



2024 Lexington Pride Pageant

Rules

General Guidelines

- This year, contestants will be able to compete for the titles of:
 - Mx. Lexington Pride 2024- A gender-non specific title.
 - Miss Lexington Pride 2024- A female-specific title (presenting as a woman).
 - Mr Lexington Pride 2024-A male-specific title (male entertainer or drag king).
- The 2024 Lexington Pride Festival Committee and the Lexington Pride Center require a State issued ID; these will be checked prior to allowing applicants to be a contestant. This means 21 and up only.
- All contestants are to report to the bar complex no later than 7 pm. Please check in backstage with your entrée fee, application and music.
- All music should be clearly labeled with your name and the name of your song's. You can use flash drives or email..
- Any contestant, dancer, or helper who is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another person's property or the establishment will be ejected from the premises and will cause immediate disqualification of said contestant. The contestant will forfeit all paid fees and be ejected from the premises. The contestant will also be banned from competing in all future Lexington Pride Pageants.
- The use or dispensing of any illegal substance will not be tolerated while any contestant is participating in the pageant. Immediate disqualification and ejection from the premises will occur for anyone breaking this rule. Excessive consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by the contestant, helpers, or dancers will also result in disqualification if more than one verbal or written warning is given by a Pride Committee and/or pageant committee.

Backstage Guidelines

- Only **one** person shall be allowed to accompany the contestant into the dressing area. This person will be known as the Contestant's dresser. You and your dresser will be admitted at no charge. Backup dancers, and/or other helpers will be required to pay the designated cover charge. A contestant will only be allowed to have up to 5 backup dancers.



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- Backup dancers will only be allowed in the dressing room area ten (10) minutes before and five (5) minutes after the contestant's talent number. Backup dancers shall not interfere with other contestants.

Category Breakdowns:

- Presentation- Presentation Package and Tips (20 points)
 - During this category, contestants will be able to show who they are to the judges. The contestant will be limited to 5 minutes to introduce themselves to the judges. The theme for the presentation is "Moments in Pride history." Give us your creative take on important moments or figures throughout the pride movement.
 - During this time, contestants will be able to collect tips. The contestants will be judged on who is able to collect the most tips during their presentation performance. Contestants will be able to take tips via hand-to-hand or via a tip bucket at the edge of the stage. We ask that anyone that brings money to the stage follow the mask guidelines of the Bar Complex.
- Gown & Question and Answer- Formal Wear and Response (30 points)
 - During this category, contestants are asked to wear a single color from the Pride rainbow, or a rainbow-themed outfit. (This includes *all* LGBTQIA+ flags). Contestants will be judged on how well the outfit fits their body, the general construction of the outfit, the overall cleanliness of the look (hair, accessories, outfit, etc.).
 - After modeling the contestant's Pride wear, they will be asked to answer a question. The questions will all be in an envelope and will be selected at random. The judges will be scoring contestants on their response, articulation, and overall message.
- Talent (50 points)
 - This category will be restricted to only 8 minutes per contestant, with 2 minutes allowed for set-up and break down of stage props. As previously stated, a contestant is only allowed to have up to 5 individuals as back-up dancers. The talent category will be judged on originality, skill, and creativity. Contestants are not allowed to interact with the crowd during the talent portion of the competition.

Winners Guidelines

- A winner and first runner-up will be chosen for each category. Each winner will receive a \$100 cash prize (\$50 at the competition and \$50 after their performance at Lexington Pride 2024). Winners will also win a package of jewels and a sash. The package will include a crown, earrings, ring, bracelet, and sash will be given to the Miss Lexington and a broach and sash will be provided to the Mx or Mr. winner. In addition each winner will receive one paid booking with Little Sparrow Productions during their reign year.
- If you are crowned as a winner of Mx. Lexington Pride 2024, Miss Lexington Pride, or Mr. Lexington Pride you will be expected to represent the title at the 2024 Lexington Pride Festival Saturday June 29th. You are not required to attend other events but will be able to represent the title at the 2024 Kentuckiana pride parade in Louisville, KY if we choose to participate, and at other Pride Center fundraisers. Winners will also be required to host/organize one fundraising event for the LExington Price Center during their reign.

*You may be provided an opportunity to perform at additional sponsored events to promote the goals of the Pride Festival during your reign. All tips earned during performances at any Pride Center sponsored event are to be donated during the event.

- If the reigning title holder fails to or is unable to meet these expectations, then he/she will be replaced by the first runner-up. Should this event happen, the crown, sash and prize money shall be returned to the pageant.

Contestant name: (print) _____ contestant name: (signature) _____

Date: _____