

**2017 Roanoke Pride Pageant  
Contestant Information and Application**

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

**Registration time: 3:00pm at The Park**

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY August 18, 2017**

Dear Contestants,

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 Roanoke Pride Pageant. We are celebrating our 16<sup>th</sup> year of amazing competition! This year we are trying to bring new life to the Pageant and have our most successful year ever!

Contestants from each of the four divisions (Male, Female, Male Impersonator, and Female Impersonator) will be competing in Creative Pride Runway Fashion, On Stage Questions, and Talent. Registration will be at 3:00 pm at The Park nightclub. A brief contestant meeting will be held after registration to explain the order of events.

The titleholders should be prepared to uphold their responsibilities throughout the year including attending and performing at Pride in the Park (September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017), various fundraisers including the Pride Pageant fundraiser, and next year's competition to crown the successor. The titleholders should also be prepared to set up a social media page under their stage name representing their title to promote both Roanoke Pride and the Park events.

This application package contains all of the information you will need to prepare to be the next Roanoke Pride titleholder. Enclosed please find the application, category descriptions, rules and regulations, and the contact information for returning your application along with the \$20 application fee that goes towards the pageant prize package. This must be turned into Kelly Hopkins at the Front Door of the Park.

Keep in mind that **only the first 5 qualified applications** per contestant division are accepted and then must be approved by the pageant committee. Should an application be denied for legitimate, documented, reason the next received qualified application will be presented for approval. Additional approved applications will be added to a waiting list which will be used to fill additional spots should they come available for unseen reasons.

Thank you again for your interest in competing in the 2017 Roanoke Pride Pageant! If you have any questions not answered in the following pages please feel free to contact any of our current titleholders, Chuk Luvender (Bunny Flingus) or Timothy Dean (Alexis K S Kelly)

Good luck!

## CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

### On Stage Question:

The purpose of an On Stage Question is to give the judges and the audience a brief insight into who you are and how well you communicate. Each contestant and judge will provide a question that will be drawn at random to be asked during the competition. Each contestant will only have to answer one of these questions after a brief introduction to the pageant host on stage. This category happens immediately after each contestant models their runway fashion.

### Scoring:

Personality	25 points
Content of answer	25 points
Ability to communicate	50 points
Total per judge	100 points

(Please note that appearance is not judged in this category as you will have just been judged in your runway fashion.)

### Creative Pride Runway Fashion:

This is your chance to be as creative as you like and show your true colors! Contestants may use any or all of the Pride colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple). You DO NOT have to use all of the colors. You can use any material or fabric that you like and decorate with whatever you like. You are allowed to use minimal amounts of black and white (trims, shoes, etc.) they CANNOT be a primary color in your ensemble.

Keep in mind that **NO NUDITY** is allowed as we must follow VA ABC laws in the Park.

### Scoring:

Fit and tailoring	25 points
Creativity	25 points
Modeling ability	25 points
Make up, hair, accessories	25 points
Total points per judge	100 points

## Category Descriptions Continued

### Talent:

The talent category offers you the ability to showcase your entertainment abilities.

All talents are limited to **five minutes** on stage.

You may provide your own props and each contestant will be limited to **two minutes set up and two minutes take down** for your presentation. All props will be stored in the side hallway of The Park after contestant registration. Keep in mind that The Park is a functioning night club and will be open for business so each contestant is responsible for keeping their props organized and in the designated areas. Props **MUST** leave The Park at the end of the contest that evening.

Your talent CD must be labeled with your name in a protective case or cd envelope.

Please ensure that your CD only has one track on it and is free from scratches, fingerprints, and smudges.

### Scoring:

Costuming	25 points
Choreography/ Stage Presence	25 points
Live Vocal/ Lip Sync	25 points
Entertainment Value/ Crowd Response	25 points
Total points per judge	100 points

## **RULES and REGULATIONS**

1. Contestants must be at least 18 years old by August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please be prepared to show valid government issued photo identification.
2. Each contestant must reside within a two hour driving distance (approximately 150 miles) from Roanoke. If you are uncertain as to whether you qualify please contact one of the pageant coordinators or check the distance in MapQuest or similar site.
  - a. Commonwealth of Virginia applicants get first approval, more specifically, residents of the counties of Lee, Scott, Wise, Russell, Washington, Dickenson, Buchanan, Tazewell, Smyth, Grayson, Bland, Carroll, Patrick, Wythe, Floyd, Pulaski, Giles, Craig, Alleghany, Bath, Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Abermarle, Nelson, Rockbridge, Boutetourt, Roanoke, Franklin, Pittsylvania, Halifax, Appomattox, Charlotte, Buckingham, Henry, Montgomery, Bedford, Amherst, Campbell
  - b. Roanoke Pride reserves the right to reject any applicant or accept applicants based on the criteria above and below
3. Only the first five qualified contestants to submit a completed application and \$20 entry fee will be accepted from each division. Entry fee can be paid in cash, cashier's check, or money order made payable to Roanoke Pride. No personal checks will be accepted.
4. You are allowed to have one dresser backstage with you during the competition. You are allowed to trade off with alternate people if necessary, but again only one person may be with you backstage. This person will be given a dresser's pass to gain entry to the dressing room.
5. No food or beverage may be consumed backstage.
6. Drug use is not permitted and anyone caught will be removed from the property immediately.
7. They are also encouraged to take part in planning the 2018 Roanoke Pride Pageant. All title holders will be required to attend and/or perform at other Pride functions throughout the year including the Gala, one other fundraising event and Pride/PRISM fundraising shows. Titleholders are also required to show support of Roanoke Pride and PRISM by attending a minimum of one other Roanoke Festival to show support and unity among all communities as well as promote our organization. Titleholders will also be required to promote any and all Roanoke Pride, PRISM, and/or Park events.
8. If you have previously held a title you are no longer eligible to compete in that division, but you may enter a different division.

9. Any behavior(s) deemed unacceptable within your one year reign by the Roanoke Pride Board of Directors may result in dismissal as a titleholder and returning all awarded prize monies and crown, sash, medallions within thirty days of official board notification.
  
10. Titleholders must maintain a social media Facebook site to allow promotion of themselves and promotion of all Roanoke Pride Inc. events
  
11. Title holders must make themselves available to Roanoke Pride (within a reasonable amount of time of booking window) for any and all events and shows that may be planned with titleholders.

## **PRIZE PACKAGES**

### **Ms. Roanoke Pride and Ms. Roanoke Pride FI:**

\$200 cash prize (\$100 at crowning, \$100 at give up)

Crown

Performance at Roanoke Pride in the Park 2016

Bookings at The Park

### **Mr. Roanoke Pride and Mr. Roanoke Pride MI:**

\$200 cash prize (\$100 at crowning, \$100 at give up)

Medallion

Performance at Roanoke Pride in the Park 2016

Bookings at The Park

## Roanoke Pride Pageant Contestant Application

Legal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Stage name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**For office use only:**

Date application received:

Entry fee received: yes no

Contestant approved for competition: yes no

Pageant chairperson signature:

Pride board member signature: