



Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Baltimore
King & Queen of Pride 2009
Contestant Application



Thank you for your interest in the 2009 King & Queen of Pride pageant.

We are looking forward to having you as a contestant and wish you the best of luck in seeking the title of King or Queen of Pride 2009. Should you have any questions or need clarifications on any pageant proceedings, please do not hesitate to call 410-837-5445.

Please deliver or mail your completed application to:

King and Queen of Pride 2009
c/o The GLCCB
241 W. Chase Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

The King and Queen of Pride pageant will take place at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Hippo, 1 W. Eager St, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2009. **We are only accepting six contestants for King and six contestants for Queen, so it's first come first serve.**

You must be 21 years of age or older and a resident of Maryland to enter the contest.

There is a \$25 entry fee, which is due by 5:00 pm the day of the contest. Contestants can pay by credit card, cash or money order made payable to "Baltimore Pride/GLCCB."

Anyone, regardless of gender, may run for either King or Queen of Pride.

The primary function of the King & Queen of Pride is to help raise awareness and support for Baltimore Pride. The King & Queen of Pride contest is itself a fundraiser for Baltimore Pride to help offset production expenses for the celebration.

The winners will reign as King & Queen of Pride for one year. The winners will be required to maintain the crowns in good condition and if lost or damaged he or she will be responsible for replacing the crown. At the end of your year each contestant will be allowed to keep their crown.

The winners of the King and Queen of Pride 2009 are also required to perform at both the Pride Block Party and Pride Festival and ride in the Pride Parade (June 20 and 21). The winners will also be required to help with the planning of the King and Queen of Pride pageant for 2010. In addition, the winners will be expected to attend all Baltimore Pride and GLCCB related events. These events include, but are not limited to, Voice of Pride, Date Auction, Parade, Outoberfest, Out-Rageous, Twilight on the Terrace, etc.

All contestants must check in on Friday, April 24, no later than 5:00 p.m.

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There will be six judges for this competition. Their qualifications have been approved by the GLCCB.

Contestants will be scored in four categories for the King and Queen of Pride 2009:

1. Pride Formal Wear – (Pre-judged and to be worn during on-stage question)
2. On-Stage Question
3. Talent
4. Essay (Pre-judged)

PRIDE Formal Wear

100 points possible per judge

In the Pride Formal Wear category, contestants should select an outfit that best describes their pride through formal means. This category is all about elegance and is a chance for each contestant to show their creativity and glamour. Please note, this is **not** a costume contest. This is to be judged based upon formality.

ON-STAGE QUESTION

50 points possible per judge

Scoring is based on personality and poise, the ability to communicate on a microphone in front of an audience, and the context of the answer in relation to the topic given. The contestant must be able to speak in front of the public in a very comfortable manner. One question will be asked to each contestant.

TALENT

200 points possible per judge

Talent is the highest point category in the King and Queen of Pride Pageant. Contestants will be judged on their lip-synch, live vocal, or other entertainment ability. Contestants may incorporate dancers and set design in their talent.

The use of any type of explosives, fireworks, confetti, water, etc. is not permitted in this contest.

ESSAY

150 points possible per judge

The essay portion of the competition is to be completed and turned in to the judges no later than 5:00 pm the day of the competition. The essay should be well written, typed, and received in a presentable manner. The topic of the essay is listed on the application. Please take your time, as this is the second highest scoring category. The purpose of the essay is to demonstrate your ability to present your thoughts and ideas in a clear and concise manner.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Stage Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ E-mail _____

RELEASE FORM

By my signature below, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless Baltimore Pride, and the GLCCB, hereafter referred to as "Pageant," their agents, volunteers, and employees from any liabilities and/or responsibilities whatsoever resulting from, associated with, or arising out of my participation in the pageant, including, but not limited to personal injury, or loss or damage to personal property, regardless of whether the loss or injury occurs before, during or after the pageant or any other related activities.

I also hereby release myself from rights to any sound and/or video recording, photography, recording, still camera, or motion pictures of the Pageant. I understand that I have no rights to any of the recordings that I appear in/on, or the future sale thereof. I hereby agree that my name or any photographs taken of me during the Pageant may be used for publication for promotional purposes or in any advertising publicity. By my signature below, I affirm and attest that I have read the rules and regulations of the Pageant and hereby agree and covenant to abide by the same.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Essay Topic:

Describe what motivates your pride, and how you will use your reign as King or Queen of Pride to further the mission of the GLCCB, Baltimore Pride, and your personal pride.

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CONTESTANT BIO

Contestant Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

Age: _____ Zodiac Sign: _____

Sponsors: _____

Heroes: _____

Favorite Color: _____

Favorite Food: _____

Favorite Movie(s): _____

Favorite Pride Memory: _____

If you could perform onstage with any entertainer in the world, who would it be and why?

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