



**The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. (CGNIE)**  
**P.O. Box 161441, Sacramento, CA 95816**  
**Sacramento LGBTQ Pageant Application 2024-2025**

**Application for (check one):**  
**Mr./Mx Gay      Miss/Mrs/Mx Gay**  
**Mr/Mx. Trans      Miss/Mrs/Mx Trans      MX Queer**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Stage/Performance Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What type of work do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Currently, hold a Board Position  Yes  No If yes, which organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies / Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Charity (ies): \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Intrest in the Sacramento LGBTQ Pagent:

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# Qualifications and Rules of The Sacramento LGBTQIA+ Pageant

## 1. Qualifications:

- 1.1. One must hold a steady job or have sufficient financial independence and stability to be eligible.
- 1.2. Applicants must be active (dues-paying) members of the Imperial Court of Sacramento.
- 1.3. Applicants must be legal residents of the United States, at least 21 years of age, and reside within the CGNIE territory. Proof of residency and the minimum age is mandatory during the application process.
- 1.4. CGNIE or its authorized agents, i.e., Pageant Co-Chairs and Coordinators, set the application deadline.
- 1.5. Applicants must adhere to the rules and requirements of the pageant.
- 1.6. If a contestant decides to withdraw from the contest, they must submit a written notice to the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. or their authorized agents. Once the withdrawal notice has been received, the contestant cannot re-enter the contest.

## 2. Acknowledgment of Duties & Responsibilities for “Pageant winners”

- 2.1. Pageant Title Holders become members of the reigning court, “The Imperial Court of Sacramento,” and will adhere to the court hierarchy and represent the court.
- 2.2. Applicants acknowledge that upon receiving a Title, they must host at least one charity fundraiser and one fundraiser jointly with all pageant title holders during their tenure. Although not mandatory, all Title holders are encouraged to organize more than one charity fundraiser during their tenure. All funds raised by Title Holders will be contributed to the Monarch’s Charity Fund.
- 2.3. In addition to the fundraising requirements, each title holder must travel to at least 1 out-of-town Pageant hosted by another ICS Court, attend 2 out-of-town Coronations (Ducal or Imperial) as part of The Imperial Court of Sacramento, attend Sacramento Pride and CGNIE’s annual performance gala and coronation. Title holders are encouraged to attend as many social events as possible to promote themselves and CGNIE.
- 2.4. All titleholders must submit a written monthly report to the CGNIE Board. The report should include community events, approved fundraisers, and planned travel or appearances.
- 2.5. Titleholders are not paid for their appearances, attendance, or services.

- 2.6. Titles are not to be used for direct or indirect personal financial gain, cannot be used to promote non-charitable events, and cannot be used to promote any political party or candidate for political office.
  - 2.7. Each titleholder must attend at least two CGNIE board meetings per quarter as a guest.
  - 2.8. Titleholders must maintain their residency within the CGNIE Territories. If a titleholder must relocate outside the territory due to employment requirements or for other reasons of a personal nature, the titleholder must notify the CGNIE Board when such relocation will occur. The CGNIE Board may allow the individual to retain their title if they have (1) completed their charity fundraising requirements and (2) returned to crown the next title holder for the Sacramento LGBTQ pageant.
  - 2.9. If a 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) has their title removed by the CGNIE Board for cause, (3) abandons their title for unknown reasons, or (4) passes away, the Board may offer the title and unexpired term to another contest of the pageant, or the CGNIE Board may declare the title vacant for the remainder of the term. The CGNIE Board may choose not to declare it vacant but leave it as though the titleholder were present through the end of their reign.
- 2.10. Contestant Requirements & Rules:**
- 2.11. Each potential contestant must submit a completed application along with a digital photo (.jpeg, .png) and a short biography
  - 2.12. Scoring for the pageant will be based on three primary segments: (1) pre-vote fundraising online, (2) fundraising during the event (cover & Tips), and (3) pageant categories.
  - 2.13. *This year's theme for the pageant is “The Magical World of Imagination.”*
  - 2.14. The Pageant will be held on **Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 4-8 pm**. The pageant will occur at Faces Night Club, 2000 K Street, Sacramento, CA.
  - 2.15. During the pageant, Contestants will be judged in four categories: ***Themed Costume, Talent, Formal Evening Attire, and Question and Answer Segment.***
    - 2.15.1. Talent is not limited to lip-sync but should comprise a performance art. The contestant’s talent can be a solo, duet, ensemble, or group presentation.
    - 2.15.2. All Talent presentations are limited to six (6) minutes and will be timed. Any presentation over the allotted time will have points deducted from their final score.
    - 2.15.3. Contestants may use prompts or small sets as part of their talent presentation. The set-up and breakdown of any sets, props, costumes, used for their talent presentation are included in the 6 minutes.

- 2.15.4. The contestant will be responsible for removing from the premises any sets, props, costumes, etc., used for their talent presentation or any other pageant segment.
- 2.15.5. ***We do not permit the following: confetti, glitter, streamers, or any other material that may create a maintenance problem for the venue. The use of fire, fireworks, foam, or liquid of any kind, or the exhibition of bare genitalia or buttocks.***
- 2.15.6. Contestants are permitted to have only one person backstage to help with costumes.
- 2.15.7. No Comp tickets are provided for the pageant; only staff and contestants are considered comped.
- 2.16. Each Contestant acknowledges that the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. and its authorized agents have complete authority over the contest and are solely responsible for enforcing these rules and regulations.
- 2.17. The decision of the panel of judges is final.
- 2.18. Applications can be submitted either in person or via email. The application deadline is **2/15/2024 by 8:00 pm.**
  - 2.18.1. In person applications can be submitted to the Pageant Chairperson at Faces, 2000 K Street, Sacramento, CA. Between 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on 2/15/2024.
  - 2.18.2. Completed applications can be emailed to **sacLGBTQIAPageant@cgnie.org** before or on the submission deadline.
  - 2.18.3. If the applicant wishes to submit their application in person before the deadline, they may contact **sacLGBTQIAPageant@cgnie.org** to make arrangements.

Applicant agrees that CGNIE may post photographs, names, and bios on CGNIE's website, social media, and local publications.

I acknowledge that I have read and meet the qualifications, understand the *Duties & Responsibilities of "Pageant winners,"* and will adhere to the Pageant Contest requirements and rules.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of (month) \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_