

Mx. Pride of Chattanooga 2025



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Chattanooga Convention Center

1 Carter Plaza

Chattanooga, TN 37401



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Rules & Regulations

1. Contestants may be Male Lead, Female Lead, Drag King, Drag Queen, or a Transgender Entertainer. Contestants must be 18 years of age by the day of the pageant. Proof of age will be required.
2. \$100 entry fee can be paid through PayPal via our website or in person:

A. No refunds will be given to a contestant who chooses to not compete, after paying. If the pageant is cancelled, refunds will be made upon request or can be used for the new pageant date.

B. There MUST be two monetarily confirmed contestants prior to September 1st.

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Website:

3. The pageant will be held at The Chattanooga Convention Center at 6:00 pm on September 14, 2025.
 - a. Located at 1 Carter Plaza Chattanooga, TN 37402.
 - b. Parking: Parking will be in the parking garage adjacent to the Convention Center. 0-1 Hour - \$3.00; 1-3 Hours - \$6.00; 3-5 Hours - \$8.00; 5-8 Hours \$15.00; Overnight - \$20.00

All requests for directions and further information should be directed to Danielle Stubbs or Stacie Rect. Contact information can be found on the first page of this information packet.



4. Registration will be conducted the day of the pageant at 3:00pm.
5. Pageant will begin promptly at 6:00pm.
6. Prizes Awarded:
 - a. Pride of Chattanooga Winner
 - i. Cash prize of \$500. Winner to be awarded \$400 at Crowning, and \$100 at Stepdown.
 - ii. Crown
 - iii. Sash
 - iv. Jewelry
 - v. Photoshoot
 - vi. Headline the Festival Dragshow on September 27th
 - vii. Any additional sponsored prizes.
 - b. First Alternate
 - i. Cash Prize of \$125 to be awarded at Crowning.
 - ii. First Alternate Certificate
 - iii. Free entry into the pageant the following year
 - c. Second Alternate
 - i. Cash Prize of \$50 to be awarded at Crowning
 - ii. Second Alternate Certificate
 - iii. Free entry into the pageant the following year
 - d. Mx. Congeniality Award
 - i. Contestants will vote on who they think exemplified the characteristics of congeniality during the pageant
7. If the winner does not carry themselves with: dignity, grace, and professionalism during their reign, they will be stripped of their title and will be required to return all prize money, crown, and prizes to Chattanooga Pride.
8. Categories and Point Values
 - a. Creative Presentation - 25 Points



- b. Eventing Wear - 25 Points
 - c. Question & Answer - 25 Points
 - d. Talent - 50 Points
9. Music must be submitted on a flash drive at registration in a folder clearly labeled as “Pride of Chattanooga Pageant Music”. Inside the file, presentation music (if being used) must be the first file and labeled “Presentation-Entertainer’s Name” and talent must be the second (or first if no presentation music is used) and labeled “Talent-Entertainer’s Name”. Each contestant will also need to submit their own crowning number labeled as “Crowning-Entertainer’s Name”.
10. Contestants MUST be ready for EACH category. When your Contestant Name/Number is called, you must be ready to present yourself on stage. If for any reason you are not ready, you will be skipped over, and the pageant will continue as scheduled. The contestant will receive a ZERO for that category, thus affecting their overall score.
11. Creative Presentation Theme will be “Somewhere Over the Rainbow - Parade of Many Colors”! Contestants are to take a color of the rainbow, and make it their own! The judges want to see who you are! Contestants are encouraged to put their presentation to their own choice of music, however, if no music is turned in, it will be provided by the pageant and the same music will be used for any contestant who doesn’t submit presentation music. Contestants will be required to introduce themselves during this category. No support performers are allowed during this category. 3-minute time limit.
12. Evening Wear would either be a floor length gown or full suit. Each contestant will model their evening wear as an emcee reads the description submitted with their contestant application.



13. Question & Answer will take place during the evening wear category. Contestants will choose a question at random, allowing judges to assess contestants on qualities such as composure under pressure, ability to speak publicly, and ability to answer intelligently in the moment.
14. Talent category can be of any genre the contestant chooses that best represents their repertoire. Use of water, fire, loose glitter, confetti, powder, etc. is forbidden. Furthermore, the performance of any talent that may cause harm to its performer, the audience or another contestant is also forbidden. Contestants are required to limit their talent presentations to seven minutes in length. Use of props and support performers is allowed; however, minimal prop storage space will be available at the venue.
15. There will be 5 judges from different areas of the entertainment industry and LGBTQ+ community. Scoring will be on a comparative ranked scoring system, which requires judges to rank contestants from highest to lowest. The head judge will tabulate these scores and award points to contestants in two-point increments, i.e., the highest ranked contestant in a category receives 20 points, second receives 18, third 16, and so on. The comparative ranking system guards against rigging and ensures fairness. Judges' decisions are final. In the event of a tie for first place, the contestant with the highest talent score will take the title. Each judge's highest and lowest score will be dropped to ensure that no favoritism or bias is at play.
16. Only the contestant and one designated dresser will be admitted for free. All support performers, friends, fans, etc. will be required to pay full admission at the door.



17. Any contestant caught using illegal drugs during the pageant will be disqualified and removed from the building.
18. Any contestant caught in the act of stealing from, or sabotaging, another contestant will be disqualified and removed from the building.
19. Contestants should conduct themselves in a professional manner before, during, and after the pageant. That includes preparing for categories in a timely manner, maintaining a respectful volume backstage, keeping all materials neat and orderly over the course of the pageant, being respectful of the dressing space of other contestants and accepting the outcome of the pageant with grace and dignity.
20. Violations of the rules and regulations of this pageant will result in point deduction or disqualification.
21. Poor sportsmanship of any kind will result in the offending contestant being escorted from the building.
22. The winner of Mx. Pride of Chattanooga will be required to be actively involved in the Board meetings for Chattanooga Pride.
23. The winner of Mx. Pride of Chattanooga will be required to produce at least one fundraiser during their reign, for any cause of their choosing,



Contestant Application

Given Name: _____ Stage Name: _____

Phone Number: ____-____-____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Biography (contestants are encouraged to type separately and submit)

Evening Wear Description (Contestants may type separately and submit)



What is your favorite color?

What is your favorite quote/motto?

Does your Talent require the use of a live mic? (Circle One) Yes No

Do you have supportive performers (Circle One) Yes No

Does your Talent need set up/take-down time? (Max 5 Min) Yes No



Light and/or Sound Requests
