



Mission Statement

The Gilroy Garlic Festival is established to provide benefits to local worthy charities and non-profit groups by promoting the community of Gilroy through a quality celebration of Garlic.

January 2012

Dear Contestant:

Welcome to the **Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Pageant**. The pageant will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at the Gavilan College Theater. Listed below is a schedule of practices and rehearsals that are **MANDATORY** and designed for your benefit.

In this application packet you will find:

- Application - *complete, sign and return, typed, along with official school transcript*
- Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Contract – *sign and return*
- Pre-screening rules, if applicable - *keep*

Please return the completed application and contract to me at the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association office at the address below. **The deadline is 4:30 pm, Friday, February 3, 2012.**

SCHEDULE:

Monday	Feb. 13	6:00 – 8:00pm	Pre-screen, if needed	Festival Office
Thursday	Feb.16	7:00 – 8:00pm	Orientation	Festival Office
Monday	Feb. 27	7:00 – 9:00pm	Talent/ Evening Gown	Festival Office
Thursday	March 1	7:00 – 9:00pm	Speech	Festival Office
Monday	March 5	7:00 – 9:00pm	Opening number/Photos/Bio	Festival Office
Thursday	March 8	7:00 – 9:00pm	Speech	Festival Office
Monday	March 12	7:00 – 9:00pm	Opening number/Talent	Festival Office
Thursday	March 15	7:00 – 9:00pm	Practice	Festival Office
Sunday	March 18	1:00 – 3:00pm	Talent/Evening Gown/ Voice over	Gavilan College
Monday	March 19	7:00 – 9:00pm	Speech	Festival Office
Thursday	March 22	7:00 – 9:00pm	Speech	Festival Office
Monday	March 26	7:00 – 9:00pm	Rehearsal	Festival Office
Thursday	March 29	7:00 – 9:00pm	Extra Rehearsal if needed	Festival Office
Friday	March 30	5:30 – 10:00pm	Full Dress Rehearsal	Gavilan College
Saturday	March 31	TBA	Contestant Interview	TBA
Saturday	March 31	4:00pm	The Big Show!!	Gavilan College Theater

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (408) 607-2252. I look forward to personally welcoming you to our pageant.

Cordially,

Sheena Link
Chairperson, Queen Pageant

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Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Contract

Revised March 2011

I hereby apply for entry as a contestant in the Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Pageant. In consideration of my admission as a contestant in the forthcoming Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Pageant, I do hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Board of Directors as follows:

1. Contestant agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of the pageant, now in effect, or as announced hereafter.
2. Contestant agrees to be bound by the rules and regulations of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Board of Directors, governing the supervision and distribution of prizes now in effect or announced hereafter or in future years to come.
3. Contestant agrees that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Board of Directors and that the discretion of the persons designated to judge various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winner and runners-up shall be final in all cases.
4. Contestant must be a citizen of the United States of America and must reside in Gilroy, San Martin, Morgan Hill, Hollister, San Juan Bautista or Aromas. She must plan to be available, if selected the winner, during her year of reign.
5. Contestant must be a high school graduate and at least 18 years of age (and not more than 24 years of age) by the dates of the 2012 Festival, July 27, 28 and 29.
6. All contestants must be female, single, who has never been married, and has no children.
7. Contestant may not hold a title from another pageant and may not participate in any other pageant during year of reign.
8. Contestant has not heretofore authorized any person, firm, or corporation to use her name, photograph, picture, for present or future title, in connection with or endorsement of advertisement of any commercial product.
9. Contestants may be amateur or professional in their talents.
10. Contestant is not under contract to any person, firm or corporation in respect to present or future title, nor has she any legal obligations that would prevent her participation and appearance in the Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Pageant or compliance with the terms and conditions set forth.
11. Contestant agrees that if she is selected as the winner of this pageant she will not sign a management contract with any individual or firm, and that she will not give any written or verbal endorsement or any mercantile commodity or commercial organization, nor will she permit any photographs to be used in connection with any advertised commodity or service associated with the pageant without the written permission of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Board of Directors.
12. Contestant agrees that all photographs, video tapes and/or motion picture films or other recording or reproductions made of her, as a contestant in the Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Pageant, either individually or as a member of a group in connection with the pageant shall become the exclusive property of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, Inc.

