



Morehead Pride, Inc.

P.O. Box 194

Farmers, KY 40319

Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride Pageant Application / Rules and Regulations

TIME AND LOCATION

The Bar Complex, 224 East Main Street, Lexington, KY
Thursday, August 17, 2017 10:00 PM

TITLES AND PRIZES

Miss Morehead Pride 2017
Mr. Morehead Pride 2017

The contestant who wins the title of Miss Morehead Pride will receive a crown, sash, flowers and a \$100 prize. The contestant winning the title of Mr. Morehead Pride will receive a crown, sash and a \$100 prize. The 1st runner up in each category will receive a \$50 prize and the right to the main title of Miss or Mr. Morehead Pride should the respective recipient of either title become ineligible during the course of their reign.

ELIGIBILITY / HOW TO ENTER

Contestants must meet the following criteria in order to participate in the 2017 Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride pageant:

1. Contestants must be at least 21 years of age. Proof of age is required by a valid driver's license, state ID, passport or any other government issued photo ID.
2. Contestants competing for Miss or Mr. Morehead Pride are not limited by gender or personal gender expression; however, contestants competing for the title of Miss Morehead Pride must personify a female in their performance, and contestants competing for the title of Mr. Morehead Pride must personify a male in their performance.
3. Contestants must complete an application and pay a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee in order to compete in the pageant. The application and fee must be received no later than Friday, August 4, 2017.
4. Applications are available at: <http://www.moreheadpride.org/pageant> If you would like to mail in your application and payment, please print out the online form, and mail it to: **Morehead Pride, Inc., PO BOX 194, Farmers, KY 40319**. Checks or money orders should be made out to Morehead Pride, Inc.
5. Once the application and the fee are received, a confirmation email will be sent providing further instructions about the competition.

PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations will apply for the 2017 Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride pageant:

1. **Judging:** The Morehead Pride, Inc. Board of Directors has the final approval in selecting judges, but no member of the Morehead Pride, Inc. Board of Directors may participate in judging pageant performances.
 - a. The Morehead Pride Committee will make recommendations for a three-person panel of judges with the sole interest of providing a neutral body of judges that represent the integrity of the pageant, venue and the organization.
 - b. Morehead Pride, Inc. has the final approval in determining judging criteria and scoring guidelines.
 - c. The pageant will have an auditor chosen by the Morehead Pride Committee which will collect scoring sheets and tally scores.
 - d. Tips earned during each contestant's performance are theirs to keep. A container for tips will be provided for each contestant to avoid interruption of individual performances.
 - e. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by a final on-stage question to be selected by the judging panel.

2. **Categories:** All contestants will be judged in the following categories:
 - a. **Creative Performance:** This category requires a performance and attire based on the theme of the pageant. **The theme of this year's pageant is: Celebrity Icons.** In this category, judges will be looking at poise, creativity and originality. This category is worth 30 points.
 - Each contestant should bring a CD with three songs for their creative performance, talent presentation, and coronation performance should they be crowned Miss or Mr. Morehead Pride. Track one should be for their creative performance, track two should be for their talent presentation, and track three should be for their possible coronation. Each CD should be clearly marked with the contestant's name, and each track should be clearly labeled for its purpose. In addition, a back-up music disc is requested should your original not be playable.
 - Each contestant is responsible for their own makeup and wardrobe. A dressing area will be provided for all performers at the place of venue. One assistant will be allowed back stage with each performer.
 - Wardrobe should be tasteful; any form of nudity is prohibited.
 - Back up dancers/performers will be required to pay the cover charge and will not be allowed backstage until immediately before the time of the assigned performance.

 - b. **Talent:** In this category, contestants will be judged on ability, entertainment value, costuming and makeup, and the effectiveness of props and dancers, if used. This category is worth 30 points.
 - Talent comes in various forms. Any type of talent is acceptable for this category except for those that are illegal or those that are injurious to the participants, audience, or any other person.
 - No animals of any kind may be used during performances.
 - No Excessive Glitter, No Powder, No Fire, and No Water may be used in this category.
 - Wardrobe should be tasteful; any form of nudity is prohibited.

- Each contestant will be limited to 7 minutes for their presentation and 3 minutes for cleaning up props or other items used during their performance. Contestants exceeding that time will have points deducted on their final score.
- c. **Evening Wear:** For this category, each contestant will be judged in a full-length evening gown for Miss contestants and formal wear for Mr. contestants. This category is worth 20 points.
- Music will be provided for this category.
 - Attire may be of any color, style and fashion.
 - Contestants will be judged on gown/formal wear selection, fit, hair/makeup, accessories, poise, modeling ability, and general appearance.
- d. **Personal Interview:** In this category, contestants will conduct an on-stage interview with questions selected by the judges. This category is worth 20 points.
- The purpose of this interview is to give the judges and the members of the community some insight into the character of each contestant.
 - In the interview, contestants should provide their name, where they are from, and they should represent themselves as they would on an everyday basis in the community.
 - Questions selected for the interview will be picked at random, and each question will focus on LGBTQ history and/or other LGBTQ issues as they relate to the community.
 - Contestants will be limited to 5 minutes for their interview. Contestants exceeding that time will have points deducted on their final score.
3. **Additional Guidelines:** Participants should abide by all venue guidelines and local, state, and federal laws.
- The use or distribution of illegal substances is prohibited and is grounds for immediate disqualification and ejection from the venue with no refund of participation fees.
 - Theft of, or intentional damage or destruction to any contestant's property or any theft of, or intentional damage or destruction to the hosting establishment's property will not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate disqualification and ejection from the venue with no refund of participation fees.
 - Contestants are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Any violent or threatening language or behavior will not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate disqualification. The offending participant will also forfeit any paid fees associated with their participation.
4. **Statement of Non-discrimination:** Morehead Pride, Inc. prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national or cultural origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or health status.
5. **General Photography Release:** Participants in the Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride pageant authorize Morehead Pride, Inc. to publish their name, photographs taken of the participants, and their likeness for use in any Morehead Pride, Inc. print, online and/or video-based marketing materials as well as other Morehead Pride, Inc. publications. Participants also acknowledge that their participation is voluntary and that they will not receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in Morehead Pride, Inc. marketing materials or other related publications.

