



Pride Pageant Rules & Application

Category Information:

The Boston Pride Committee has developed the Boston Pride Pageant for entertainment purposes. You select which category you would like to participate in based on your own definition/display of your gender identity. The goal is not to limit who can participate but to have each category open to **all**.

Pageant Rules:

- All contestants must reside in Massachusetts and must be 21+.
- All contestants must consider themselves to be part of the LGBT Community.
- No verbal or physical acts of violence will be allowed before, during, or after the audition or Pageant by the contestants or any of their companions inside or outside any participating establishments and venues.
- The winners will be able to use the name of the Pageant and the Title, when approved by the Boston Pride Committee.
- If selected, the winners will need to represent appropriately the Boston Pride Committee and LGBT Community throughout Boston Pride Week and at other events throughout New England as determined and agreed upon by the Boston Pride Committee and the winners.
- The Boston Pride Committee, its sponsors, and any participating establishment or venue are not to be held responsible for covering costs of any other Pageant or activity that the winner may participate in during the next year as Title holders.
- This activity is a non-profit event held for the LGBT community for entertainment purposes as well as to increase the visibility of the LGBT community and related topics.
- The Boston Pride Committee and its Directors and Staff are not responsible for any loss of items, and/or any damage to private property or person at any time during the application process, orientation, or the competition.
- The Boston Pride Committee owns the concept and titles of King, Queen and Royal Gender Blender of Boston Pride.
- The Boston Pride Committee shall have 100% control over all advertising and promotion for this event and shall retain the right to photograph, audio record, and/or video record any images and performances for publications or promotional materials.
- Alcohol/Drug Use: applicants and contestants, their guests, invitees, and/or assistants, shall not use or be under the influence of intoxicating beverages, narcotics, illegal drugs or prescription drugs/medications not prescribed to him/her by a licensed physician at any time during the orientation or the pageant itself.



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Categories Being Judged:

Pride Presentation: In this category, the judges are going to be looking for posture, creativity, and each contestant's presentation of what Pride means to them. After modeling, the contestant will step to the microphone and introduce themselves to the judges and audience. Be creative, different, radical, and imaginative! This category is worth 10 points.

Talent: This is one of the highest scored categories. This category is limited to 5 minutes and if a contestant exceeds that time, points will be taken away from the final score. Talent can come in many forms, so find an original way to express yours! This category is worth 20 points.

Evening Wear: Contestants may choose evening wear in their preferred color and style. Please keep in mind that it is NOT a costume. We are looking for style, color, fit, elegance, best use of accessories including shoes and jewelry, hairstyle, and proper make-up. This category is worth 10 points.

Final Question: There will be a final question asked by the judges to the three highest scoring finalists. Each contestant's answer and poise will help determine the winner.

Application:

To apply, submit the following:

- Complete Application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- A headshot electronically to pageant@bostonpride.org.
- \$10 application fee. If selected to compete in the Pageant, an additional \$15 registration fee will be requested.

Payments may be made by check or money order payable to "Boston Pride" or online at <http://www.bostonpride.org/support-pride/make-a-donation>. Please don't send cash. See below for contact information.

Complete application, headshot, and payment must be received by the Pageant Committee by **Sunday, May 22**. Applications will not be considered complete until all three pieces are received.

There will be a **mandatory** Contestant Orientation on Sunday, May 22 at 12 noon at Machine, 1254 Boylston Street, Boston.

Winners of the Pride Pageant will win a crown, title, and the opportunity to represent Boston Pride during Pride Week. You and a guest will receive an all access pass for to participate in all of the Boston Pride events. We will have other prizes for all contestants as they become available. Specifically, the winners will participate in the following events:

- Traniwreck, produced by Truth Serum, on Thursday, June 9
- A spot in the Parade and a guest appearance at the Festival on Saturday, June 11.



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Select which category you will be participating in:	King	Gender Blender	Queen
Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City:			
St:		Zip:	
Age:			
Region/City/County you represent:			
Phone 1:			
Phone 2:			
Email:			
Your talent:			
Anything else you'd like to share with us?			

I understand and agree to all of the rules and regulations stipulated above. I'm very excited to participate in the Boston Pride Pageant and look forward to showcasing my talent in a positive and entertaining manner. I'll be able to receive my scores and take feedback appropriately and understand that all decisions are final and non-negotiable. I understand the fees involved in participating in this Pageant and the prizes offered to its winners.

Print Your Name:
Signature:
Date Signed: