

Mx. Wichita Pride Pageant 2024

Application Packet

Honoring:

Wichita Pride Supreme, Lounixa

&

Wichita Pride Excellence,

Morgan La Faer

Friday, June 28th 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Century II Performing Arts & Convention

Center, Exhibition Hall

Hello!

Thank you for your interest in the Mx. Wichita Pride Pageant 2024. We know it takes a lot to prepare for a pageant and want to extend our gratitude for your hard work, artistry, and entertainment. The following is the contestant application package for the 2024 pageant.

Title:

We are going back to having one Title Holder this year (instead of two like in years past), followed by a First and Second Alternate. We accept and encourage *all types of drag artists* to compete for the title of Mx. Wichita Pride 2024. (Winner can choose to be advertised as Mx., Ms., or Mr., but there is only one title eligible to win.)

Entry:

The entry fee to compete in the Wichita Pride Pageant is \$50, to be paid by May 31st, 2024. After this date, the fee goes up to \$100, and no further entries will be accepted after June 14th, 2024. Information on how to pay can be found at wichitapride.org.

Categories, Rules, and Regulations

Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

1. Creative Presentation (Pride/Younited with Pride Themed)
2. Formal Wear (Gown/Suit)– 12 points (per judge)
3. Onstage Q&A – 12 points (per judge)
4. Talent – 24 points (per judge)

1. *Creative Pride Presentation* – Theme: “Pride” and/or “Younited with Pride” We are looking for creativity! We want to get a feel for who you are and what makes you proud to be you and proud to be a part of this community. This category will be judged based on the creativity, fit, and modeling of the ensemble, as well as the poise, makeup, hair, and overall look of the contestant.

Please provide music of your choosing to walk to during this category! Each contestant will be given 2 minutes to model their garment. After modeling, you will be asked to step up to the mic and give a short introduction.

2. *Formal Wear*– think “red carpet,” for this; we want to see high fashion! The best, most fashion forward drag look you can give. This category will be judged based on the creativity, fit, and modeling of the ensemble, as well as the poise, makeup, hair, and overall look of the contestant.

During Formal Wear, music will be provided, and you will be given 2 minutes to model your garment. At the end of the 2 minutes, you will be asked to join the host at center stage to compete in the Q&A portion of the contest. After completing this, you will be given the opportunity to walk the stage one final time.

3. *Onstage Q&A* – category will take place while on stage after modeling Formal Wear and will be judged based on speaking ability and answer content. Be ready to think quickly! This is the portion where the judges and audience can get a true feel for who the contestants are as people rather than performers. Take a breath, speak clearly, and most importantly speak from the heart!

4. *Talent* – category will be judged based on lip sync/choreography (if applicable), overall stage presence, costuming, hair, and makeup.

Talent is not allowed to be longer than seven minutes, including setup and tear down. Administrative points will be taken if the contestant takes more than 7 minutes. ***Absolutely no water/liquids, paint, fire, live animals, or excessive glitter may be used throughout the entire portion of the pageant.***

Crowning Ceremony - After the Talent portion, final remarks, and final performances by last year's winners, contestants will return to the stage for a final walk around before the crowning ceremony begins. You may have a separate outfit for the crowning if you wish, but it is not required. Plaques will be given out to the winners of each individual category before a Second Alternate, First Alternate, and Mx. Wichita Pride are named. The winner of Mx. Wichita Pride will receive a crown, sash, and a cash prize of \$500. First Alternate will receive a cash prize of \$150. Please prepare a crowning number in case you win!

Other Administrative Information

- You must be at least 18 years of age to compete.
- Registration will take place at the Century II Exhibition Hall the day of the pageant (6/28). YOU MUST EMAIL entertainment@wichitapride.org for registration time and parking instructions. We are awaiting times from the venue, but expect registration to take place in the late afternoon.
Administrative points will be taken off for tardiness.
- During registration you may bring your items to put in the dressing rooms. We will have a short rehearsal going through the order of events before the pageant during this time.
- You are expected backstage at the Exhibition Hall at 6:00PM SHARP.
Administrative Points will be taken off for tardiness
- Pageant starts at 7:00PM.
- Contestants will be docked administrative points for exceeding established time limits for categories.
- Songs must be labeled as follows, and emailed to willpower4U2017@gmail.com NO LATER THAN JUNE 21ST
 1. Your Name Pride Wear
 2. Your Name Talent
 3. Your Name Crowning

- Any dancers, helpers, dressers, or contestants who are caught in the act of stealing, tampering with, or defacing another contestant's belongings or property of the venue will be immediately disqualified and asked to leave.
- Your dancers are only allowed to be backstage with you 2 numbers prior to your talent!
- You are allowed ONE dresser! Please let us know who will be dressing you prior to the pageant so we can plan accordingly!
- Please remember to have fun— first and foremost PRIDE is about being proud of who you are; as a person, as a performer, as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community!

Winner's Expectations

- The winner of Mx. Wichita Pride will participate in the next day's Pride Festivities, including riding with Pride in the Pride Parade and performing at the Pride Festival.
- Represent Wichita Pride at events sponsored or hosted by Wichita Pride throughout the year.
- Winner will be honored at next year's pageant (paid gig)
- Carry oneself in a respectful manner publicly, including on social media.
- Promote Wichita Pride Inc. on social media.
- Represent and promote Wichita Pride Inc. at LGBTQ+ community events and Pride.

Questions, comments, concerns? Email entertainment@wichitapride.org

CONTESTANT PACKAGE CHECKLIST

- o Outfits for each category
 1. Formal Wear
 2. Creative Wear/On-Stage Question & Answer
 3. Talent
 4. Crowning (optional)
- o Materials/Dancers/Assistants/Etc. for Talent if applicable
- o Completed entry form including descriptions for creative pride wear (printed clearly for host on pages in this packet)

Please fill out the following portion of this packet and bring with you to registration:

Contestant Agreement Form

I, _____ (Legal Name), a contestant in the 2024 Mx. Wichita Pride Pageant, waive all rights and liability to Wichita Pride Inc. during my participation in this competition. I acknowledge that I am responsible in any way, shape, or form of injuries while competing in this competition. I will take full responsibility for all dancers, props, costumes, etc. and if anything is lost or stolen it is my responsibility and I will not hold Wichita Pride Inc. nor Century II accountable. I hereby release publication rights of all photographic, videotape, and sound recordings made during the pageant and during my reign to Wichita Pride Inc. I understand and agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the 2024 Mx. Wichita Pride Pageant, outlined in this packet. I understand the titleholder agrees to represent the title for one year and will complete all duties as necessary. By signing this document, I am fully aware and understand all content of the 2024 Mx. Wichita Pride Pageant, and the stipulation of the title and regulations set forth Wichita Pride Inc.

Breach Of Agreement

Titleholder will be considered in breach of agreement if any and/or all requirements and expectations are not met as determined by the Entertainment Director of Wichita Pride Inc. Breach of agreement will result in the following:

- Revocation of Title
- Cancellation of future bookings, appearances, and fees stated in this contract
- Return of all prizes won. (If any prize is damaged, replacement will be required)

Wichita Pride Inc. reserves the right to take action if it is determined that a Titleholder is in BREACH of AGREEMENT

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Formal Wear Description

Contestant Number (leave blank until assigned):

Contestant Stage Name and pronouns:

Designer of Formal Wear:

Makeup Artist:

Hair Stylist:

Designer of Accessories:

Sponsors:

Pride Wear Description

Contestant Number (leave blank until assigned):

Contestant Stage Name and pronouns:

Designer of Pride Wear:

Makeup Artist:

Hair Stylist:

Designer of Accessories:

Description: