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MR GAY ICON USOFA

AUGUST 25, 2019

FLAMINGO RESORT

4601 34TH ST S, ST PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

CONTESTANT INFORMATION: ARIZONA/DRAG.COM

CONTESTANT PACKET

Dear Contestant,

Welcome to the Official Mr Gay ICON USofA contest. I'm pleased to have you as a contestant, and will support and assist in any way that I can. I would like to welcome you to the Flamingo Resort in the beautiful City of St Petersburg, Florida. I'm ecstatic that you have chosen to compete to become the Inaugral Mr Gay ICON USofA .

As the promoter for this contest I hope to earn a reputation for excellence by consistently supporting prospective candidates that have distinguished themselves as positive representatives of the LGBTQIA+ community. I myself, am from Phoenix, Arizona and am the Founder of ArizonaDrag.com LLC a small business dedicated to supporting and promoting Drag in Arizona and Nationally. I have been a promoter for over 10-years in the USofA system earning multiple awards including Promoter of the Year,

By choosing to compete in this year's contest, you have just taken the first step towards demonstrating that you are an appropriate choice to receive the distinguished title of Mr Gay ICON USofA. This is an official preliminary to the Mr Gay USofA. My goal for Mr Gay ICON USofA is to become a role model in our community with excellence and professionalism.

As a representative of the title you will be seen throughout the country at various shows and special events as well as perform with local and national entertainers. Carefully read through this contestant application packet. You will find it contains imperative information that will assist you in succeeding at this years contest. Within this packet is an application for entry, publicity release form, personal biography questionnaire, schedule of events and rules of the contest. Please return the completed entry form no later than Sunday, August 25, 2019 at 12:00 pm EDT

Once again, welcome to the Mr Gay ICON USofA contest.

Respectfully,

Edward Castro
Director

Mr Gay Westcoast UsofA / Mr Gay Westcoast USofA at Large
Entry Form and Application

(Please type or print clearly)

Legal Name _____
 First Last

Stage Name _____
 First Last

Address _____
 City State Zip Code

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

By signing my signature below, I hereby agree to release and hold harmless ArizonaDrag.com LLC hereafter referred to as the “contest”, their agents, servants, and employees, from and liabilities and/or the title of Mr Gay ICON USofA including but not limited to personal injury or damage to personal property regardless of whether the loss or injury occurred before, during or after the contest or any related event thereof.

I also hereby release myself from any rights to any videotaping (sound and/or video) Photography still camera or motion picture of the contest. I understand that I have no rights to any of the recordings that I appear in or on or the future sales thereof. I hereby agree that my name and photographs of me during the contest may be used for publication promotional purposes or in any advertising or publicity. By my signature below, I am and attest that I have read the rules, releases and regulations of the pageant and agree to abide by the same.

Signed Legal Name _____ Date: _____

Personal Biography for Contestants Due at Orientation all questions are to be filled out completely. This form must be TYPED

Talent Props: _____ Yes _____ No

Talent Set up Time: _____ Yes _____ No

Talent Length (7 minutes max): _____ Yes _____ No

Dancers or Backup: _____ Yes _____ No How many: _____ (\$5 per dancer)

Contestant # _____ Given Name _____

Stage Name: _____ Age: _____ Zodiac

Sign: _____ Years of experience as an entertainer: _____

Your definition of a true professional:

Your pet peeve:

Your Motto:

Other awards, titles, citations, crowns, etc. that you have received:

Which clubs or organizations are you a supporter or member of:

Hobbies:

Your sponsors ALL must be listed. Should you add a sponsor after this form you must contact promoter and inform PRIOR to pageant.

This Form will be Read by Host. MUST BE TYPED
(Please fill out for Club Wear Competition)

Contestant #: _____

Name _____

Contestant ClubWear Description:

Club Wear designed by:

Hair by:

Makeup by:

Accessories Designer(s):

Mr Gay ICONS USofA Prize Package

Winner:

Mr Gay ICON USofA Medallion, Sash and Plaque

\$500 Cash Prize (\$125.00 at Mr Gay ICON USofA, 125.00 at National Registration for Mr Gay USofA, \$125.00 February 1, 2020, \$125.00 at stepdown)

4 night Hotel for Nationals in Houston, Texas for Mr Gay USofA 2019

\$200.00 Travel Expense Allowance

Professional Photo Shoot

\$150.00 Club Wear Allowance

Up to 4 Dancer Passes Paid for Nationals

Entry fee to Mr Gay USofA

Quarterly Paid Bookings during your reign (Bookings may include Arizona Gay Rode, Phoenix Pride Festival, Rainbows Festival and Official ArizonaDrag.com events)

1st alternate:

Mr Gay ICON USofA 1st alternate award

\$250.00 Cash Prize (\$125.00 at Mr Gay ICON USofA, \$125.00 at National Registration for Mr Gay USofA)

4 night Hotel for Nationals in Houston, Texas for Mr Gay USofA 2019

\$100 Club Wear Allowance

Up to 2 Dancer Passes

Entry Fee paid for Mr Gay USofA 2019

THEME: ICONIC Contestant are asked to come up with an ICONIC look that describes themselves. (this is non-judged category)

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, August 25, 2019

11:30 am - Registration Begins

12:00 pm - Registration Closes / Roll Call of Contestant (no contestant may enter after this time)
contestant numbers will be drawn at this time. Contestant Orientation from Angel Mr Gay
USofA

1:00 pm - Personal Interview begins

Talent Rehearsal will begin after Personal Interviews by Request at Registration

7:00 pm - Contestant Check In

8:00 pm - Contest Begins

Order of Categories:

