



The Miss and Mister Northern Virginia Pride Pageant 2014 Application and Information Packet

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Miss and Mister Northern Virginia Pride Pageant. This package contains the information you will need to register and prepare yourself for the competition scheduled for Sunday September 7, 2014 at IOTA Club & Cafe located at 2832 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201.

The information enclosed in this package includes:

- 1. The Prizes!!**
- 2. Official contestant application and rulebook**
- 3. Competition category explanations and judging criteria**
- 4. Introduction, Description and Talent Details**

The deadline to enter to the pageant is September 5, 2014—do this by emailing me your music to ashliana@novapride.org with a SUBJECT: (Performer Name)/MISS or (Performer Name)/MISTER or (Performer Name)/BOTH. Yes. You may enter BOTH—though you will only be able to win or the other—this option is for our fabulous GenderQueers who feel they could be either a Queen or a King.

The deadline for returning the completed application is during Contestant Registration 2 hours prior to the pageant to ashliana@novapride.com or you can bring it with you and turn it in to me (Ashliana) at IOTA no later than 2pm on Sunday September 7—but I STILL need your MUSIC OR ACCOMPANIMENT IN MP3 FORMAT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 AT 11:59pm.

If you have any questions regarding the pageant or this application process, please **do not hesitate** to contact our pageant coordinator, Ashliana at ashliana@novapride.org or 571-345-4464.

We look forward to meeting you the day of the pageant, don't forget that this is all for FUN and we wish you the best of luck!

Ashliana Rowe

Events and Entertainment, Northern Virginia Pride (NOVA Pride)

PRIZES!!

Miss Northern Virginia Pride 2014

- * Premium performance slot on the Main Stage of the Northern Virginia Pride Festival
- * Official Miss Northern Virginia Pride Crown and Sash
- * \$100 Cash
- * Flowers

Mister Northern Virginia Pride 2014

- * Premium performance slot on the Main Stage of the Northern Virginia Pride Festival
- * Official Mister Northern Virginia Pride Crown and Sash
- * \$100 Cash
- * Flowers

Most Personable (let us know if you'd like to be considered!)

- * Emcee of the Northern Virginia Pride Festival 2014
- * Premium performance slot on the Main Stage of the Northern Virginia Pride Festival 2014.

Miss or Mister Congeniality

- * Premium performance slot on the Main Stage of the Northern Virginia Pride Festival 2014.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

PRIDEWEAR (20 points/judge)

This category is a *Toddlers in Tiaras*-style category. Contestants may submit a 1-minute mp3 titled “(performer name)/Pridewear” to ashliana@novapride.org. This allows the contestant to show their creativity and pride in Northern Virginia and/or something else they are proud of and will be divided into two sub-categories:

- Presentation – how well you present your pride on the stage (10 points/judge)
- Creativity/Overall Impression (10 points/judge)

EVENING WEAR (30 points/judge)

This Category allows the contestant to display their modeling, individuality and creativity. Contestants may submit a 1-minute mp3 titled “(performer name)/Evening Wear” to ashliana@novapride.org. Contestants will be scored according to the level of creativity and stage presence. Judges score on three sub-categories:

- Styling and Fit – focus is on clothing selection and how it fits your persona (10 points/judge)
- Presentation – focus is on the Contestant’s poise, smile, personality and stage presence. (10 points/judge)
- Overall Appearance, Creativity and the Contestant’s confidence, personal grooming and appeal to the audience - This is basically how the whole package that is perceived by the Judge. (10 points/judge)

TALENT (40 points/judge)

Remember your time limits of 5 minutes for the talent presentation and 2 minutes for set-up/take down of props. No harmful items that may result in injury to other contestants or the audience may be used. If you have a questionable prop – ASK! Please include a note about special clean up or anything that may affect the flow of the event!! This category is divided into four sub-categories:

- Costuming and Set Design (10 points/judge)

- Choreography and Stage Presence (dancers included) – (10 points/judge)
- Quality (Lip Sync, Live Vocal, Dancing Ability, etc) – (10 points/judge)
- Entertainment Value as determined by the audience from the judge’s perspective– (10 points/judge)

ON-STAGE Truth or Dare (30 points/judge)

You will pick a card out of the truth box or the dare box and hand it to your emcee. He or she will read the question aloud. You should answer the question however you feel will best sway the judges—and the audience. **There will not be any questions about politics, religion, sexual preference, etc.** Expect fun questions requiring you to divulge your opinion, and dares.

