

# charlotte pride pageant RULES & REGULATIONS

This document, the Charlotte Pride Pageant Rules & Regulations, outlines the specific rules, regulations, eligibility and other criteria governing the Charlotte Pride Pageant, its contestants and other participants, and the Charlotte Pride Titleholders. The following sections of this document may be amended at any time for any reason by Charlotte Pride.

## A. CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Contestants must meet the following criteria in order to participate in the 2019 Charlotte Pride pageant:

1. Contestant must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Contestant must reside within a 100-mile radius of the Charlotte, NC.
3. Contestant must pay a registration fee of \$50.00 in order to compete in the pageant. The fee must be submitted at the time of registration. This fee is nonrefundable.
4. Contestant must not be a current or former Charlotte Pride titleholder.

## B. PAGEANT RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations will apply for the 2019 Charlotte Pride pageant:

1. Judging:
  - a. The Charlotte Pride Pageant will have up to three winners, who will equally reign as the Charlotte Pride Court. These titleholders will hold the titles of Mr., Ms., or Mx. and will select their preferred title via their application.
    - In the event that no contestants submit an application for a given title, that title will not be given out. Only one winner per title will be selected.
  - b. Charlotte Pride has final approval in selecting judges.
  - c. Winners will be selected based on a cumulative scoring system. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by an on-stage question to be selected by the panel.
2. Categories: All contestants will be judged in the following categories:
  - a. Interview
    - Each contestant will have an interview with the judging panel.
  - b. Pride Parade Presentation & On-Stage Question
    - This category is intended to allow participants to showcase their creative interpretation of what a "Pride Parade" look means to them.
    - On-stage questions will function as a quasi-interview with local news reporters and hosts, who will ask questions that pageant winners will likely answer during their reign as a titleholder.
  - c. Talent
    - Any type of talent is acceptable, except those that are illegal or which may cause personal injury to the audience or any other person.
    - Talent will be limited to five (5) minutes.
    - All music for the talent category must be submitted via email to Matt Comer at [matt@charlottepride.org](mailto:matt@charlottepride.org) by Sunday, July 28.
      - i. All participants must also bring a hard copy of their music on a flash drive to the performance itself.
    - Each contestant will be allowed only two (2) dancers due to staging restrictions.

3. The Charlotte Pride Pageant is gender inclusive and is open to anyone who wishes to compete under their definition of the art of drag.
4. Each contestant will be allowed one (1) dresser. The contestant's dresser will be allowed to enter the hosting establishment free of charge.
5. Contestants are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Prohibited behavior is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the hosting establishment. Prohibited behavior includes but is not limited to:
  - a. The use of any illegal substances
  - b. Overconsumption of alcoholic beverages
  - c. Underage consumption of alcoholic beverages
  - d. Violent or threatening language or behavior
  - e. Discriminatory words, statements, actions or other behavior which violate the mission, vision and values of Charlotte Pride (see appendix).
  - f. Theft of, or intentional damage or destruction to real and personal property
6. Charlotte Pride reserves the right to make a decision concerning any matters not covered in these rules and regulations and/or the contestant agreement.

### **c. TITLEHOLDER OBLIGATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The winners (hereafter, "Titleholder") of the pageant will assume the title of Mr., Ms., or Mx. Charlotte Pride for the 2019-2020 season. Titleholder is obligated to and agrees to the following:
  - a. Appear at up to three (3) events chosen by Charlotte Pride.
  - b. Serve as a Team Coordinator for the 2019-2020 Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade Planning Committee.
  - c. Perform on the Charlotte Pride Festival Main Stage as a reigning titleholder. Performance date and time to be determined.
  - d. Attend a Meet & Greet in the Charlotte Pride Festival VIP Lounge.
  - e. Participate as a reigning titleholder in the Charlotte Pride Parade.
2. Titleholder also understands that their title is purely honorary and carries with it no inherent rights, privileges, or responsibilities beyond the specific responsibilities outlined in Section D of this document and that Titleholder cannot independently act on behalf of or make official representations for Charlotte Pride.

### **d. CHARLOTTE PRIDE REMEDIES**

In the event Titleholder is unwilling or unable to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities outlined above, or if the Titleholder defaults on any of the provisions included in this contestant agreement, Charlotte Pride retains the right at its absolute and sole discretion to any or more of the following:

1. Revoke or rescind the title from the Titleholder.
2. Refuse bookings and appearances of any official nature to the Titleholder.
3. Refuse entry into any future pageants or Charlotte Pride events.
4. Other remedies not listed above.

## **e. HOLD HARMLESS**

Contestant/Titleholder agrees to indemnify Charlotte Pride, Inc., its officers, directors and employees, volunteers or other agents, and hold them harmless with respect to any defense that they shall be required to make in connection with any claim or action arising out of Contestant's/Titleholder's involvement/participation with the pageant, parade or festival, including the payment of reasonable attorney's fees.