



The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc.
P.O. Box 161441, Sacramento, CA 95816

Mr. and Miss Sacramento LGBTQ Pageant Application 2019-2020

Application for (check one): Mr. Gay Miss Gay Mr. Trans Miss Trans
 Mr. Queer Miss Queer

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Tel/H: _____ Tel/W: _____

Employed by: _____

Contestant Name (if different from above): _____

The following information will be used as introduction material, program or publicity. You may supply us with facts of leave blank. Please use the reverse side of this application to provide additional information about you.

State/Country of Origin: _____ How long in the Area? _____

Type of work you do? _____

Hobbies / Special Interests: _____

Status Single Married Looking All three Other: _____

Favorite Charity (ies): _____

Any personal comments you would like to have read during the *Evening Wear* segment? It can be serious or funny or about what you would do if you won Mr. or Miss.

By submission of this application and \$25 fee you become a qualified contestant for the title of Mr. or Miss Sacramento LGBTQ Pageant, I acknowledge that I have read the attached Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by it. (Please keep a copy of the rules and application for your records.)

Signed this _____ day of (month) _____ 20_____

Applicant Signature: _____

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CONTESTANTS FOR THE TITLES OF THE MR & MISS SACRAMENTO LGBTQ

Application Qualifications:

1. Must be gainfully employed or be financially independent with financial stability.
2. Must be a legal resident of the United States, at least twenty-one (21) years of age and a resident of the counties of the territory of CGNIE. Application deadline date set by CGNIE or its authorized agents (Pageant Co-Chairs; Coordinators) for either title. Proof of residency and minimum age is required.
3. There will be no restriction as to who may submit an application for either office except that if a contestant withdraws from the contest they must do so in writing to the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. or its authorized agents. Upon notification of withdrawal, the contestant may not re-enter the contest.
4. The successful contestant for either office must host one charity fundraiser individually, **and** one charity fundraiser jointly with all title holders of the pageant during the year of their reign as a prerequisite to the completion of the reign. They are encouraged to host more than one charity fundraiser during their reign(s) but must seek approval from the reigning Emperor and Empress prior to any public announcement, printed or verbal. They must coordinate potential date(s) of fundraisers so as not to conflict with any court or major events in town.
- 4b. Each title holder must travel to 1 out of town Gay Pageant and attend 2 out of town Coronations, and attend Sacramento Pride and CGNIE's annual performance gala and coronation.
5. The Pageant winners must as a whole submit a monthly report of what they are doing with their titles. i.e performing, traveling, representing, etc.
6. Each winner is required to attend a minimum of one board meeting per quarter.
7. The successful contestant who attains either title must maintain their residency within the domain of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. and those other counties which may be added to the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire during the term of their reign.

(a) If a reigning titleholder must relocate outside the domain as specified herein due to job requirements or for other reasons of personal nature, the titleholder must notify the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. as to when such relocation will occur. The Board, may allow the individual to retain their title if they have; (1) completed their charity fundraising requirements, and (2) that they return to step down as the reigning Mr. or Miss Sacramento LGBTQ.

(b) If a reigning titleholder (1) resigns their title due to personal reasons, or for the purpose of entering into a competition for another title within the court or any other organization, (2) is removed from office by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc., (3) abandons their office for unknown reasons, or (4) through death, the Board may at its discretion offer the title and unexpired term to the first runner up of the contest for that particular title or they may declare it vacant for the duration of the unexpired term.

Further, the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc., may choose to remain the title intact and not declare it vacant but leave it as though the titleholder were present through the end of their reign.

Contestant Requirements & Contest Rules:

1. The contest is based upon a pageant format with Olympic scoring.
2. Each potential contestant must submit an application (attached) accompanied by a **cashier's check** or **money order** in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. Also, a 5" x 7" **digital** photograph in electronic format (.jpeg et cetera) of the contestant must be submitted with the application for inclusion into the evening's program. Each potential contestant must submit an **electronic copy** of their biography with their application, to be read during the pageant.
3. Contestants will be judged at the pageant in four categories; ***Theme'd Costume, Talent, Formal Evening Attire and Question and Answer Segment***. Each of the four categories will be worth 25% of the total score. Prior to the pageant, the contestant will need to prepare and submit a written description of both their Creative Costume and Evening Wear.

