



Mr. and Miss Sacramento LGBTQ Pageant Application 2021-2022

**The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc.
P.O. Box 19451, Sacramento, CA 95819**

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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

Employed by: _____

Contestant Name (if different from above): _____

The following information will be used as introductory 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 submitting this application and \$25 fee to become a qualified contestant for Mr. of Miss Sacramento LGBTQ Pageant's title, I acknowledge that I have read the attached Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. (Please keep a copy of the rules and application for your records.)

Signed this _____ day of (month) _____ 20_____

Applicant Signature: _____



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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 in one of the counties within The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire's (CGNIE) territories. The application deadline is set by CGNIE or its authorized agents (Pageant Co-Chairs or Coordinators) for either title. Proof of residency and the minimum age is required.
3. Applications will be reviewed, and those applications that do not meet the outlined qualifications may be rejected.
4. Once an application has been accepted, a contestant who wishes to withdraw from the contest can 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.
5. The successful Contestant for either title must host one charity fundraiser individually **and** one charity fundraiser jointly with all Pageant titleholders during the year of their reign as a prerequisite to completing their 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 before any public announcement, printed or verbal. They must coordinate potential date(s) of fundraisers to not conflict with any court or major events in town.
6. Each titleholder must travel to one out-of-town Gay Pageant and attend two out-of-town Coronations, attend both Sacramento Pride and CGNIE's annual performance gala and coronation.
7. The successful Contestant who attains either title must maintain their residency within the territories of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc.
 - a. If a reigning titleholder must relocate outside the territory 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.



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- b. If a reigning titleholder (1) resigns their title due to personal reasons or to enter 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 Contestant 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 retain 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. Each potential Contestant must submit an application (attached) accompanied by the following via email to **CGNIECourt@gmail.com**
 - a. Signed Application
 - b. Receipt for **\$25.00** application fee paid through CGNIE website (CGNIE.org)
 - c. A 5" x 7" **digital** photograph in electronic format (.jpeg et cetera),
 - d. Contestant Bio, which may be used during with the panel and may be used during the Pageant.
 - The applicants' review will be held Virtually by a Pageant Panel to assure that all requirements have been met to compete.
2. Once Accepted by the Pageant Panel, the Contestants will be invited to participate in the Pageant.
 - The 2021-2022 Pageant will be held Virtually and by STAB Comedy Theater will be comprised of both pre-recorded content and live interaction via Zoom.
 - Contestants will be scored based on pageant format with Olympic scoring. Each of four 1) *Themed Costume*, 2) *Talent*, 3) *Formal Evening Attire*, and 4) *Question and Answer Segment*. Each category will be worth 25% of the total score. Additional points will be awarded for the total money raised through voting and during the talent portion of the pageant.
3. 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 and deliver signed form by email to CGNIECourt@gmail.com



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4. Contestants will be judged during the Pageant in four categories: **1) Themed Costume, 2) Talent, 3) Formal Evening Attire, and 4) Question and Answer Segment.**
 - a. Contestants will be asked to Pre-Record separate videos; the first will be the Themed Costume up to 30 seconds and should include different poses to provide a complete view of the costume with no sound, and the second video will be of the Talent performance up to 90 seconds with audio.
 - b. For each video, you can create your own backgrounds or backdrops, indoor or outdoor however **the use of fire, fireworks, and the exhibition of bare breasts or buttocks are also not allowed.**
 - c. Each video will need to be in either MP4, Wav, or VP8 (most common for mobile devices recordings)
 - d. During the Pageant, the Contestant will dress in their Formal Evening Attire and join the Pageant via video conference for the Question-and-Answer session with the Panel of Judges.
5. 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 enforcing these rules and regulations.
6. The decision of the panel of judges is final.
7. The application deadline is **8 pm, Thursday, April 29, 2021**
8. Contestant Panel review will be **8 pm, Tuesday, May 4, 2021**
9. Videos to be submitted not later the **6 pm, Tuesday, May 11, 2021**
10. The Mr. & Miss. Sacramento LGBTQ Pageant will be held on **Thursday, May 20, 2021, from 6 pm to 7 pm virtually.** All instructions will be provided before the Pageant.
11. All contestants agree that any or all application information, Bio, digital imagery, and videos can be used by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. and its authorized agents to promote and produce the Pageant.

****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.***



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Other Rules/Requirements:

12. The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss. Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss. Trans is owned by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. They become members of the reigning court and walk after the court's appointed member, before the cabinet members and the reigning Emperor and Empress. When the reigning Emperor and Empress complete their reign, the reigning Mr. and Miss will become members of the new reigning court.
13. All monies collected as a result of charity fundraisers throughout the reigns of Mr. and Miss Sacramento LGBTQ must be turned over **only** to the Treasurer or a member 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, Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans, are representatives of the 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, Mr. and Miss Sacramento LGBTQ represent **all** Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual / Transgender / Queer (LGBTQ) aspects and other sexual minority communities. In addition to being representatives of the Imperial Court of Sacramento, a crucial 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, Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans, 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, and Miss Trans are voluntary; therefore, they are not paid for their appearances, attendance, or services. As representatives of a nonprofit organization, no individual is compensated for the work they perform for the organization.
Note: Members of CGNIE are not paid for any service they may perform on behalf of or for the corporation.
3. The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans cannot be used to promote 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



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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, and Miss Trans are not used for direct or indirect personal financial gain.
- The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans cannot promote non-charitable events.
- The titles of Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans 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 a political party's endorsement 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 against 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 owned by the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. cannot be used as part of that endorsement.]

4. Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans 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 titleholder must travel to 1 out of town Gay Pageant and attend 2 out-of-town coronations, Sacramento Pride and CGNIE'S Annual Performance Gala and Coronation

Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans should coordinate their calendars that give an 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 primary purpose of charitable fundraising. When scheduling commitments, the reigning Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans 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 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, and Miss Trans cannot be worn by anyone else, regardless of the relationship, during the reign. 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.



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7. Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans 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 Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire's Treasurer or member of the Treasury Committee or appointed member of the Board of Directors or the Court Treasurer is the only authorized individual who can handle money on behalf of the reigning titleholders.
8. The Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans cannot enter any contractual agreement or execute instruments of any kind that would indent themselves as titleholders of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc 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. Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans can and are encouraged to raise money for only 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit charitable organizations during the year of their reign. *Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans can only fundraise for the Emperor and Empress's Charity Fund.*
 - I. Expenses incurred to produce charity fundraisers or events 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 Imperial Council. Expenses promoting the event, such as print media, Door prizes, and transportation costs if the 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 fundraiser's proceeds, 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 (CGNIE) must first approve any event 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 (CGNIE) after being approved by the reigning Emperor and Empress. Only those items listed on the budget are reimbursable.
10. Upon selection for Mr. Gay, Miss Gay, Mr. Trans, and Miss Trans title, the chosen contestants, if applicable, must resign or take a leave of absence for the year of their reign from all positions, held with any board or any organization that he/she holds as an officer or director position that could affect the direction of either organization. Honorary positions that have no voting power or fiduciary responsibility are excluded from this rule.

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



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CONTESTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Date:

Applicant Signature