Please initial _____

13. Contestant agrees to participate in all events leading up to and following the selection of Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival, as well as all public appearances before, during and after the Gilroy Garlic Festival. Failure to appear at two or more events may result in dismissal from the Court and forfeiture of scholarship monies.
14. Contestant will conduct herself in a responsible and professional manner during the pageant process and while representing the festival. Contestant shall refrain from smoking and alcohol use when representing the festival. Visible tattoos are not acceptable when representing the festival. Contestants may not make verbal or written disparaging remarks regarding other contestants, Garlic Festival Association members or the Garlic Festival, including via social media. **Any violation of the foregoing will result in dismissal from the Court and preclude contestant from any future participation.**
15. Contestant agrees to attend all scheduled pre and post pageant activities. Such activities shall include publicity sessions, photo sessions, rehearsals and related promotions for the Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Pageant. Contestant also agrees to attend all pageant rehearsals and to be on time for all scheduled appearances.
16. Contestant understands that parents, family and/or friends will not be permitted to attend grooming sessions or rehearsals.
17. Contestant understands that the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, Inc., or anyone connected therewith will not be responsible for any lost or stolen articles during any pageant activities.
18. Contestant understands that, in order to be considered for scholarship monies, transcripts must be turned in with the completed application. Scholarship recipients must fulfill contract requirements for publicity appearances including but not limited to the Gilroy Garlic Festival 2012. Awards will be released August 1, 2012.

Selection of Finalist

19. A first and second runner-up will be chosen at the final judging and receive prizes of \$500 and \$250 respectively.
20. The final winner, Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival, will receive \$1000, as well as gifts, and will represent the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, Inc. in press, radio, television, and stage appearances without fee to promote and publicize the Gilroy Garlic Festival and shall reign as Queen of the Gilroy Garlic Festival.
21. The final winner, Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival, will represent the Festival at community functions as requested and approved by the Board of Directors.
22. The remaining contestants may be asked to represent the Gilroy Garlic Festival at designated times, determined by the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, Inc.
23. The final winner, Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival, must have a current passport by opening day of the Festival. The First and Second Runners Up must be willing to obtain a passport, if necessary. If winner and runners up have no passport, one should be obtained immediately after the pageant. The queen may be invited to visit one of Gilroy's sister cities. There is, however, no guarantee of international travel.

Please initial _____

Speech & Talent Requirements

24. Contestant's speech, talent and evening gown must be appropriate for all ages.
25. Contestant will give a 2 minute speech about garlic. The title of this speech will be selected by the contestant. Contestant will plan her speech so that it does not exceed the time limit. Singing speech is not allowed.
26. Any props must be few, easy to manage and set-up and approved by the pageant committee.
27. Contestant's talent presentation cannot exceed 2.5 minutes. Contestant will plan her talent presentation so that it does not exceed the time limit.
28. There can be no duplication of talent presentations as far as identical talent performances to the same orchestration or other materials. In other words, one contestant may sing one song and another girl may dance to that same song. However, no two contestants are allowed to sing, dance, or give a reading to the same material. Priority will be given to the order in which applications are received in this office, and will be judged on a first-come, first-served basis.
29. Contestants must provide own accompaniment for talent presentation such as record, tape or pianist.
30. Contestant may not have more than one person to accompany her talent presentation.
31. Contestant's act must be live stage presentation. Contestants may not use film presentation for her talent.
32. Contestant's placement in talent competition will be predetermined by the production staff of the Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen Pageant.
33. Contestants who play an instrumental solo other than piano will make arrangements to get that instrument to the theater. All expenses such as cartage, rental, etc., are to be handled by the contestant.
34. Contestant must not plan talent act to involve staging which cannot fit the requirements of stand and hand microphones. If contestant sings and dances and needs a microphone, only a stand or hand microphone with a cord will be available.

Wardrobe Items for Competition

35. Contestant agrees to provide the following items for pageant wardrobe:
 - a. Afternoon dress or suit for judge's interview.
 - b. Competition long evening gown and appropriate shoes to match gown.
 - c. Speech and Talent costumes and props.
36. Competition evening gown can be your choice of color. Bouffant or Southern Belle/hoop-skirted gowns will not be allowed.

I have read and understand the conditions as set forth in this agreement. Failure to comply with these rules may result in dismissal from the Court and forfeiture of scholarship monies.

X
Pageant Contestant Signature

Date

CONTESTANT'S AGREEMENT

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I have read and fully understand and agree to abide by all rules set forth herein or hereafter announced by the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, Inc.

