m. — Registration

#### Friday, June 28

8:30 a.m. — Junior Talent Rehearsal  
10 a.m. — Senior Talent Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. — Contest

Junior and Senior winners will perform during the Queen's Contest Saturday night.

### Awards:

**Parish:** An expenses-paid trip for contestant(s) and chaperone to attend the convention, courtesy of parish Farm Bureau, and additional awards as determined by each parish.

**State:** First Place — \$250 gift; Second Place — \$150 gift; Third Place — \$100 gift

## TALK MEET CONTEST

State Chair: Erin McLain, Vermilion Parish



### Who May Compete:

1. Any member of a Farm Bureau family between ages 15 & 19 by June 27.
2. Previous state winners are ineligible to compete.
3. Parish winners may enter the state contest again if selected by his/her parish.

### Judging:

Contestants are judged on the following: content (50%), stage presence (20%), style (10%), and voice (20%).

### Subject:

How can Farm Bureau help sustain American agriculture?

### Rules & Regulations:

1. Parish Farm Bureaus must submit contestant entry forms to the state office by May 1.

2. Parish Farm Bureaus will provide a chaperone for contestants and submit his/her name to the contest chair with the contestant's entry.
3. Parish Farm Bureaus are responsible for obtaining room reservations for contestants and chaperones.
4. No entry will be accepted unless completed using the JotForm online application.
5. Presentations must relate to the subject.
6. Talks cannot be more than five (5) minutes! All talks are timed and one second over disqualifies the contestant.
7. Notes are permitted. Reading from a script is not allowed.
8. A podium microphone will be used at the contest. Contestants should practice with a podium microphone prior to competing.
9. No props or special effects are allowed.
10. Resource information will be available on the convention website.

### Schedule:

#### Thursday, June 27

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. — Registration  
4 p.m. — Rehearsal (CLOSED)

#### Friday, June 28

9 a.m. — Contest

The winner will recite his/her talk during the Talent Contest on Friday night.

### Awards:

**Parish:** An expenses-paid trip for contestant and chaperone to attend the convention, courtesy of parish Farm Bureau, and additional awards as determined by each parish.

**State:** First Place — \$250 gift; Second Place — \$150 gift; Third Place — \$100 gift