

Thank you for your interest in Heartland Pride's 2016 Royalty Pageant.

The purpose of our pageant is to give you, as a member of the LGBTQIA community, an opportunity to represent Heartland Pride to the community in an educational and entertaining way. This Pageant is open to male and female performers as well as female and male impersonators who identify as LGBTQIA or Ally. This is our fifth year hosting the pageant and we are excited to see who our Heartland Pride Royalty will be.

#### **RULES, REGULATIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. You must be at least 21 years of age with valid state issued identification by the date of the contest. Winners must be able to represent the organization at several over 21 venues during the course of the year.
2. The Pageant is open to legal residents of the Greater Omaha, Council Bluffs, and Lincoln area. Exception may be made upon request, however, show requirements iterated inside this brochure will take place in Omaha.
3. The contestant entry fee is \$25.00 USD (non-refundable) due on or before the deadline of Midnight, June 8, 2016. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. Contestants are allowed one (1) assistant in the dressing room area.
5. Miss Heartland Pride - Any person who lives as a male and will perform the function of the Title as a female.
6. Mr. Heartland Pride - Any person who lives as a male who will perform the function of the Title as a male.
7. Mr. Heartland Pride MI - Any person who lives as a female who will perform the function of the Title as a male.
8. Ms. Heartland Pride - Any person who lives as a female who will perform the function of the Title as a female.
9. If you are unsure which category you might fall into, or have any other questions, please contact us at: [rulesandbylaws@heartlandpride.org](mailto:rulesandbylaws@heartlandpride.org)

The event organizers together with the Heartland Pride Board of Directors will handle all concerns or decisions which arise with regard to any portion of the pageant. All decisions are final. Winners of each Title will receive a Rainbow Sash with their title embroidered on it. They will also receive a crown appropriate to the their Title. Upon completion of their reign and they are in good standing they will receive \$50. Additional incentive is listed inside.



**HEARTLAND  
PRIDE**  
GREATER OMAHA & COUNCIL BLUFFS

River Ride - June 17, 2016

Youth Pride - June 24, 2016

Pride Parade - June 25, 2016

Pride Festival - June 25, 2016

Visit [www.heartlandpride.org](http://www.heartlandpride.org) for more information.

We welcome those who want to contribute their time, money, talents, and other treasures. With your help, everything is possible!

Board meetings are the second Thursday of each month

The meeting is from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

W. Dale Clark Library – 215 S. 15th St., Omaha NE.



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# ROYALTY PAGEANT



*APPLICATION*

**Pride 2016**

*Transforming The  
Heartland*

**Sunday, June 19, 2016  
Pageant starts at 9pm  
at The Max**

**CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

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Legal Name

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Stage Name

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Address

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City ST ZIP

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Phone Date of Birth

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Dresser

**RELEASE AGREEMENT**

I hereby release and hold harmless HEARTLAND PRIDE from any liability and/or responsibility what so ever resulting from, associating with or arising out of my participation in the pageant, including but not limited to personal injury or loss or damage to personal property, regardless of whether the loss or injury occurs before, during or after the pageant or any related activities. Further, I release myself from all rights to any videotaping, photography, sound recording, still cameras or motion pictures of this pageant. I understand I have no right to any of the recording (sound or video) I appear in or future sales thereof. I understand that should I win I agree to represent the title as required.

Should I fail to fulfill this commitment as Mr., Miss, Mr. MI, or Ms. HEARTLAND PRIDE 2016; the Title will revert to the first alternate. Any actions interpreted as demeaning to the title during the reign will result in forfeiture of the title and any cash and prizes I have received.

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Legal Name Signature Date

Please remove this portion of the application and return it with your check or money order to any Heartland Pride Board Member or mail it to Heartland Pride, P. O. Box 8273, Omaha, NE 68108 before May 22, 2016. No exceptions. This form is also available online at [www.heartlandpride.org/pageant](http://www.heartlandpride.org/pageant) application.