TITLE HOLDER OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Title Ownership:** Titles will remain the property of the Morehead Pride, Inc. Board of Directors and may not be used by any other organization at any time or by any person other than those who have competed and have been recognized with the respective title(s) by Morehead Pride, Inc.
 - Morehead Pride, Inc. will remain the owner of awarded titles until the Titleholder has served in the title capacity for one year or until the coronation of the next Miss or Mr. Morehead Pride. At that time, Morehead Pride, Inc. will release the specific title and the year the title was held permanently to the Titleholder. At that point, all regalia associated to the title will become the property of the Titleholder.
 - If for any reason the Board of Directors finds the Titleholder unfit or unable to complete their year of service, the Morehead Pride, Inc. Board of Directors will decide if the first runner up is to assume the title and duties of the Titleholder; ascending is not automatic.
 - Titleholders who do not complete their year of service for reasons outlined herein or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the Morehead Pride, Inc. Board of Directors will return all sashes, crowns, and related regalia within 10 days of their step-down or dismissal. If the items are destroyed or unavailable for return, the Titleholder is responsible to make financial restitution to Morehead Pride, Inc upon request.

2. **Spokesperson for Morehead Pride, Inc. / Obligations:** In accepting the title of Miss or Mr. Morehead Pride, the titleholder agrees to:

- Perform as the reigning Titleholder at the 2017 Morehead Pride Festival and After Party on October 7, 2017. This includes promotion and ticket sales for the After Party.
- Attend and perform at the step-down ceremony and coronation of the new Titleholder at the 2018 Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride pageant.
- Attend a minimum of two promotional / fundraising events in full regalia during your title year as agreed upon by the Titleholder and the Morehead Pride, Inc. Board of Directors.
- Maintain a positive leadership role in the LGBTQ community and hold their respective title, Morehead Pride, Inc. and its brands in high esteem and with integrity.
- Authorize Morehead Pride, Inc. to use the Titleholder's picture, including video and voice recordings, for the purposes of publication, marketing and/or the promotion of Morehead Pride, Inc. services and events.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns about your application, the venue, or in regards to any other consideration relating to the Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride pageant, you can send an email to: davidermold@moreheadpride.org or contact David Ermold via telephone at (606) 776-7551.

Morehead Pride, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Contestant Questionnaire

The answers to these questions may be read during the modeling of formal wear. Please do not include any information that you do not want to be disclosed at the time of modeling.

Contestant Name: _____

Performance / Stage Name: _____

Title you are competing for: Miss Morehead Pride Mr. Morehead Pride

Title(s) Currently Represented: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Age: _____

Zodiac Sign: _____ Favorite Color: _____

Do you have a partner? _____ If partnered, how long? _____

My most positive quality is: _____

The one thing people find surprising about me is: _____

My greatest accomplishment to date is: _____

My ultimate goal in life is to: _____

What are your hobbies? _____

My most admired entertainer in the industry is (and why): _____

My favorite quotation is: _____

I should be the next Miss or Mr. Morehead Pride because: _____

General Liability Release

In consideration of the inherent risk of injury while participating in the Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride pageant and as consideration for the right to participate in the above listed activities, I hereby, knowingly and voluntarily enter into this waiver and release of liability and hereby waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever that arises out of my participation in the above listed activities. I do hereby release and forever discharge: **Morehead Pride, Inc., PO BOX 194, Farmers, KY 40319**, their affiliates, managers, Pageant Directors, members, agents, attorneys, staff, sponsors, and volunteers for any physical or psychological injury, including but not limited to illness, paralysis, death, damages, economical or emotional loss, that I may suffer as a direct result of my participation in the above listed activities including traveling to and from an event that is related to this activity.

I hereby acknowledge that this activity may involve a test of a person's physical and mental limits and may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury and or property loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to those that are caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, lack of hydration, condition of participation, equipment, vehicular traffic and actions of others, including but not limited to, the participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials and event monitors, procedures of the event, and/or lack of hydration.

In the event that I, the undersigned, should require medical attention or treatment. I hereby agree to be financially responsible for any and all costs that are incurred as a result of such treatment. I am fully aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

I, _____ (Legal Name), a participant in the Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride pageant, do hereby hold harmless and waive all rights to any type of lawsuit against Morehead Pride, Inc., its Board Members, its liaisons and those contracted by Morehead Pride, Inc. for the pageant and related activities. I agree to enter this competition and all related activities at my own expense and risk. I agree to comply with all the rules, regulations and agreements attached to this application and as outlined in any accompanying material. By signing this document, I am fully aware and understand the contents of the Miss and Mr. Morehead Pride pageant application and its stipulations of title and regulations set forth by the Morehead Pride, Inc. Board of Directors.

* Please note that anyone participating in the talent portion of the pageant will need to sign a Liability Release Form prior to performing in the talent competition. These forms must be signed during registration on the day of the event. Please be aware that any performers in your talent that have not signed a Liability Release Form will NOT be allowed to perform. No Exceptions. Any performers that perform in a talent number without signing a Liability Release Form will be grounds for automatic disqualification of the associated contestant from the pageant.

Signature / Contact Information

Print Name (Legal Name): _____

Performance / Stage Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell / Alternate Phone: _____

Birth Date: _____ Email: _____

Signature (Legal Name): _____ Date: _____