*This years theme for the pageant is **GlamRock***

4. The contestant's talent portion can either be a solo or group presentation. All talent presentations must be on a high quality CD-R, labeled with your name and contestant number on the CD-R. A back-up CD-R will be required should your original be destroyed or misplaced. **ALL** presentations are limited to six (6) minutes and will be timed. Any presentation going over the allotted time will have one point deducted for every five (5) seconds over the allotted time limit. Set-up and break down of any sets, props, costumes, et cetera used for their talent presentation is included in the 6 minutes. **It will be the responsibility of the contestant to remove from the premises any sets, props, costumes, etcetera used for their talent presentation or any other segment of the pageant. The use of confetti, glitter, streamers or any other type of material that may create a maintenance problem is not allowed. The use of fire, fireworks, and the exhibition of bare breasts or buttocks is also not allowed.**
 - a. Each contestant is comped themselves & 1 helper. Contestants are allowed only one dresser backstage.
 5. Upon acceptance of each contestant by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc., or its authorized agents, the contestant will sign this agreement to abide by the Rules & Regulations as set forth herein.
 6. Each Contestant acknowledges that the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. and its authorized agents have complete authority over the contest and have sole responsibility for the enforcement of these rules and regulations.
 7. The decision of the panel of judges is final.
 8. Application deadline is **7pm to 9pm, Tuesday February 11th, 2020** to the Chairman, Johnathan Cameron, or designated member of the Board of Directors, at The Depot, 2001 K Street, Sacramento, CA. If the applicant wishes to turn in their application prior to the deadline they may contact the Chairman, via email to **TarynThruyou32@gmail.com** to make arrangements.
 9. The Mr. & Miss. Sacramento LGBTQ Pageant will be held on Sunday, February 16th, 2020 from 4pm (Doors Open) and pageant starts at 5pm. The pageant will take place at Faces Night Club, 2000 K Street, Sacramento CA. Rehearsal time is available. Please sign up at application check in for a 15 minute slot. This will be your only time to sign-up.
- * The Sacramento LGBTQ Pageant is owned & produced by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. Board of Directors. A representative of the Board of Directors will produce the show yearly.***

Other Rules/Requirements:

10. The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans and Miss Trans are owned by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. They become members of the reigning court and walk after the appointed member of the court, prior to the cabinet members and the reigning Emperor and Empress. When the reigning Emperor and Empress complete their reign, the reigning Mr. and Miss's will become members of the new reigning court.
11. All monies collected as a result of charity fundraisers throughout the year of the reigns of Mr. and Miss Sacramento LGBTQ must be turned over **only** to the Treasurer or a members of the Board of Directors of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc., or an authorized agent as approved by said Board. All fundraising goes to the Emperor and Empress Charity Fund

Job Description and Rules:

The pageant winners, positions of the office of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer are representatives of Imperial Court of Sacramento and The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc., A California non-profit public benefit corporation. Once selected by the panel of judges to either of these positions/offices, the Mr. and Miss Sacramento LGBTQ will represent **all** aspects of the Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual / Transgender / Queer (LGBTQ), and other sexual minority communities. In addition to being representatives of the Imperial Court of Sacramento, a key part of the job is to promote: (a) their specific office through attendance at various in-town and out-of-town events; (b) the imperial court and the court system; and (c) unity within the communities that they serve. Other than the required fundraisers, the titleholders may directly raise money for charity together or separately through events that they produce with prior approval from the reigning Emperor & Empress and the Board of Directors of the Imperial Court of Sacramento or assist the reigning monarchs, the court or other reigning titleholders of the court.

1. As selected (pageant winners) representatives, the Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer, when representing their title or court, must appear in the appropriate attire of their office and exhibit proper conduct and decorum. The Imperial Court System is based upon the European nobility, with its heads of state and courtiers.
2. The positions of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer are voluntary therefore, are not paid for their appearances, attendance or services. Are representatives of a non-profit organization, no individual is compensated for the work they perform for the organization.

Note: Members of CGNIE are not compensated for any service that they may perform on behalf of or for the corporation.

