

*Mr./Miss. Rocket City Pride
&
Mr./Miss. Rocket City Pride Newcomer Pageant
Application Packet*

May 14, 2022 at 6p



Full Name: _____

Title your competing for: _____

Welcome

Dear Potential Contestant,

On behalf of Rocket City Pride, we would like to thank you for your interest in competing for one of our prestigious titles. Over the years, Rocket City Pride has undergone massive changes with a move for greater visibility throughout the city, and an increase in the scale of our yearly Pride Festival. As these changes help make Rocket City Pride a greater force for equality and understanding, we are refusing to stop with small change and progress. For anyone seeking the title of Rocket City Pride or Rocket City Pride Newcomer, it is important to understand that the victory means more than a crown; the title means becoming part of a powerful long-standing tradition.

The winner of our pageant will have a wonderful year of appearances, performances, and service within the community. As a representative of Pride, the crown means more attention from the community, which translates into a chance to build a platform that can make a big difference in many lives throughout our community. As such, we look for winners who are committed to the mission of Rocket City Pride and who are ready to advocate, celebrate, educate, and support the LGBTQIA+ community of our city.

The road to the crown is a challenging one: all contestants compete in five categories, with scores from each category being combined to determine the contestants with the highest overall score. Contestants will be evaluated by a panel of pre-selected judges. Judges will be fair and unbiased in their scoring. All scores will be computed by a pre-selected tabulator.

Please find attached to this packet a list of our rules, regulations, requirements, and other helpful pieces of information. Should you ever require assistance, have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our Pageant Director or our Pageant Coordinator listed below. Best of luck to you!

With Love & Pride,
Rocket City Pride Board of Directors

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Rocket City Pride Pageant Rules and Regulations

1. Each contestant must be at least 19 years of age or older before the contest date. A valid state issued ID will be required at registration. Anyone under the age of 19 is prohibited from competition.
2. Contestants must follow all Covid-19 guidelines and protocols in place by the venue, RCP, state of Alabama, and/or the CDC at the time of the event. Failure to comply will result in disqualification and removal from the premises.
3. Contestants must reside within a 100 mile radius of Huntsville, AL to be eligible.
4. The Rocket City Pride Pageant embraces diversity and does not discriminate against any contestant regarding age, biological sex, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, socioeconomic status, etc.
5. Judging is based on a total accumulated point system, with a maximum score point value of 310 per judge for each contestant.
6. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by Presentation points. In the event of a second tie, the winner will be determined by Talent points.
7. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:
 - a. Interview: 0-50 points
 - b. Presentation: 0-70 points
 - c. Evening Gown/Formal Wear: 0-60 points
 - d. Question and Answer: 0-30 points
 - e. Talent: 0-100 points
 - i. Talent will be limited to six (6) minutes. Prop set up time will be limited to two (2) minutes. If no set up time is required, the time may not be added to the talent. Talent will be timed and any performance exceeding the six (6) minute time limit will have administrative points deducted, at a maximum of ten points.
8. Any type of talent or presentation is acceptable except those which may cause injury to the audience or any other person. No glitter, fire, water or live animals may be used in any category. Music must be turned in on a flash drive. Flash drives must be clearly labeled with the performer's name. You must have your presentation recorded as track 1 and talent track 2 and your crown number recorded as track 3. These tracks may be labeled as such. Please do not place any other music on this flash drive. No CD's will be accepted. Please have two (2) copies.
9. Due to local laws, absolutely no fully exposed breasts, any visible genitalia, or see through fabrics exposing these areas will be allowed. Immediate disqualification will occur for any infractions.
10. Any contestant not at their appointed place at the appointed time will lose administrative points. For a maximum of 5 points per judge.
11. Only 1 dresser/helper will be allowed in the dressing area at any one time. You will be allowed 1 person at a \$[amount] cover charge all others will have to pay the required \$[amount] cover charge.
12. RCP pageant winners will be required to sign a contract with the Pageant Director or their appointee before any prize money is paid. Failure to sign the contract will mean forfeiture of the title. The contract is enclosed. Please review it so that you are familiar with it.
13. Any contestants not staying on stage for the entire crowning and picture taking will forfeit their placement and prize money. All prize money must be collected within 1 hour of crowning.

