



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 to perform/appear at a minimum of 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 LGBTQIA 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 3:00 pm. Contestants may use the dressing area provided or come ready to perform. Call Time is 4:30 pm and is mandatory for registration, music download, and fundraising submissions. Points will be deducted for late arrival. The pageant will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Dancer/Dresser passes can be purchased for \$10 and each dancer/dresser must have a pass. FOLLOWING CROWNING THE WINNERS WILL HEADLINE THE MEPSI PRIDE PAGEANT AFTER PARTY AT CLUB ESCAPE. PLEASE HAVE 3 PERFORMANCES PREPARED AND MUSIC ON A FLASH DRIVE. SHOW TIME IS 9PM.**

Much Love,

Metro East Pride Board



## ***METRO EAST PRIDE PAGEANT***

*Saturday, July 23rd, 2022 | 6pm*

*SPACES 207 E 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. Presentation
3. On Stage Question
4. Talent(5 min max)

**Fundraising** (Max 125 points) Each contestant will be given the opportunity to raise funds prior to the day of the contest. For every \$1.00 raised, the contestant will be awarded 1 Point with the MAX score of 125 Points.

You will also be given the opportunity to collect tips during your Talent category. Audience members can donate to a tip bucket but money must not be collected by hand. Money collected from that portion will be used to determine the winner in case of a tie.

**“Presentation”** (Max 50 points) Each contestant will have max 1 min to model their outfit to music of their choice. Music should be edited prior to the pageant. The contestant’s outfit should conceptually represent their interpretation of “Over the Rainbow” in any way they envision. Nudity, water, live animals, pyrotechnics and/or loose glitter are NOT allowed.

Contestants will be judged on the following:

- 1.Creativity(10)
- 2.Accessories(15)
- 3.Wardrobe(25)

**On Stage Question** (Max 60points) 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)

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.

**“Talent”** (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. The use of dancers and set design may be used but 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. HOWEVER A TIP BUCKET WILL BE PASSED AROUND TO COLLECT TIPS TO BE COUNTED FOR THE FUNDRAISING CATEGORY.**

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. 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 2022
6. A six-spray spray tan package valued at \$150.00, provided by Bronzed Goddess Airbrush Tanning
7. Costume construction credit provided by Zink Inc Designs valued at \$100 (fabric not provided).
8. A made to measure costume by Julian King. Includes costume consultation with measurements, and 10 hours of labor A \$250 value (Fabric and stoning not included).
9. Styled wig provided by Part Time Wigs valued at \$150.00.



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Stage Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Talent (Circle One): Lip Sync    Live Vocal    Other

If Other, please specify:

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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 2022 (if crowned).

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Contestant's Legal Name (signed)

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Date

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Contestant's Legal Name (printed)