3. The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer cannot be used in the promotion of any event that the titleholders are being monetarily compensated. This does not prohibit the individual from participation, it just means that the title of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans and Miss Trans cannot be used in any promotional material be it printed, electronic media, or by verbal means (announcements at other events over the public address system or at the venue where the event is to take place). It also includes the introduction of said individuals during the event.
- The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer are not to be used for direct or indirect personal financial gain.
 - The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer cannot be used to promote non-charitable events.
 - The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer cannot be used to promote any political party or candidate for political office.

Note: As a non-profit charitable organization, the IRC and California Non-Profit Corporation rules prohibit the endorsement of a political party or candidate for political office. A non-profit may endorse a non-partisan issue on a ballot, in the case of the Imperial Court, such issues that relate to discrimination of sexual minorities.

- This rule also applies to all reigning titleholders of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc.

[As a private citizen, any individual may endorse any political party or candidate for political office or partisan initiative. However, the titles that are owned by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. cannot be used as part of that endorsement.]

4. The Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer are required to attend all Imperial Court related in-town state events, and stay for the entire length of the event, as follows,
 - a. Each title holder must travel to 1 out of town Gay Pageant and attend 2 out-of town coronations, and attend Sacramento Pride, and CGNIE'S Annual Performance Gala and Coronation

The Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer should coordinate their calendars that give appropriate representation of their court and the title at significant in-town events to promote goodwill and support by the imperial court, interest of the sponsoring organization and the court's main purpose of charitable fundraising.

When scheduling commitments, the reigning Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer are encouraged to consult with the monarchs of the Imperial Court to ascertain that those commitments do not conflict with the required state events.

5. The Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans and Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer are to show due respect to all CGNIE monarchs during the year of their reign.
6. Any crown or medallion or symbol that denotes the office of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer cannot be worn by anyone else, regardless of the relationship, during the reign. Also, any emblems of office such as crowns or sashes cannot be worn by any un-selected individual during or after their reign of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans and Miss Trans.
7. The Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans and Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer cannot handle any type of financial instrument, i.e. money or checks, during the year of their reign. This is to protect these individuals from any allegations of financial mismanagement. The Imperial Court of Sacramento's Treasurer or member of the Treasury Committee or appointed member of the Board of Directors or the Court Treasurer are the only authorized individuals who can handle money on behalf of the reigning titleholders.
8. The Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer cannot enter any contractual agreement or execute instruments of any kind that would indent themselves as titleholder or the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc., or the Imperial Court of Sacramento.
 - i. Personal contracts that do not have recourse against the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. or any entities under them are excluded from this rule.
9. The Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer, Miss Queer can and are encouraged to raise money for only 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit charitable organizations during the year of their reign. (*See actual requirement, Item #4 under Applicant Qualifications*) Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer can only fundraise for the Emperor and Empress's Charity Fund.
 - i. Expenses incurred for the production of charity fundraisers or events are held in-town for and by the reigning titleholders and court are reimbursable at cost and must be supported with receipts and submitted via expense voucher to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of CGNIE. Expenses would be for the promotion of the event such as print media, raffle prizes, tickets, transportation cost if rental vehicle is needed to transport stage, sets or sound equipment and decorations are reimbursable. Personal costuming or personal transportation is not reimbursable. Such allowed expenses are deducted from the proceed

of the fundraiser and net proceeds will then be designated for the CGNIE Board of Directors Event Income Account.

- a. The reigning Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court of Sacramento must first approve any event that is produced by the reigning titleholders
- b. A budget for an event that requires reimbursement must be submitted to the Treasurer of the Imperial Court of Sacramento after being approved by the reigning Emperor and Empress. Only those items listed on the budget are reimbursable.

10. Upon the successful selection to the office of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer the successful contestants must resign, or take a leave of absence for the year of their reign, from any and all positions held on any board or within any organization that he/she holds as an officer or director position that could affect the direction of either organization based upon their selected positions with the Imperial Court of Sacramento. Honorary positions that have no voting power or fiduciary responsibility are excluded from this rule.

(Note: The aforementioned rules are subject to change without the approval of the Board of Directors of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc.)

CONTESTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____ have read and understand the Rules & Regulations for Contestants for the Titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, Miss Trans, Mr. Queer and Miss Queer as set forth by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. I agree to abide by said rules.

Signed the _____ Day of _____ Two Thousand _____, CE

Applicant Signature

Authorized Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. Witness