Signature of contestant

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Signature of parent or guardian
(If contestant is under 21 years)

Contestant's Name

Being duly sworn on her oath
according to law deposes and says.

This agreement shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges and responsibilities to the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, Inc., and no oral or written statement shall be binding upon the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, Inc. I further agree that the rules and regulations of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association, Inc. shall be binding upon me, as a contestant or as Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen during the franchise year of a Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival reign.

Signature of contestant

Signature of parent or guardian
(If contestant is under 21 years)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California
County of _____)

On _____ before me, _____
(Insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared _____,
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in
his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the
person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature _____ (Seal)

Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Queen
2012 Official Entry Blank & Contestant Questionnaire

- Please type application or print neatly
- Include copy of current official school transcript

(For public relations purposes, judges information and scholarship awards)

Return completed Questionnaire, signed Queen Contract and Contestant Agreement to:
Gilroy Garlic Festival office, 7473 Monterey Street, Gilroy CA 95020

Name in full _____

Nickname _____ Birth date _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Birthplace _____

How long have you lived in this area? _____

In case of emergency, notify _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Education

High School _____ Years Attended _____

College _____ Major _____ Years Attended _____

Special Training _____

General Information

Are you employed? _____ If yes, where? _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Do you, or have you done voluntary, charity, or community work? _____

If yes, name them _____

Talent

What are your talents? _____

How long have you studied your talent? _____

What type of talent will you present? Please classify talent by type (sing, dance, etc.) and by musical selection if applicable. Furnish specifics such as dance, whether jazz, ballet, etc. _____

Have you won previous titles? _____ If so, name the event and where it was staged

Give some background on yourself, including clubs, honors won, school activities, etc. _____

What are your future plans? _____

What are your hobbies? _____

Do you enjoy cooking? _____ If so, what is your favorite dish to prepare? _____

In what sports do you participate? _____

What is your favorite color? _____

What is your favorite song? _____

What is your favorite book? _____

Who is your favorite author? _____

What do you enjoy doing for rest and relaxation? _____

List your past Gilroy Garlic Festival volunteer experiences _____

Any other comments you might like to add _____

PRE-SCREENING RULES

Pre-screening will be necessary if there are 13 or more applications completed and returned to the Gilroy Garlic Festival office. A pre-screening panel will score each contestant in three categories and the top ten contestants will then continue on to compete in the pageant on March 31, 2012.

Pre-screening will be held Monday, February 13, beginning at 6:00pm. Dress for the pre-screening activities will consist of a casual day dress. The only costume allowed will be leotard and tights, if necessary.

The pre-screening panel will consist of ten members of the Gilroy Garlic Festival Association. They will score all contestants, and their decision in any and all matters pertaining to the various events and the selection of the ten finalists will be final in all cases.

The pre-screening competition will be as follows:

- **Interview** - Individual interviews will be approximately five (5) minutes long. Each contestant will be scored on personal appearance, manners, voice, sincerity, personality, the answers given to the questions and overall presence.
- **Speech** - Each contestant will be required to give a speech about *"Why I Want To Be Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival and Why I Am the Best Woman For the Position."* This speech must not exceed one minute. Each contestant will be scored on content and creativity of the speech, confidence in delivery and actual presentation.
- **Talent** - Each talent selection must not exceed 2.5 minutes. This talent does not have to be the one you have chosen to perform during the pageant; however, it must be of the type presentation (Example: If you choose to sing, it does not have to be the same selection of song for the pageant. If you choose to dance, it does not have to be the same choreography or type of dance for the pageant.)

Please make note that your acceptance at the pre-screening as a final contestant will be based on the requirement that you will perform the same type of talent at the pageant.

Each contestant will be scored on her ability to perform her talent, stage presence, creative interpretation of selection, overall audience appeal and overall quality of performance. After all contestants have participated in the above pre-screening activities and the panel has finished all scoring, the Miss Gilroy Garlic Festival Pageant Committee will tally all the scores. The top ten contestants will then continue on to compete in the pageant on March 31, 2012.

All contestants will be notified by telephone Tuesday, February 14, 9:00-11:30am. Please make sure the committee has a correct phone number. If you are unable to be reached at that time, you may call at 5:00pm that day for the results.

If you have any questions, please call me at 607-2252.

Sheena Link
Chairperson, Queen Pageant