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Rocket City Pride reserves the right to make any decision concerning any matter not covered in these Rules and Regulations.

Code of Conduct/Expectations

1. The use or dispensing of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited while representing the Rocket City Pride Pageant. Anyone caught in violation of this rule will be immediately asked to leave the contest. This applies to all members of the contestant's entourage (including but not limited to the dresser, hairdresser, dancers, stage hands, etc). No refunds will be issued.
2. Any tampering with other contestants and their personal belongings is strictly prohibited. This applies to all members of the contestant's entourage (including but not limited to the dresser, hairdresser, dancers, stage hands, etc). No refunds will be issued.
3. Stealing of any kind is strictly prohibited. Anyone caught in violation of this rule will be immediately asked to leave the contest. This applies to all members of the contestant's entourage (including but not limited to the dresser, hairdresser, dancers, stage hands, etc). No refunds will be issued.
4. Winners will be required to provide a professional promotional photograph within 30 days of receiving the title at your own expense. All promos must be submitted to RCP and approved before release.
5. Promoting the RCP Brand is required and we expect a strong Social Media presence.
6. Social Media pages representing your persona, and subsequently Rocket City Pride, should appear professional. Refrain from gossip, fighting, negative representation, any disparaging comments about RCP, the pride community, other performers, etc.
7. Titleholders must possess excellent communication skills, serve as a role model, and maintain professionalism, decorum, and dignity during their reign with the RCP Pageant.
8. Titleholders are required to provide valid contact information and promptly inform of any changes. An active phone number, email, and social media page(s) are required for the duration of the reign.
9. Titleholders will be asked to participate in quarterly appearances on behalf of RCP, in addition to any bookings, etc. RCP Signature events requiring pageant presence will be requested a minimum of 60 days in advance.
10. The titleholder maintains full responsibility for transportation and lodging; this also applies if the titleholder relocates out of the TN Valley area and wishes to maintain their reign.
11. Titleholders may receive bookings and/or entitlements. Booking amount and events will be determined by the pageant owner. All booking fees are paid upon completion of the agreed booking.
12. Winners are required to communicate with the court regarding any upcoming performances or appearances.
13. If a titleholder is arrested and/or charged with any crime, misdemeanor or felony, for any reason, RCP must be notified immediately. Failure to disclose an arrest within 3 business days will result in forfeiture of any title. If arrested, RCP will review the arrest information and determine if the mission or values of the program have been compromised before determining consequences to our titleholders.
14. We at RCP reserve the right to suspend, revoke, or rescind a title in the event that a serious and credible infraction has occurred. If a title is revoked or rescinded, it is required that all prize package monies, sashes, crowns, pins, and any other tangible items received as a result of the pageant win be returned in full. The revoked/rescinded contestant also loses the right to use RCP title on social media and bookings using the RCP brand.
15. During their reign, titleholders will represent RCP. We would prefer you not compete in other pageants, but would like to support you in pursuit of your dreams and goals. We will allow you to compete in one (1) other pageant during your reign, after a waiting period of six (6) months. Any additional titles you pursue during your reign must not represent other Pride organizations. At the end of your reign, you may freely pursue other titles. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis.

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Application

Title you are competing for:

- Mr. Rocket City Pride Mr. Rocket City Pride Newcomer
 Miss. Rocket City Pride Miss. Rocket City Pride
Newcomer

Stage Name: _____

Legal Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age: ____

Best Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Method of payment for registration fee:

- Website CashApp (\$RocketCityPrideHsv) Cash Board Members Initials: _____

(Please provide a copy of photo ID)

Talent Length: _____ Talent Props: No Yes

Dancers: No Yes; If yes, how many? _____

Talent Setup & Breakdown time needed: No Yes; If yes, you have a maximum of 3 minutes if needed.

What is your greatest achievement? _____

What is your best beauty / grooming tip? _____

Biography Sheet

The following information is what will read by the MC's during evening gown. Please print or type legibly, if the information is not legible then it will not be read.

