

# Mr & Miss Pride Winston-Salem 2022 - 2023





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Hello contestants!

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Pride Winston-Salem – Welcome! Thank you for participating in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 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 and reigned beautifully for the title of Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem. If you capture the title, you will become a member of an elite group. You will 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 LGBTQIA Community. This title requires titleholders to engage the community, be a leader, and do the work; remembering that Pride Winston-Salem is a year-round organization that keeps a full 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 and community.

Pride Winston-Salem is fortunate to have an established and organized pageant event that is inclusive, entertaining, & very competitive. So, bring your A game!

Our panel of judges looks forward to seeing what you have to bring to the stage.

Best of luck to everyone!

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 CROWNS

### 2019 - 2022

Love Lee Jackson  
My'kel Knight Addams Iman





2018



Malayia Chanel Iman  
Baby V'lentino Knight Addams

2017



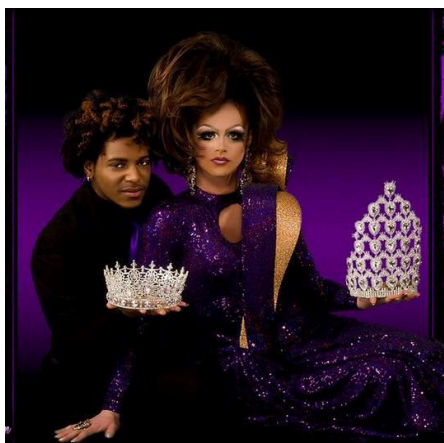
Taylor Knight Addams St James  
Onyx Jayde Addams

2016



Courtney Nichole  
Devonte Jackson

2015



Aria Russo  
Maxwell Parque Divine

2014



Kimora DeLa Diva  
Omega St James

2013



Paisley Parque  
Hyden Wood

Honorary



Eden Parque Divine



## MR & MISS PRIDE WINSTON-SALEM PAGEANT DETAILS

Participants in the Mr. & 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. (PWS Board President and Vice President will consider contestants outside of this range) Winner of Mr or Miss Pride Winston-Salem cannot currently hold another “Pride” title without prior written consent from the President or 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 will represent the community.

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

## REGISTRATION

Contestants competing for Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem are required to attend registration the day of the pageant. **Registration will start at 3pm** @ Hawthorne Inn & Convention Center. During this time Pride Winston-Salem’s pageant coordinator will be introduced, all rules and responsibilities will be reviewed with contestants, contestants can pay any remaining registration and/or dancer fees, return completed paperwork and contestants will draw their pageant numbers. Each contestant is allowed only one (1) Dresser and the Dancer fee is half the general admission cost per dancer.

***(Interview Category Will Begin – Directly Following Registration @ 4pm)  
Pageant will start no later than 7pm.***

There is a \$50 entry fee up to the Friday **before** the pageant. Afterwards – it is a \$75 fee.

## 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. Contestants may also pre-register at a Pride Winston-Salem event where one of our representatives will be happy to process your payment in the form of CASH or CREDIT CARD.

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

***(REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE)***



## REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS OF TITLEHOLDERS

- Represents Pride Winston-Salem effectively and responsibly, while adhering to the bylaws of Pride Winston-Salem. ***Titleholders are NOT allowed to hold nor compete for another "Pride" title while reigning for Pride Winston-Salem without written consent and approval from the Executive Board of Pride Winston-Salem.***
- Titleholders are NOT to participate in gossip, slander, or disparaging conversations of any kind during their reign. No Exceptions! This also includes ALL social media platforms.
- Attend and perform at the Pride WS kickoff party, festival, and after party following the festival. Titleholders will also ride in the Pride WS Parade 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. At these events you may be asked to sell raffle tickets or pass out literature for another Pride WS event.
- Stay in communication with the board President and Vice- President during the year. Titleholders will be provided a Pride Winston-Salem email account, be included in applicable distribution lists, invited to attend Board meetings as an advisory member (non-voting) throughout their reign, and will be given the option to become a voting member (attending as many meetings as possible is required).
- Promote Pride Winston-Salem on social media including our Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem Facebook page, distributing materials at Pride Winston-Salem functions, and more.
- Represent and promote Pride Winston-Salem at LGBTQ+ community events and Prides. Titleholders must attend these events in their title's persona and execute any other tasks that may be required of them.
- Titleholders will assist the Pageant Coordinator with the planning of the Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem Pageant for the following year.
- Titleholders will be eligible to run for the title of Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem (2) years after their reign with the approval of the President, and/or the Board of Pride Winston-Salem.
- Pride Winston-Salem will arrange a photoshoot for the titleholders up to (90) 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
- Cancellation of future bookings, appearances, and fees stated in this contract
- 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 a Titleholder is in BREACH of AGREEMENT.***

## PRIZE PACKAGE FOR PAGEANT WINNERS

### Mr. Pride Winston-Salem

- Sash and Crown
- \$ 175 the night of winning the title
- \$ 175 the night of title step-down\*
- {\*Based on overall quality of titleholder's reign}
- \$ 75 Stipend\*
- {\*After Mid-Reign (6 months) titleholder review - conducted by the PrideWS Board}

### Miss Pride Winston-Salem

- Sash and Crown
- \$ 175 the night of winning the title
- \$ 175 the night of title step-down\*
- {\*Based on overall quality of titleholder's reign}
- \$ 75 Stipend\*
- {\*After Mid-Reign (6 months) titleholder review - conducted by the PrideWS Board}

***The newly crowned Mr & Miss will be expected to perform at the party directly following the Pageant.***

***\*\*\*Pride Winston-Salem's Board will evaluate both Mr. & Miss 6 months into their reign – to assess whether their work, performances, completed duties, visibility, and more – qualifies them to receive the \$75 Stipend. Pride Winston-Salem's Board will also make the final decision concerning both Mr. & Miss \$175 step down fee – based on their overall reign, work ethic, performances, visibility, completed duties, volunteer work, & more prior to end of titleholder's reign. If for any reason a titleholder does not fulfill all that is required of them, the board reserves the right to take proper measure and decide on final payout.***

## 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, along with the **reigning titleholder** in their division. Each judge will ask at least one question, and the contestant will be given the opportunity to answer. Any judge may also interject with a follow-up question. Time limit – will be a minimum of 5 minutes (Not to exceed 7 minutes).

