

# 2025 Mx. Wichita Pride Pageant

## Application Packet



Honoring Miss Wichita Pride 2024:

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## **Hello!**

Thank you for your interest in the Mx. Wichita Pride 2025 Pageant! Included in this packet is all the information you will need to compete for the crown.

The pageant will be held on Friday, June 27th at Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center (225 W Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67202) in the Bob Brown Expo Hall. Registration is at 4PM and the pageant begins at 7PM.

You will be competing for the title of Mx. Wichita Pride 2025. We accept and encourage *all types of drag artists* to compete for the title of Mx. Wichita Pride. (Winner can choose to be promoted as Mx., Miss, or Mister, but there is only one title eligible to win.)

The entry fee to compete in the Wichita Pride Pageant is \$50, to be paid by June 1st, 2025. After this date, the fee goes up to \$100, and no further entries will be accepted after June 15th, 2025. Payment information can be found online at [wichitapride.org](http://wichitapride.org).

## **Categories, Rules, and Regulations**

Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

1. Creative Presentation - 12 points per judge
2. Formal Wear – 12 points per judge
3. Onstage Q&A – 12 points per judge
4. Talent – 24 points per judge

1. *Creative Pride Presentation* – Theme: “There’s No Place Like Pride” We are looking for creativity! This outfit should not only embody what Pride means to you, but should also include elements that celebrate Wichita Pride’s 20th “Emerald” Anniversary and/or play on the reference to the classic story in the “There’s No Place Like Pride” theme. Pride should be at the center of your creative presentation! 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.

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 must be no longer than seven (7) minutes, including setup and tear down.

Administrative points will be taken if the contestant exceeds the time limit. ***Absolutely no water/liquids, paint, fire, live animals, or excessive glitter may be used throughout the entire portion of the pageant.***

*Crowning Ceremony* - following the Talent portion will be final performances from our host and current reigning. The crowning ceremony will take place immediately after this. You are welcome to change into one final outfit to perform a crowning number in the event you win, but this is not required. We will award those who scored highest in each individual category before naming our Second Alternate, First Alternate, and crowning Mx. Wichita Pride! The winner of the pageant will receive a crown, sash, and a cash prize of \$500, as well as a free photoshoot with a professional photographer. 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 4PM at the Century II Bob Brown Expo Hall the day of the pageant (6/27). Administrative points will be taken off for tardiness.
- During registration you may bring your items to put in the dressing area. We will have a short rehearsal going through the order of events before the pageant during this time.
- You are expected backstage in the dressing area in the Expo Hall at 6:00PM SHARP. At this time, doors will open to the audience for a cocktail hour from 6-7. 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 uploaded to a flash drive and brought to registration. Songs must be labeled as follows:
  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! Administrative points may be taken off if contestants have more than one person backstage with them.
- 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 the Mx. Wichita Pride Pageant will:

- Participate in the next day's Pride Festivities, including riding with Wichita 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.
- 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.

Questions, comments, concerns? Email [entertainment@wichitapride.org](mailto: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 2025 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 2025 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 2025 Mx. Wichita Pride Pageant, and the stipulation of the title and regulations set forth by 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 and President 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: