

# Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem Pageant Handbook 2017-2018



*Our mission is to celebrate our culture, honor diversity, inspire engagement, promote inclusion, provide community outreach, and educate our friends, allies, and supporters on equal rights for all. -PWS 2013*

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Hello Contestants!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Pride Winston-Salem – Welcome! Thank you for participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem Pageant.

You are about to embark on a journey like no other. You follow in the footsteps of some very talented entertainers who have competed for the title of Mr. or Miss Pride Winston-Salem. If you capture the crown and sash you become a member of a very elite group. You also become a member of a much larger family- Pride Winston-Salem.

As a titleholder, you have a very important role in representing Pride Winston-Salem and the LGBTQ Community. Pride Winston-Salem is a year-round organization that keeps a very aggressive schedule of events. Your poise and grace while representing Pride Winston-Salem not only reflect upon you as an entertainer but also on our organization. Not only are you representing Pride Winston-Salem, you represent the LGBTQ community.

Pride Winston-Salem is very fortunate to have some very experienced Pageant coordinators who organize a very competitive event. Bring your A game- the competition is fierce!

Our team of judges look forward to seeing the talent brought to the stage. Even though there is only one winner- the comradery with the other contestants will make your experience worth all your hard work.

We wish you the best of luck!

Jerry Morin  
President  
Pride Winston-Salem

*Pride Winston-Salem is a 501(c)3 non-profit managed by volunteers*

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## HISTORY OF THE CROWN

2016



Devonte Jackson



Courtney Nichole

2015



Maxwell Parque Divine    Aria Russo

2014



Omega St James



Kimora DeLa-Diva

2013



Paisley Parque



Hyden Wood



Hyden Wood - Paisley Parque -  
Kimora DeLa-Diva - Omega St James



## MR & MISS PRIDE WINSTON-SALEM PAGEANT DETAILS

Participants in the Mr. or Miss Pride Winston-Salem (Pride WS) pageant must be a resident of North Carolina, live within a 100-mile radius of zip code 27101 – Winston-Salem, and cannot currently hold another “Pride” title without prior written consent from the President and Vice President of the Pride Winston-Salem Board. Eligible contestants should identify with the LGBT+ community-as this title will be won by someone who is a representative for the community.

Any entertainer who presents a male character on stage (biological male, pre or post-op male or male impersonator) may compete for the title of Mr. Pride Winston-Salem.

Any entertainer who presents a female character on stage (biological female, pre-or post-op female or female impersonator) may compete for the title of Miss Pride Winston-Salem.

There is a \$35 entry fee up to the Sunday before the pageant. After that time – week of the event it is a \$50 fee. Entry fee is paid upon registration at which time all rules will be reviewed with the contestant and a Pride Winston-Salem representative.

### HOW TO PAY YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

Pre-Registration – go to our website [pridews.org/pageant](http://pridews.org/pageant) and look for the PayPal link for secure credit card processing. If contestant pre-registers at a Pride Winston-Salem event, one of our representatives will process the payment and it can be in the form of CASH or CREDIT CARD.

At the door – we will take CASH or CREDIT CARD at the full registration fee pricing.







## REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS OF TITLE HOLDERS

- Represents Pride Winston-Salem effectively and responsibly, while adhering to the bylaws of Pride Winston-Salem.
  - Do not participate in gossip or disparaging conversation about Pride Winston-Salem or any of its representatives. This includes social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and online chat programs)
- Attend and perform at the Pride Winston-Salem kickoff party, festival, and afterparty following the festival.
- Ride the Pride Winston-Salem float in the Pride parade following the contest on the morning of the festival.
- Attend no less than (5) Pride Winston-Salem functions and fundraisers during your reign- or at the specific request of the Board of Directors.
- Stay in communication with the board President or Vice- President during the year. Titleholders will be provided a Pride Winston-Salem email account and they will be included in applicable distribution lists. Titleholders are invited to attend Board meetings as an advisory member (non-voting) throughout the next year.
- Promote Pride Winston-Salem on social media via Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem Facebook page and by distributing materials at Pride Winston-Salem functions.
- Represent and promote Pride Winston-Salem at LGBTQ community events. Titleholders must attend these events in their titles persona.
- Execute other tasks that may be required of a Pride Winston-Salem title holder.
- Titleholders will serve on the Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem Pageant Committee the year following their reign.
- Titleholders will be eligible to run for the title of Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem every (2) years or sooner with the approval of the President or Vice-President of the Pride Winston-Salem Board.
- Pride Winston-Salem will arrange a photo shoot for the titleholders (60) days after crowning. Titleholders are required to appear in persona with sash and crown.



## BREACH OF AGREEMENT

Titleholder will be considered in breach of agreement if any/and or all REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS are not met as determined by the Board of Directors of Pride Winston-Salem.

Breach of agreement will result in the following:

- Revocation of Title

- Cancelation of future bookings and appearances as per prize package

- Return of all prizes won. If any prize is damaged, replacement will be required.

Pride Winston-Salem reserves the right to take action if it is determined that Titleholder is in BREACH of AGREEMENT.

## PRIZE PACKAGE FOR PAGEANT WINNERS

### Mr. Pride Winston-Salem

Sash and Crown

\$ 100 cash the night of winning the title

\$ 100 cash the night of title step-down

At least one paid booking during reign-up to \$75.\*

### Miss Pride Winston-Salem

Sash and Crown

\$ 100 cash the night of winning the title

\$ 100 cash the night of title step-down

At least one paid booking during reign-up to \$75.\*

*\*Pride Winston-Salem will make every effort to procure paid booking at titleholder's home venue. Winston-Salem does not currently have a local venue to host paid booking listed in prize package. Pride Winston-Salem will make the final decision concerning dates and locations.*





## **CATEGORIES AND SCORING FOR MR. & MISS PRIDE WINSTON-SALEM**

### **INTERVIEW**

The main focus of this interview will be to determine if the contestant is a suitable and worthy representative of Pride WS, similar to interviewing for a job. Contestants will be interviewed by five (5) judges, the two reigning titleholders will participate in the interview, and At Large Board members. Each judge will ask at least one question, and the contestant will be given the opportunity to answer. Any judge and/or board member may interject with a follow-up question. (Although a board member might ask a question the judges will score based on your answer.) Time limit will be determined according to number of participants, but there will be a minimum of 5 minutes.

### **Scoring will be based on;**

- Content (Answers) -Substantial, relevant, appropriate answers.
- Communication (Personality) -Effective gestures, voice tone, facial expressions.
- Appearance-No dress code or standard. Contestant discretion.
- Overall Impression-Rated recommendation.



## **PRIDE WS PRESENTATION**

This category is a creative category open to each contestant's interpretation. Presentation is a chance for contestants to present what makes them proud or their idea of what pride is. It may be delivered in the form of a clothing/modeling category, as a "mini-talent", or any other creative performance to demonstrate an aspect of pride. Five (5) BONUS POINTS will also be awarded to contestants who VISUALLY include an aspect of Winston-Salem as a major part of their presentation (i.e. landmarks, historical facts/events/things unique to Winston-Salem). Props are allowed, but set-up time and tear down time should be limited to one minute. Presentation cannot exceed three (3) minutes. Contestants must provide their own music. Violating the time requirements can result in an automatic five (5) point deduction from each judge's score.

- **Scoring will be based on:**  
Delivery (Artistic) -Creativity, stage presence, execution.
- Content (Technical) -Substance, relevance, relates subject to Pride.
- Appearance-Costuming, hair/makeup, accessories.
- Overall Impression-Rated recommendation.

### **QUESTION AND ANSWER (ONSTAGE QUESTION)**

Q&A will be held as part of the Presentation segment, but is judged separately. Contestants will be given an opportunity to speak before the emcee proceeds with Q&A. Contestants will select a predetermined question approved by the board of directors. The emcee will then read the question out loud twice to the contestant. The contestant will have the option of asking for the question to be repeated by the emcee one time. The contestant will then be given the opportunity to answer the question for the judges and audience.

### **Scoring will be based on:**

- Content -Substantial, relevant, appropriate answer.
- Communication-Effective gestures, voice tone, facial expressions.
- Overall Impression-Rated recommendation.

## **TALENT**

Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem Talent is required to be **SOLO TALENT**. Other individuals may be used only to setup props, hold props in place, and tear down props. No other individual (other than the contestant) shall participate, be featured, or move on or off stage as part of the production. Violating this rule will result in a five (5) point deduction from each judge. Props are allowed, but space will be limited to store them and to set them up on stage. Fire, water, loose glitter or any other potentially dangerous or damaging substance is **NOT** allowed. Talent may not exceed seven (7) minutes. Contestants must provide their own music. Violating the time limit can result in an automatic five (5) point deduction from each judge's score.

### **Scoring is based on;**

- Entertainment Value-Impact of talent on judges and audience.
- Stage Presence/Performance -Comfort performing/ability and execution.
- Costuming/Appearance-Creativity, construction/appropriate to talent.
- Overall Impression-Rated recommendation.



## **Scoring Breakdown;**

Scoring will be based off the USofA style scoring system. This is a ranking system.

In the event of a tie, judges will choose the highest scoring talent. If there is a tie in talent judges will then default to the highest scoring onstage question. In the event of a tie in onstage question judges will default to the highest scoring interview. In the event of a tie in interview judges will then default to the highest scoring presentation. In the event of a tie in presentation a new onstage question will be chosen by the judges and judges will then rank contestants based on the new question. Since there are 5 judges there cannot be a tie at that point.





*By signing below, I agree that I am entering this pageant fairly and un-biased. I understand the requirements set forth in the rules of each category, and understand my requirements if I were to win. I also understand that if I cannot maintain my obligations to Pride Winston-Salem my title will be revoked and I may be required to pay back and return any and all of my prize package. I understand if I must do so and the items are broke or in less than perfect condition I must also cover the cost of replacing them. I understand that if this happens to the winner and I am the runner up I will take the position as required. If as the appointed winner from the runner up position cannot for fill the position the former Miss/Mr. Pride WS will step in to finish the year.*

**PERFORMERS LEGAL NAME:** (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(WITNESS)

**PRIDE WS REP.** (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

**CONTESTANT COPY**



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**PRIDE WINSTON-SALEM COPY**