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

- Content (Answers) -Substantial, relevant, and appropriate answers.
- Communication (Personality) -Effective gestures, voice tone, facial expressions.
- Appearance- Professional Dress – Dress for Success.
- Overall Impression-Rated recommendation.

### **\*PRIDE WS PRESENTATION**

This category is 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." Be Creative! It may be delivered in the form of a clothing/modeling category, as a "mini-talent", or any other creative performance or form 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 (1) minute each {set up - 1 minute and break down – 1 minute}. The set up and break down time is not applied to your overall time limit for the category. Contestants must provide their own music. There will be a brief section allowed to the contestants to do a speech to introduce themselves to the judges and expand on their presentation. **Presentation cannot exceed three (3) minutes Overall (withspeech included).** Violating the time requirements will result in an automatic five (5) point deduction from each judge's score.

**Presentation Scoring will be based on:**

- Content (Technical) -Substance, relevance, relates subject to Pride.
- Delivery & Speech (Artistic) -Creativity, stage presence, execution, voice tone.
- 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 of Pride Winston-Salem, the emcee will then read the question out loud twice to the contestant, & the contestant will then be given the opportunity to answer the question for the judges and audience.

**Q&A Scoring will be based on:**

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

### **\*TALENT**

Mr. & Miss Pride Winston-Salem Talent may not exceed seven (7) minutes. Contestants will be allowed a two (2) minute set up and two minute (2) break down time. Contestants must provide their own music. Violating the time limits will result in an automatic five (5) point deduction from each judge's score. Props are allowed, but space will be limited to store them and set them up on stage. Fire, water, loose glitter or any other potentially dangerous or damaging substance is **NOT** allowed. Contestants are allowed to have "DANCERS" or others in their talents. Dancers and other individuals are **NOT** allowed in the contestants dressing area until 2 talents before. Violating this rule will result in an automatic five (5) point deduction from your total talent score.

### **Talent 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 **interview**. In the event of a tie in interview, judges will default to the highest scoring **onstage question**. In the event of a tie in onstage question, 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.





*The Mr & Miss Pride Winston-Salem pageant is wholly owned by Pride Winston-Salem, Inc. and is governed by the Board of Directors of Pride Winston-Salem. At its discretion, Pride Winston-Salem will select a Pageant Coordinator who will oversee the organization and execution of the pageant and will report directly to the President and/or Vice President of Pride Winston-Salem.*

*Pride Winston-Salem reserves the right to make changes necessary to ensure the success of the event. Pride Winston-Salem and its Pageant Coordinator will make any and all decisions in relation to event cancellation or postponement and the resumption of the event. This will also include reign extensions due to any local, state or Federal shutdowns that would require event cancellation or cessation of Pageant operations. Modified prize packages and benefits will be determined by Pride Winston-Salem.*



*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 will be required to pay back and return any and all of my prize package. I understand in doing so and the items are broken or in less than perfect condition, I must also cover the cost of replacing them. I understand that if there is a revocation of title or resignation, the Board of Pride WS will determine if/who will be named as a replacement for the remaining term.*

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ (SIGN) \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE)

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

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

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

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

**CONTESTANT COPY**



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

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

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

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

**PRIDE WINSTON-SALEM COPY**



## The Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center

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### **Treat Yourself To Premiere Lodging In Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

Welcome to the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center located at 420 High Street SW in beautiful downtown Winston-Salem. Our premier location seats us just 25 minutes from the Piedmont Triad International Airport and 32 minutes from Greensboro. As one of Winston-Salem's premier hotels, guests enjoy proximity to Historic Old Salem, Restaurant Row, The Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, and BB&T Ballpark. Our convenient location keeps our guests within walking distance to the best nightlife, gourmet restaurants, unique shops, concert halls, opera houses, pubs, museums, universities and colleges in North Carolina. Public transportation is abundant in Winston-Salem North Carolina, and for guests who prefer to leave their car in our on-site parking lot, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority is just 4 minutes from our hotel.

### **Amenities and Conveniences To Ensure Your Comfort**

For guests who are visiting Winston-Salem North Carolina for leisure, business, or as a support for patients of the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center provides guests with a premier location and top-notch amenities and on-site services to ensure your stay is comfortable and memorable. We offer a 24-hour friendly front desk staff, concierge service, and baggage storage. We provide a business center, and 10,000 square feet of meeting and event space. Additionally, complimentary WiFi is available throughout all areas of the hotel. For guests who don't want to miss a workout, we feature a seasonal outdoor pool and fitness center.

### **Exciting Attractions In Winston-Salem**

North Carolina is known for its Southern Charm, abundant outdoor excursions, outdoor landscapes, beaches, and national parks. There is always something exciting to do while visiting Winston-Salem North Carolina. With world-class restaurants, museums, shopping, nightlife, and sports venues like BB&T Park and the Sara Lee soccer complex, or live theater at the magnificent Stevens Center, to art galleries such as the Milton Rhodes Center, guests of the Twin City and the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center will find that Winston-Salem is a hub for entertainment, culture, arts, and education.