Presentation (not judged, judge a brief introduction)

Talent

Club West

Location:

Flamingo Resort

4601 34th St S

St. Pete, Florida 33711

Entry Fee Deadlines:

June 15, 2019 - July 31, 2019 - \$100.00 entry fee

August 1, 2019 - August 24, 2019 - \$125.00 entry fee

August 25, 2019 - \$150.00 at 12:00 pm EDT

ALL ENTRY FEE MUST BE IN CASH OR PAID ONLINE AT
WWW.ARIZONADRAG.COM

Personal Interview

Each contestant will be interviewed individually by the judging panel. The purpose of the Personal Interview in the USofA system is to allow the judges some insight into the character of each contestant. During the interview, the judges are also afforded the opportunity to evaluate each contestant's basic qualities, such as intelligence, ability to communicate, attitude, composure, etc. The judges may also gather information about a contestant's professional or personal life. The basic nature of the interview is intended to be casual and relaxed. You should dress as you would for a professional job interview. However, this is not a fashion category.

Club Wear

In Club Wear, contestants should dress as they would for an exciting night out on the town. You should wear clothing that you would expect to see in a large club in one of the major cities in the USofA. Your Club Wear choice should match your personality, looks and lifestyle. Club Wear should NOT be a costume for stage, but rather what you would wear into the club. Club Wear should be fun and sexy. Club Wear is in between formal clothing and ultra casual looks. A casual chic look that is both laid back and yet dressed up, is appropriate for this category. Contemporary looks are perfect, but a classic cool look (like a crisp white shirt and boot cut dark denim) fit in just as nicely. Wearing layers can also be used. Club Wear includes a variety of items, including: Unique and classic dress shirts, Sexy and trendy tops, Fitted T-Shirts, Bright Colors, Embellished fabrics with stones or beads, Metallics or metallic accents, Out of the ordinary fabrics such as leather, Funky prints and patterns, Casual and skinny ties, Classic, skinny and trendy jeans, Vests, blazers or casual jackets. Some suggestions: Do wear something that makes you feel confident. Do choose bright or bold colors that enhance your skin and hair colors. Do make sure your shoes match the level of formality of your outfit. Don't dress too sexy. Don't try out all the trends in one night. Don't wear sweats. Don't wear rude or offensive t-shirts. Remember, this is "pageantry" although outfits that are costumes will not score well.

Talent

Talent may be any type of entertainment presentation as long as it does not create any danger or injury to either the contestant or anyone else. No animals or reptiles may be used in your talent presentation. You may not use fire of any kind, water, liquids including paint or glitter in your talent presentation. Talent presentations that contain racial slurs or excessively vulgar, obscene or insulting language should be avoided. The judges will consider the contents of talent presentations when scoring them. Talent presentation is limited to seven (7) minutes in length. Prop setup and tear down time is limited to 5 minutes total. There is no restriction on the number of people who may be involved in the presentation. Music for the talent must be recorded on a CD (track 1) and clearly marked with the contestants name only. Your crown number should be track 2 on your talent CD. No cassettes will be accepted. Contestants are advised to make a backup copy of their talent music and bring it to the contest as a safety precaution.

Remember that the Mr. Gay USofA® Contest does not provide contestants with backstage staff for prop set-up and tear down, although we will assist with your props as much as possible. The backstage staff will not, under any circumstance, be responsible for any damage to props while helping a contestant. Each contestant must secure his own storage of props at all times.

RULES AND REGULATIONS --

1. Contestants for the Mr. Gay USofA/at Large Contest must be born male and 21 years of age by the National Pageant to enter. All contestants should be prepared to present a valid, non-expired state issued ID at Registration. Contestants may not compete until the identification has been presented
2. Judging will be on a total point accumulated system. Score sheets will be provided by USofA Pageants. Ties will be broken by the higher talent score.
3. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:
 - a. Personal Interview
 - b. Talent
 - c. Club Wear
4. Talent presentation will be limited to seven (7) minutes. Prop set up and tear down time will be limited to five (5) minutes. Talent presentations will be timed at rehearsals and any presentation over seven (7) minutes will have administrative points deducted.
5. Any type of talent presentation is acceptable except those which might cause injury to the audience or any other person. No glitter, fire or water of any kind (including paint) may be used in any talent presentation. No live animals will be allowed in any talent presentation.
6. The use of or dispensing of any illegal drugs or marijuana will not be tolerated while a contestant is participating in any USofA Pageants event. Immediate disqualification will result for anyone who breaks this rule.
7. Any contestant who is not at their appointed place at the appointed time will lose administrative points.
8. Any contestant, contestant's dancer(s), helper(s), etc who is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with any other person's property will be disqualified and immediately removed from the location of the contest.
9. USofA Pageants does not discriminate against any contestant with silicone or hormones. The use of silicone or hormones will not be considered by any judge while scoring either contest.
10. Once a contestant has placed as 1st Alternate in a preliminary contest they may not enter another preliminary within that system. They must go to the national contest with that placement.

11. Any contestant who qualifies to compete in the national contest and fails to attend will be banned from the system for a period of at least one (1) year and must pay back any prize monies to their promoter and pay a \$125 fine to the national promoter.

12. Once an individual has won any USofA National Title (Miss Gay USofA, Mr. Gay USofA, Miss Gay USofA at Large, Mr. Gay USofA at Large, Miss Gay USofA Classic, Mister USofA MI, Mister USofA MI Classic, Miss DIVA USofA or Miss Gay USofA Newcomer) they may not compete in any Pageant until the end of their reign.

13. USofA Pageants and Craig Henderson reserve the right to make any decision concerning any matter not covered by these rules and regulations.