

2011 Winners



Farm Bureau Queen
Jessie Elizabeth Breaux
St. Martin Parish



Junior Talent Winner
Marley Michelle Blanchard
St. Martin Parish



Senior Talent Winner
J'Leigh Danae Chauvin
Lafourche Parish



Talk Meet Winner
Austin Bordelon
Avoyelles Parish

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 and cash prizes. Whether it's our Junior and Senior amateur talent competitions, Talk Meet oratory contest or our glittering Louisiana Farm Bureau Queen's Contest, there's something for every young person at Farm Bureau, including you!

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SENT
BY CERTIFIED MAIL NO LATER
THAN MAY 1, 2012, TO:**

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**LOUISIANA FARM BUREAU
ANNUAL MEETING**
JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 2012 | NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT

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FOR LOSS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

CONTEST Awards

Farm Bureau Queen

Parish: All-expenses-paid trip for contestant and a chaperone to attend the LFBF Annual Meeting, courtesy of the Parish Farm Bureau • additional Parish Queen awards as determined by each parish

State: Queen: \$500 to further education • all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. to represent LFBF at the Mardi Gras Ball • full reimbursement for travel, accommodations and meals while representing Farm Bureau for the Queen and a chaperone approved by the LFBF Women's Chair • First Runner-Up: \$150 to further education. Second Runner-Up: \$100 to further education. Miss Congeniality: \$100 to further education.

Farm Bureau Talent Contest

Parish: All-expenses-paid trip for contestant and a chaperone to attend the LFBF Annual Meeting, courtesy of the Parish Farm Bureau • additional Parish Talent awards as determined by each parish

State (Junior and Senior divisions): First Place: \$250 to further education. Second Place: \$150 to further education. Third Place: \$100 to further education

Farm Bureau Talk Meet

Parish: All-expenses-paid trip for contestant and a chaperone to attend the LFBF Annual Meeting, courtesy of the Parish Farm Bureau • additional Parish Talk Meet awards as determined by each parish

State: First Place: \$250 to further education. Second Place: \$150 to further education. Third Place: \$100 to further education

2012 Youth Contests

**LOUISIANA FARM BUREAU
ANNUAL MEETING**
June 28 - July 1, 2012
New Orleans Marriott

**We've Looked
Everywhere For You!**

Talent Contests | Talk Meet Competition | Queen's Contest



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QUEEN'S Contest

State Chair: Pam Holloway, Union Parish

Who May Compete:

1. Any single female member of a Farm Bureau family (*active or associate*) between the ages of 16 and 19 by June 28.
2. Previous LFBF Queens are ineligible to compete.
3. A Parish Queen may enter the state contest again if selected by their parish.
4. Parish queens holding other state titles are ineligible.

Judging:

LFBF Queen contestants will be judged based on knowledge of Farm Bureau and agriculture (40%); other considerations include Poise, Personality, Beauty and Conversational Ability.

Activities:

Competing Farm Bureau queens are expected to be at the LFBF Annual Convention by 4 p.m., June 28. Queens and chaperones are invited to attend all activities of the convention.

Thursday, June 28

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

Saturday, June 30

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

Friday, June 29

10 a.m. Queen's Orientation
(*Reigning Queen, Queen Contestants and Judges*)
11 a.m. Queens interviewed by Judges (*Queen's Suite*)
1 p.m. Queens interviews (*continued*)
5:30 p.m. Talent Contest

TALENT Contest

State Chair: Mandy Faulk, Franklin Parish

Who May Compete:

1. Any single member of a Farm Bureau family (*active or associate*) ages 6 through age 19 by June 28.
2. State Junior Division first place winners cannot compete until they are in the Senior Division. State Senior Division first place winners may not compete again.
3. A Parish winner may enter the contest again in subsequent years if selected by their parish.
4. All group contestants must be in the same age category.
5. No professional act is eligible. All acts must be certified "amateur" to participate, providing a form from the Parish Farm Bureau President and/or Parish or Talent Contest Chair to the State Talent Chair stating that the act is not professional. We define professional as having received fees for similar talent performances.

Judging:

Performances will be judged on Quality, Stage Presence and Style.

Activities: Competing Farm Bureau Talent contestants are expected to be PRESENT at the LFBF Annual Convention by 2 p.m., June 28.

Thursday, June 28

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration

Friday, June 29

8:00 a.m. Junior Talent Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Senior Talent Rehearsal (CLOSED)
****5:30 p.m. Talent Contest****

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

TALKMEET Contest

State Chair: Tammy Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

Who may compete:

1. Any member of a Farm Bureau family (active or associate) between the ages of 15 and 19 by June 28.
2. Previous first place State winners are ineligible to compete.
3. A Parish winner may enter the State contest again if selected by their parish.

