

Lafayette Railroad Passenger Depot **Stationmaster Uniform Contest**

This contest is open to sewists of all experience levels¹ and challenges them to design and create a uniform for the stationmasters of the Lafayette Railroad Passenger Depot. All contestants are encouraged to be **creative** and to keep in mind that this uniform must be comfortable and must distinguish the stationmaster from others so that passengers can easily recognize him/her if they need assistance. Contestants may pattern their designs after classical conductor's uniforms or other uniforms associated with railroads that depict tradition, authority and pride. The stationmasters' responsibilities can be found on Lafayette Consolidated Government's LINC Website: <http://www.lafayettelinc.net>, under Rail Passenger Depot Stationmaster Program.

Rules:

1. Entries will be accepted no later than March 8, 2004. All contestants must provide a picture of the uniform they wish to enter in the competition, prior to this date, for approval by Lafayette Consolidated Government. Pictures can be mailed to: 101 E. Cypress, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70502 (Attn. Jennie Stelly) Pictures may be posted on Lafayette Consolidated Government's LINC Website.
2. No contestant can spend over a total of \$50 on the materials used to create the Stationmaster uniform. Proof of expenditures will be required.
3. All qualified contestants must have their uniform modeled at Maximilians, located in the Hilton, 1521 W. Pinhook Rd., on Friday, March 12, 2004. At this showing, the entries will be judged and the prizes will be awarded. The models will not be provided; contestants must provide their own models.
4. All contestants are required to write a minimum of a 50-word essay describing how the uniform was created. Optional information can include: background information, origin of ideas, historical relevance of design, pattern company and number, type of fabric used, previous contest wins, etc. The presentation cannot exceed ten minutes. The essay will be read at the modeling of the uniform, on March 12, 2004.
5. All uniforms must be made solely by the contestant(s), which have entered the contest. No part or parts of the uniform can be borrowed or taken from any other existing garment, excluding notions (buttons, zippers, etc.). Refurbishing existing garments *does not* qualify as making them.
6. The winner of the contest must agree to give all rights of their design to the Lafayette Consolidated Government for the purpose of serving as the official uniform of the Depot's Stationmaster.
7. Any Contestant who does not conform to the rules will be disqualified.
8. Prizes will be awarded during the modeling at Maximilians. Best of Show will win a 3-night stay in New York's Fashion District by way of *Amtrak*. Second and Third place winners will receive various discounts, prizes, and gift certificates to local fabric stores, including Interior Fabrics, Heirloom Creations, It's Sew Easy with Terry, A&A Sewing Center, and Hancock Fabrics.

¹ If the entrant is under the age of 18, their parent or legal guardian must sign a consent form.