



Pride on the Plains Pageant Packet

Details

- **Date:** Saturday, February 17, 2024
- **Time:**
 - Check-in/Registration: 4pm
 - Interview: 5pm
 - Pageant: 7pm (Auditorium opens at 6pm)
- **Where:** The Southside Center for the Arts - 1103 Glenn St. Opelika, AL 36801
- **Prize Package:**
 - Title of Miss/Mr/Mx/Newcomer Pride on the Plains 2024
 - Crown & Sash
 - \$500 cash prize
 - \$200 at crowning
 - \$200 at Pride on the Plains Pridefest
 - \$100 at give up with the opportunity to earn an extra \$100 if the title holder has raised over \$1,000 for Pride on The Plains during their reign.
 - Photoshoot
- **Qualifications:**
 - Contestants must be 19 years of age or older with a valid I.D.
 - Must be able to travel and be in attendance to monthly Pride on the Plains events/benefits. Failure to attend monthly pride events will result in your title being revoked and the runner-up crowned.
 - Anyone female presenting may compete for the title of Miss Pride on the Plains.
 - Anyone male presenting may compete for the title of Mr Pride on the Plains.
 - Anyone non-binary/transgender/genderfluid/genderqueer may compete for the title of Mx Pride on the Plains.
 - Anyone who has never before held a title for a Pride Organization, Mardi Gras Crewe, or a National Pageant System may compete for the title of Newcomer.

Categories: (Interested Newcomer contestants please scroll to the bottom 3 pages)

- **Registration: (not judged)**
 - Early sign up will be from January 4, 2024 - February 9, 2024.
 - Packets will be available at www.prideontheplains.com, contact Colana Bleu for a packet or email info@prideontheplains.com. You can also pay registration prideontheplains.com/pageantregistration.
 - \$30 Early Bird Registration fee runs through February 9th.
 - \$50 registration after and on the day of the pageant. All packets will be due no later than 5pm the night of the pageant.
 - All payments can be made via website store or cash the night of the pageant.
 - You will draw contestant numbers at this segment.

- **Interview: 60 Points**
 - Interview will start at 4pm on the dot.
 - We will start with contestant #1 in the Mr category, and continue from there.
 - You will be interviewed by the Executive Board of Pride on The Plains.
 - Think of this like a job interview. We will ask questions about you, community, social issues, and a few more topics.
 - You will be judged on:
 - Appearance
 - Ability to answer questions
 - Content of answer
 - Poise
 - You may interview in drag or out of drag, completely your choice.
 - 5 Points will be deducted for tardiness.

- **Presentation: 60 Points**
 - *Show your Pride*
 - 5-minute time limit for this segment.
 - The contestant must provide an introduction speech during this segment.
 - Contestants will be judged on their costume by:
 - Creativity
 - Fit of outfit
 - Ability to model
 - Speech and articulation
 - Music selection in relation to presentation
 - Overall effectiveness of presentation and introduction
 - You will need to provide a song for this section via email (music@prideontheplains.com) or USB in MP3 format. We are not responsible for any music not working or labeled incorrectly. If a song is not provided, one **will not** be provided for you. Label Correctly ex *Colana Presentation Music*
 - **THIS IS NOT TALENT**
 - The dressing room is **OFF LIMITS** to everybody besides the following: Contestants, Dressers, Pride on the Plains Board members, or pageant/bar staff. If

any friends, family, acquaintances of a contestant are found in the dressing room that contestant will be deducted 10 points from this segment.

- **Evening Wear: 100 Points**
 - 5 min time limit for this segment.
 - Contestants must present evening wear for your division.
 - Miss: Floor Length evening gown/ Creative Gown is acceptable
 - Mr: Tuxedo/ Creative Tux is acceptable
 - Mx: Your interpretation of “formal evening wear” (please message Colana if you have questions)
 - *The song will be provided for this segment.*
 - Formal wear selection are judged on:
 - Fit
 - Hair & Makeup
 - Accessories
 - Poise
 - Modeling ability
 - Overall appearance

- **Question and Answer: 50 Points**
 - This segment takes place *during* the evening wear category.
 - The contestant will take an envelope holding a question from one of our hosts.
 - The contestant will have time to read the question to themselves.
 - The question will then be announced to the judges and audience, then the contestant will have their own microphone and time to respond.
 - Q&A section are judged on:
 - Answer Content
 - Ability to Communicate
 - Poise
 - Self Confidence

- **Talent: 100 Points**
 - You will have a 7 Minute time limit for this segment, *with 3 additional minutes to set up and take down if needed.*
 - There will be a 5 point deduction for time infractions.
 - You will provide music for this segment via email or USB in MP3 format. We are not responsible for any music not working.
 - All music can be emailed to the DJ (music@prideontheplains.com) ahead of time. Tracks must be labeled correctly *Label example: “Colana Bleu Talent Music”*
 - Contestants may **NOT** leave the stage area and go out into the crowd. *Backstage is part of the stage area.*
 - Any type of legal talent is acceptable except those that may cause injury to themselves, the audience, or damage to the facility..
 - Contestants will be judged on:
 - Talent Ability (lip-sync, dance, live vocal, instrument, monologue, etc)
 - Entertainment Value
 - Costuming and Makeup

- Sound Quality
- Effectiveness of Props and dancers, if used.
- You will be allowed 1 dresser in the dressing room. If you have backup dancers, they will be allowed in the dressing room at the end of the Evening wear segment. If 2 or more dressers are found in the dressing room, you will be deducted 10 points from this segment.
- Use of flames, glitter, confetti, or any other materials that will create a mess will result in immediate disqualification, unless prior approval has been given.

Requirements for Title Holders

- Upon winning the title you agree to the following terms:
- Title holders **must** be present at a minimum of 1 pride event per month. (Meetings are events)
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Additional Rules & Regulations:

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Contestants are required to always conduct themselves in a professional manner. Prohibited behavior is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the hosting establishment.

Prohibited behavior includes but is not limited to:

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Newcomer Category Information:

Newcomer Contestants are exempt from the interview segment and the evening wear category of the pageant. However, registration is mandatory, and all pageant paperwork must be signed and submitted by 6pm on the event night. Participants are expected to prepare a show your pride presentation, featuring a Q&A segment, and showcase their talent. This is a co-ed category. Mr/Mx/Miss will all compete together. Detailed guidelines are provided below for your reference.

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