Judging:

Talk Meet contestants will be judged on the following: Content (50%), Style (10%), Stage Presence (20%) and Voice (20%).

Subject: "How can we convince the public that the animal agriculture industry balances production efficiencies with the public's expectations of animal care?"

Activities: Competing Farm Bureau Talk Meet contestants are expected to be PRESENT at the LFBF Annual Convention by 3 p.m. June 28.

Thursday, June 28

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Registration • 4 p.m. Rehearsal

* All incomplete applications will be returned to the parish and may result in delayed delivery of instruction to participants.

What to Wear:

Orientation: street dress; *Brunch:* dressy dress
Contest: full-length formal gown, any color

Rules and Regulations:

1. Parish Farm Bureaus must submit entry forms and a small color photo (*non-returnable*) of contestant to LFBF office by May 1. **ENTRY MUST BE SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL.***
2. Parish Farm Bureau will provide a chaperone for queen contestant and submit their name to the Queen Chair with the contestant's entry. Chaperones should plan to attend queen's orientation and 'get acquainted' session.
3. Parish Farm Bureaus are responsible for obtaining room reservations for contestants and chaperones.
4. Parish President will escort contestant in contest unless otherwise stated and approved by parish Farm Bureau.
5. Parish Farm Bureau President will receive a boutonniere.
6. Contestants should not wear corsages or parish crowns.
7. If crowned LFBF Queen, cannot serve as parish queen and must relinquish parish crown to first runner-up or alternate.

Duties of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Queen:

1. The Queen will represent Farm Bureau at major statewide festivals and other events as requested by state office.
2. Reign until her successor is crowned.
3. Participate in convention activities, as directed by Chair.
4. Attend Youth Conference (*if held during reign*).
5. The LFBF Queen will not be eligible to compete in other contests such as festivals, fairs, etc. during her reign.

Rules and Regulations:

1. There are two contest age divisions: Junior (6 - 13 years) and Senior (14 - 19 years)
2. Parish Farm Bureaus must submit contestant entry forms to State Office by May 1. **ENTRY MUST BE SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL.***
3. Parish Farm Bureaus will provide a chaperone for talent contestant(s) and submit their name to the Talent Chair with contestant's entry.
4. Parish participants or a representative from their parish must contact the State Talent Chair no later than 3 p.m. on June 28 for information regarding rehearsal and order of performances.
5. Parish Farm Bureaus are responsible for obtaining room reservations for contestants and chaperones.
6. Each Parish Farm Bureau may enter one act only in the LFBF Talent Contest; either Junior or Senior, not both.
7. Acts may have a maximum of four people.
8. Contestants must bring their own special equipment, props, etc. Contestants must be able to carry prop(s) on stage themselves. A piano, computer, CD player, microphones and sound system will be provided. Contestants using music in their act must mail a copy of the CD to the state office with their application by May 1. **Contestants:** PLEASE bring the original CD to convention for back-up purposes. LFBF will not have taping/mixing equipment available. All contestants will use the hand-held or stand microphones and sound system provided.
9. No act may run over four minutes! Longer acts will be disqualified!
10. All contestants are limited to two practices on stage.
11. Acts must be performed as submitted on parish entry form. No entry will be accepted unless entry form is filled out completely.
12. Any entertainment in good taste is suitable. This includes vocals, instrumentals, folk dances, novelties, impersonations, etc. Modest dress in costume is required.
13. Stage dimensions: 24 ft. deep, 36 ft. wide, 32 inches tall.

Friday, June 29

****9 a.m. Talk Meet Contest****

The first place winner will recite their presentation during the Talent Contest on Friday evening.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Parish Farm Bureaus must submit contestant entry forms to State Office by May 1. **ENTRY MUST BE SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL.***
2. Parish Farm Bureaus will provide a chaperone for Talk Meet contestant and submit their name to the Talk Meet Chair with the contestant's entry.
3. Parish Farm Bureaus are responsible for obtaining room reservations for contestants and chaperones.
4. Parish participants or representative from their parish must register for contestant no later than 4 p.m. on June 28.
5. Presentations must relate to the subject named.
6. The address must not be more than five minutes long; one second over disqualifies contestant!
7. Notes are permitted. Reading from a script is not allowed.
8. Contestants should bring one typed copy of their presentation, to be given to the contest chair at rehearsal.
9. A podium microphone will be used at the contest. Contestants should practice with a podium microphone prior to competing.
10. No props or special effects are acceptable.
11. Resource information is available at the State Office on request.