Stage Name: _____

Zodiac Sign: _____

Favorite Color: _____

Favorite Movie: _____

Favorite Actor / Actress: _____

Favorite Song: _____

Favorite Artist: _____

Sponsors: _____

Goals: _____

Hobbies & Special Interest: _____

Eveningwear Description

Contestant Name: _____

Gown / Suite Designer _____

Accessories: _____

Hair Stylist: _____

Makeup Artist: _____

Gown / Suite Description: _____

Prize Package

Title Holders:

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- *\$300 Cash Prize (\$150 at crowning and \$150 at give up.)*
- *Mr. / Miss. Rocket City Pride Sash & Crown*
- *Professional Photoshoot*

1st Runner Up:

- *\$50 Cash Prize*
- *Rocket City Pride Sash*

Point Value Description & Breakdown

The Judges will score each contestant with a maximum point value 310 of points per judge. Scoring is based on total point accumulation system. In the event of a judge showing favoritism to one contestant, the overall high and low scores will be dropped from each contestant's scores. In the event of a Tie, those involved will answer 1 tie breaker question.

Interview: 30 Points

- *Confidence: 10 points*
- *Articulation: 10 points*
- *Attire: 10 point*

In this portion of the pageant you will be judged on your interview with the Board of Directors. We want to be sure that we have the best person for the title. So please come with your best foot forward and speak as if you are the title holder.

Presentation: 70 Points

- *Costume: 10 points*
- *Hair & Makeup: 10 point*
- *Overall Look: 50 points*

As you hit the main stage under the Big Top, command the attention of the judges and audience. From the bearded lady to the hairiest man alive, just remember that presentation is key! Mesmerize us with your creativity, so make sure you stand out. Remember, be LOUD & PROUD when you take your mark. During presentation, share why you would be the best candidate for Mr./Miss Rocket City Pride and what you can bring to the title of Mr./Miss Rocket City Pride. Presentation is limited to 3 minutes.

Evening Wear: 60 Points

- *Gown/Suite: 20 points*
- *Overall Look: 20 points*
- *Hair & Makeup: 10 points*
- *Accessories: 10 points*

Show off your grace and how you articulate in this category by modeling your suite/gown.

Question & Answer: 50 Points

- *Confidence: 25 points*
- *Articulation: 25 points*

During your evening wear presentation will be participating in a Q&A session conducted by our hostess

Talent: 100 Points

- *Media Used: 20 points*
- *Costume: 20 points*
- *Hair & Makeup: 10 points*
- *Accessories: 10 points*
- *Props: 10*
- *Overall Performance: 30 points*

During talent category there will be no **fire, water, or glitter**. Talent is limited to **6 minutes** (points deducted if you exceed time limit). Props and Backup dancers are encouraged, but remember there will be limited space for storage and getting dressed. There will be a **3 minute** setup and take down time allotted and you will not be penalized for this time.

Contestant Agreement

I, _____, as a contestant do hereby hold harmless and waive all rights to any type of lawsuit against Rocket City Pride or its board members(s), the owner(s), and employee(s) of the host venue, vendors, suppliers and judges. I also release myself from the rights to videotaping, photography, sound recording, still camera, or portion pictures of the pageant. I understand I have no rights to any recording (audio/video) that I appear in or the future sales thereof and Rocket City Pride holds all final decisions for any reason. I enter the pageant and all related activities at my own risk and at my own expense.

By entering the Rocket City Pride Pageant, I agree, should I be selected as the representative, I will be obligated to conform to a code of conduct set by the Rocket City Pride Board. Failure to comply with these rules will be cause for immediate forfeiture of the crown, title, all prize money awarded (un-disbursed or disbursed). It is further agreed that if the title and crown are revoked, I clearly understand that I may be required to repay any cash prize, including the value (determined by the Rocket City Pride Board) of the non-cash prizes received. If for any reason the Board finds the titleholder unfit or unable to complete obligations, the Board will decide if the first runner up is to assume the title and duties of the titleholder.

All titles will be honored for only one year beginning on the night of the pageant and ending on the following Mr. /Miss Rocket City Pride pageant in 2022, regardless of if there is a new title holder. By entering Mr. / Miss. Rocket City Pride Pageant, I agree, should I be selected as the representative, I must produce at least one fundraising event within the calendar year. I will also participate in the 2021 theme, décor, and pageant details. I understand I will also be required to attend the Rocket City Pride Vincent Rutherford Equality March, Festival, at least six (6) Rocket City Pride events and at least four (2) community meetings throughout the year. I will also help promote Rocket City Pride and do my best to further the cause of the LGBTQIA+ community. I agree that I have read these rules and regulations of the contest and agree to abide by the same.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Titleholder Rule & Regulations

Conduct Requirements: As a representative of Rocket City Pride, all titleholders agree to the following guidelines for conduct during his/her reign.

