



Dear Contestants,

We are honored you decided to take the time from your busy schedule by supporting Metro East Pride! Your ongoing support is what makes our Pride unique and fun for the family! The Metro East Pride Board Members would like to congratulate you, in advance, for taking the first step and wanting to compete in this year's competition. Win or lose, you are now "family" and your efforts and support mean so much to us and the community! Before completing this packet, please take a moment and carefully read over each category and its description. This contains the key points the judges will be scoring on. At the end of the competition, you will be provided a copy of your scores from all the judges (including comments and critiques). The identity of the judges will remain unknown until the night of competition. This insures complete fairness for all contestants. The object of the judging panel is to help you grow within your art form.

If you are crowned King or Queen of Metro East Pride, you will be required at a minimum to perform/appear at the following Metro East Pride functions:

- **One (1) quarterly booking at fundraising events (i.e. drag show, brunch, etc.)**
- **Two (2) community events during your reign (i.e. parade, community appearance, etc.)**
- **Two (2) Metro East Pride Board Meetings**

We ask that you refrain from using illegal substances before and during the contest. In addition, we ask that you follow the same guidelines at any Metro East Pride or community function in which you represent Metro East Pride. If you consume alcohol, we ask that you "Know Your Limit". During your reign, all social media posts should be positive and promote Metro East Pride and the LBGTQIA community.

In the event there is a failure to meet any of these requirements, the winner is subject to forfeiture of Crown, return of initial prize, and will not be able to participate in stepdown proceedings. If this should occur, first alternate will take over as the respective King or Queen and only receive a cash prize at stepdown in the amount of \$75.00.

Your professionalism is the key to any successful event! Again, Metro East Pride would like to thank you for your consideration of competing to become our next King or Queen of Pride!

Contestants may arrive as early as 6:00 pm. Contestants may use the dressing area provided or come ready to perform. Call Time is 7:00 pm and is mandatory for registration, music download, and fundraising submissions. Points will be deducted for late arrival. The pageant will begin promptly at 8:00 pm.

Much Love,

Metro East Pride Board



METRO EAST PRIDE PAGEANT

Saturday, July 17, 2021 | 8:00 pm

Club Escapade 133 Main St. Belleville, IL 62220

Entry Fee: \$25.00 | Entry Fee prior to July 1: \$20.00

As a contestant, you are required to compete in four (4) categories:

1. Fundraising
2. On Stage Question
3. "Show Your Pride" Talent (5 min max)
4. "Do Your Own Thing" Talent (5 min max)

Fundraising (Max 25 points) Each contestant will be given the opportunity to raise funds prior to the day of the contest. For every \$5.00 raised, the contestant will be awarded 1 Point with the MAX score of 25 Points.

You will also be given the opportunity to collect tips during your "Show Your Pride" portion of the competition. Money collected from that portion will be used to determine the winner in case of a tie.

On Stage Question (Max 75 points) This category allows the judges to see how well you can think on your feet! Each contestant will be asked one (1) question that they will be allowed to answer and scored as follows:

1. Stage presence (10)
2. Ability to communicate (25)
3. Answer content (25)
4. Costuming (15)

The purpose of On Stage Question: Upon winning the Metro East Pride pageant, you become the "face" of Metro East Pride. We want to ensure that our Royalty Court has the ability to speak with confidence and assurance when communicating with media outlets, future contestants, and the LGBTQIA community.

"Show Your Pride" (Max 100 points) this is your opportunity to "Show Your Pride." Each contestant will be allotted five (5) minutes to display a talent that best represents how they view "Pride". The talent must be safe and not pose threat or harm to self or others. The use of live animals is prohibited. Small or handheld props may be used, but are not required. **You are encouraged to accept and collect tips during this portion of the competition.** Contestants will be judged on the following:

1. Costuming (20)
2. Entertainment value (20)
3. Lip Sync (if live, pitch) / Knowing words (20)
4. Choreography (20)
5. Audience Engagement (10)
6. Originality (10)

All music must be provided on thumb/flash drive and must be labeled with Contestant's Name. Songs must be in a separate folder and labeled Pride and DYOT.

“Do Your Own Thing” (Max 100 points) this is your opportunity to show us who you are as an entertainer! Each contestant will be allotted five (5) minutes to display a talent of their choosing. The talent must be safe and not pose threat or harm to others. The use of live animals is prohibited. Small or handheld props may be used, but are not required. **Contestants are not permitted to collect tips during this portion of the competition as the emphasis is on the talent of the contestant.**

Contestants will be judged on the following:

1. Costuming (20)
2. Entertainment value (20)
3. Lip Sync (if live, pitch) / Knowing words (20)
4. Choreography (20)
5. Audience Engagement (10)
6. Originality (10)

Pageant Prize Package

1. \$150.00 Cash Prize
 - a. \$75.00 Night of Pageant
 - b. \$75.00 at Stepdown
 - c. Various paid bookings throughout your reign
2. Crown and Sash
3. Floral Bouquet, provided by Eckert Florist
4. Two-hour photography session valued at \$300.00
5. Performance on Main Stage at Metro East Pride 2021 (Contingent on COVID-19 restrictions)
6. A six-spray spray tan package valued at \$125.00, provided by Bronzed Goddess Airbrush Tanning



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Stage Name: _____

Legal Name: _____

City: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Type of "Show Your Pride" Talent (Circle One): Lip Sync Live Vocal Other

If Other, please specify:

Type of "Do Your Own Thing" Talent (Circle One): Lip Sync Live Vocal Other

If Other, please specify:

By signing this, I acknowledge that all information provided is accurate. I also understand there are guidelines set forth within this packet on code of conduct and I agree to adhere to those guidelines during the contest and throughout my reign as King or Queen of Metro East Pride 2021 (if crowned).

Contestant Legal Name (signed)

Date

Contestant Legal Name (printed)