- Stage Presence (dancers included) – (10 points/judge)
- Level of wit in response/completion of dare– (10 points/judge)
- Entertainment Value as determined by the audience from the judge’s perspective– (10 points/judge)

CONTESTANT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Miss and Mister Northern Virginia Pride Pageant 2014 is a Pageant designed for Northern Virginians and their community. ALL CONTESTANTS MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO ENTER.
2. The Miss and Mister Northern Virginia Pride Pageant 2014 will be held on Sunday September 7, 2014 at 4pm at IOTA Club & Café (2832 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201). It has been designed to be an open, fun pageant for all contestants and audience members.
3. Contestants will be judged in the following categories: On-Stage Q & A, Pride Wear, Talent, and Evening Wear.
4. Call Time is no later than 5pm.
5. Talent music must be turned in as an attachment with you application. Talent time is limited to about 5 minutes. Prop set up or take down time is limited to 2 minutes. No harmful items that may result in injury to other contestants or the audience are allowed during talent presentations including water, fire, glass, or other fluids/uncontainable props. If you have a questionable prop—ASK!! (ashliana@novapride.org)
6. Performance Order: The contestants will draw for positions at 5pm`.
7. Music for all clothing/modeling categories MAY ALSO be submitted in advance. You have 1 minute. Feel free to treat this as Toddlers in Tiaras—do a routine! Get into it! The DJ will solely press play at the beginning of the track. He or she will stop it at 60 seconds. If you do not provide this music, it will be chosen for you.
7. The winners of The Miss and Mister Northern Virginia Pride Pageant 2014 are required to attend the Northern Virginia Pride Festival on Sunday, October 5, 2014 and perform before the headliner.
8. There will be three judges throughout the whole competition and we will add the three (3) scores to get the totals.
9. A Contestant may only have UP TO one (1) assistant in the dressing room at all times—but please—remember this is a fun pageant. You don't need a dresser. Promise.
10. Disorderly conduct by any contestant and/or their assistants or helpers will not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
11. Theft or vandalism of any contestant's property or of the facility by any contestant and/or their assistants will not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate disqualification and removal from the premises.
12. Any contestant, contestant assistants/helpers found treating our host bar property and/or staff in an inappropriate or disrespectful manner will be removed from the premises immediately. Remember: We are all guests at this club, and everyone is expected to act in a mature and respectful manner.

By initialing this application, I am agreeing to participate in this pageant. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above 12 Rules and Regulations.

By signing this document, I agree to hold Fairfax Pride, Inc harmless for any costs, loss, injury, or damage of any kind, sustained by act or omission on the part of myself, or any other participant and/or attendee during this event.

Signature: _____

Legal Name: _____

Stage Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: (September 7, 1993) _____

(Must be 21 and over to participate)

Zodiac Sign: _____

Interesting Fact About You: _____

Anything else we should know?: _____

Drag Titles w Year/Bio: _____

STAGE MANAGER PROP SHEET FOR TALENT

Contestant Name: _____

Contestant Number: _____

Talent Type (meaning Lip Synch, Live Singing, Dancing, etc.): _____

1. Talent Music Selection (please list all songs included in any capacity): _____

2. Talent Length: _____

3. Number of Performers in Your Talent: _____

4. Performer Names: _____

5. Are Props being used? Yes _____ No _____

6. Props: (We don't have a ton of storage space—don't get crazy. We want to see YOUR talent—we don't want you to hide behind your props!)

Set Description: (You have 2 minutes to set up—tell us how we can help you)

We have no lighting capabilities.

Any music requirements for the DJ? (eg, Start music when you're set or before you get on stage--please specify. Live mic?)

Emcee Intro Sheet

Talent Intro: (A 30 second introduction will be read during modeling. Tell the audience anything you want them to know before you perform—set the scene.)

Performer Name: _____

Performer Number: _____

Pridewear

(A 15 second description will be read before modeling. 3 sentences max.)

Performer Name: _____

Performer Number: _____

Evening Wear

(A 15 second description will be read before modeling. 3 sentences max.)

Performer Name: _____

Performer Number: _____