- I will not participate in harmful, malicious, inflammatory, defaming or slanderous speech towards Rocket City Pride organization, its affiliates or assignees, or any staff members, or sponsor, whether it be oral , written, or otherwise conveyed during my reign and as well as after the pageant. This policy also relates to all social media accounts during your reign.
- I will NOT get intoxicated and/or use illegal drugs while participating in any function or event from the beginning of reign until the end of my reign while representing Rocket City Pride. Doing so will result in automatic relinquishment of my title.
- I will remember that my Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, and any other social media platforms as well as any other internet website(s) or web page(s) is considered a reflection on me as a titleholder and of Rocket City Pride. All sexually suggestive photos and verbally explicit comments must be removed during reign. Examples of such material include but are not limited to:
 - Photos of delegate in undergarments. Photos of delegate who place emphasis on or expose all or part of the chest or buttocks area.
 - Text which are insulting to an individual or group of individuals contains foul language, explicit and/or inflammatory comments.
 - Any content declared inappropriate by Rocket City Pride Board of Directors.
- I agree that while participating in any function or event I will dress appropriately, in my drag persona, unless otherwise approved by the Rocket City Pride Board of Directors. I agree to comply with any request, which may be made by Rock City Pride Board of Directors and Executives, to immediately remove any material which Rocket City Pride may deem inappropriate or unbecoming. Rocket City Pride reserve sole discretion in these matters. I understand that Rocket City Pride is a family organization and I am a member of that family; keeping this in mind I will not participate in harmful, malicious or slanderous speech or gossip, written or spoken, toward Rocket City Pride Organization, fellow delegates and/or agents of Rocket City Pride.
- I understand that my title is the property of Rocket City Pride and that I may not register any document, email address, website name, webpage name, forum registration or other publicly viewed or accessible print, video or other media without complying with the following criteria.
 - I will include a year designation of at least 2 digits such as “Miss Rocket City Pride ’22-23”.
 - I may use a year designation of 4 digits such as:” Miss Rocket City Pride 2021”
- If crowned as a Rocket City Pride 2022 Representative, understand you are responsible for producing at least two fundraising event within the calendar year, attending the Rocket City Pride Festival, the Vincent Rutherford Equality March, at least six (6) Rocket City Pride events and at least four (4) community meetings throughout the year. You will participate in all benefit shows as they are scheduled. You will help promote Rocket City Pride and do your best to further the cause of the LGBTQIA+ community.

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Official Rocket City Pride Titleholder Contract

I, _____ understand that any false statements made to RCP Board of Directors or Pageant may result in my dismissal as a titleholder and I agree to hold Rocket City Pride, and its affiliates or assignees harmless against any losses I may incur as a result of my failure to comply with the terms and conditions herein.

I agree to release and hold harmless Rocket City Pride, Promoter, and their agents, servants, and employees, and licensees from any liability, and/or responsibility whatsoever, resulting from, associated with, or arising out of my participation in Rocket City Pride Festival, any and/or the Title including, but not limited to, personal injury, or loss after the Pageants, or any related activity, including, but not limited to Rocket City Pride and their related activities.

I also hereby release myself from any and all rights to any videotaping (sound and/or video), photography, recording, still camera, or motion picture of Rocket City Pride or any duly franchised Rocket City Pride vendor. I also understand that I will have no rights to any of the recordings arising out of said pageants/appearances that I may appear in or on, or the future sales thereof.

I understand that my participation at any and all activities will be at my own risk and expense and will not hold Rocket City Pride responsible for any expense or injury/loss.

I understand that I am responsible for producing at least one fundraising event within the calendar year to go towards Rocket City Pride Festival. I will participate in benefit shows as they are scheduled.

I have read and agree to abide by Rocket City Prides Code of Conduct, Rules & Regulations, and the Title Holder Rules & Regulations.

By Signing below, I acknowledge that if I am removed from my title or unable to fulfill my duties as determined by Rocket City Pride, I will forfeit all prizes due, and my crown/prizes received. I agree to do my best to further the cause of Rocket City Pride.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

RCP Representative Signature: _____