**Requirements of Mr., Miss, Mr. MI, & Ms. Heartland Pride 2015**

1. Conduct yourself in a professional and respectful manner at all times, especially when representing your title of Mr., Miss, Mr. MI, & Ms. HEARTLAND PRIDE 2016 (Title or Royalty).
2. As Royalty you are required to be at/participate in the HEARTLAND PRIDE 2016 Pride Parade Saturday, June 25, 2016. Winners should also be available for introduction on the main stage of the Pride Event at Stinson Park. The Entertainment Chair will inform you of your time slot.
3. Royalty members are encouraged to attend the Imperial Court of Nebraska's Coronation XXXVI. As incentive to represent Heartland Pride at said event each Title winner will receive \$50 to cover the cost of the Coronation event on July 10, 2016. Please be sure to attend said event in face, with crown and sash.
4. A step up show should be conducted no later than 90 days after being crowned. The Board of Directors of Heartland Pride (the "Board") encourages the Heartland Pride Royalty (the "Royalty") to work as a team to produce this first show. We also encourage the Royalty to pick a not-for-profit organization, other than Heartland Pride, to be the beneficiary of the proceeds of this show. Please keep the Board apprised as it can help promote the show and assist with raffle prizes and giveaways. All tips for this event should be donated.
5. A second group show should be conducted 90 days before the end of your collective reign. This show is for the purpose of raising funds to pay for the Heartland Pride 2016 Pageant. Again please keep the Board apprised. All tips for this event should be donated.
6. If, as individual Royalty or as a group, you may wish to host additional shows, please feel free to do so. All official Royalty shows should be fundraising events for a not-for-profit of your choice. The goodwill created by raising money for other organizations is more important than any amount that could be raised for Heartland Pride. Your guest performers should donate the tips from their initial performance. You are free to work with your scheduled performers as to whether the tips from their additional performances will be donated. Again, please keep the Board apprised of the details.
7. Any fundraiser being conducted in the name of Heartland Pride must have at least one Board Member present to count the money after the show.
8. The Board encourages all of the Royalty to participate in as many other shows as you deem possible. If you are asked, please make sure that if you are available for any pre-show mingling period that you do so in face, with crown and sash. Please make sure that your full title is used when you are introduced at such shows.
9. If the Board conducts any other events (meet and mingles, volunteer appreciation, etc.) it encourages the Royalty, where possible, to attend such events in face, with crown and sash. We also encourage the Royalty to appear in public anywhere it is appropriate in face, with crown and sash.
10. To be supportive of community events such as but not limited to fundraising and pageant events.
11. We will work with you to schedule a photo shoot for promotional head shots. You will be given access to these photos and you may use them, however, they will be considered the property of Heartland Pride.

There will be at least 5 judges at the pageant.

**The contestant with the highest overall score will be awarded the title. In the event of a tie, the contestant with the highest Talent score will break the tie.**

**CATEGORIES**

- Creative Pride Wear** - 40 points per judge
  - Formal Wear (Mr. & Mr. MI) & Evening Gown (Miss & MS.)** - 40 points per judge
  - Interview Questions** - 60 points per judge
  - On Stage Question** - 25 points
  - Talent** - 60 points per judge
- 225 possible points per judge

**Creative Pride Wear** – This is where your creativity comes alive. Each contestant must show their pride by creating an outfit that reflects your Pride in yourself and in your community. This outfit will be something you can wear during the Pride Parade & Festival. Please type a brief description of your attire to be read aloud during this category. Each Pride Wear outfit needs to include as many colors of the Gay Pride spectrum as possible. Outfits reflecting those including all 8 will receive bonus points! Personalized music is optional for this category. If you choose to provide your own track it can be no longer than 3 minutes and must also reflect your creativity and Pride.

**Formal Wear/Evening Gown** – This is your choice of formal/evening wear. Please type a brief description of your attire to be read aloud during this category. Event organizers will provide the music for this category.

**Interview Questions** – Interviews will start at 2:00 pm on the day of pageant at the Max please come dressed for a job interview (This is also check in). The questions can be serious or funny and will range in topics from Gay Pride History to present day community events.

**Onstage Question** - You will draw a card that contains a judges name. That judge will ask the question.

**Talent** – This is where it matters! Everybody has their own talent and this is your opportunity to show us what you've got! There is a six (6) minute limit for this category which includes setup/take down of any props. Talent music must be on a clean high quality CD labeled with your stage name & track number in permanent marker. A crowning song will be needed as well.

The use of water or any liquids, fire, glitter or anything that is deemed harmful to any contestant/participant is prohibited and may result in immediate removal from the pageant. Contestants must provide a clearly typed description for their Creative Pride Wear & Formal/Evening Gown categories. Please be sure all descriptions are typed on separate sheets of letter size paper. Please be sure to have a backup talent & crowning CD & a 2nd copy of descriptions. All descriptions will be read "as is" by the emcee. So be CREATIVE.

Descriptions & talent music will be collected at check in. (no exceptions) The order of contestants will also be chosen at check in.