

**MISS BLUE RIDGE
PRIDE
2016
CONTESTANT
HANDBOOK**



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016



September, 2016

Hello Contestants!

Welcome to the 8th Annual Miss Blue Ridge Pride Pageant! Thank you for participating in the festivities of Blue Ridge Pride Center and our 8th Annual Blue Ridge Pride Festival. This year is turning out to be our best Pride yet!

This marks my second year as the Director of the Miss Blue Ridge Pride Pageant, as well as my first year as the President of Blue Ridge Pride Center. I am very honored to have such great people believe in my standards and transparency. I am so happy you've decided to be apart of this amazing organization.

The role of Miss Blue Ridge Pride is very important one to our organization. It's a role of grace, stature and of community. Miss Blue Ridge Pride isn't just a title, it's a community figure, one who is to be seen and admired at every event. It's heartwarming that you are competing to be one of this years faces of our organization.

I look forward to seeing what each and everyone of you bring to the competition. The standards are high and the competition may be strong, but I am certain if you focus on what you bring to the table, you will walk away satisfied that you did your best.

Good luck and I can't wait to crown the new Miss Blue Ridge Pride.

MICHAEL-DAVID CARPENTER

President - Blue Ridge Pride Center

Director - Miss Blue Ridge Pride Pageant

Chairman - Blue Ridge Pride Festival

Entertainment Director - Blue Ridge Pride Festival

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HISTORY OF THE CROWN

It is pertinent that the history and honor of all of the former MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE title holders be remembered.

Here is a the complete list of all of the previously crowned MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE:

1	2009	Coco Couture
2	2010	Tyra Couture
3	2011	Eureka O'Hara
4	2012	Odette Dynasty O'Hara
5	2013	Manhattan
6	2014	Eureka O'Hara
7	2015	Ida Carolina

Being familiar with, honoring and respecting these winners is imperative. They have endured many obstacles and difficulties to pave the way and give all the contestants the opportunities to do what they do today.

PAGEANT SCHEDULE

This pageant is packed with contestants and entertainers. It is important to keep the pageant running on schedule.

This is the schedule of what to expect:

7:00 PM - REGISTRATION

Registrants will arrive to fill out proper paperwork and the contract to reign as Miss Blue Ridge Pride. Numbers will be drawn for the order and placement of the contestants.

THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$50 AND DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. ONLY CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. A VALID GOVERNMENT ID IS REQUIRED TO ENTER.

7:30 PM - DRESSING ROOM OPENS

9:00 PM - INTERVIEW

10:00 PM - PAGEANT OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony will consist of a welcoming to the crowd, followed by a short speech.

10:05 PM - ENTERTAINMENT

This portion of the entertainment will consist of two (2) entertainers. Each entertainer will have five (5) minutes per number, per person to perform.

10:30 PM - CREATIVE EVENING GOWN COMPETITION

Contestants will compete in their best looks in the evening gown competition. Each contestant has roughly two (2) minutes to model their gowns. There will be a final call back for all contestants to model one last time for the judges.

11:15 PM - ENTERTAINMENT

This portion of the entertainment will consist of four (4) entertainers, including the current reigning. Each entertainer will have five (5) minutes per number, per entertainer to perform.

11:45 PM - TALENT COMPETITION

Contestants will compete by bringing their best talent packages. Each contestant will have up to seven (7) minutes to perform their talent productions. Additionally, each contestant will have up to two (2) minutes for set up and two minutes (2) for break down.

1:30 AM - ENTERTAINMENT

This portion of the entertainment will consist of two (2) entertainers and the current reigning. Each entertainer will have five (5) minutes per number, per entertainer to perform, and the last number will be the final crowning number for the current reigning.

1:45 AM - AWARDS & CROWNING

Awards will be distributed, followed by the crowning of the new MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE.

2:00 AM - CROWNING NUMBER

The newly crowned will perform as MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE for the first time.

PRIZE PACKAGE

The winner of MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE will enjoy a fantastic prize package. The package is valued over \$1100.

The package includes:

- The MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE Crown (Valued at \$100)
- \$100 at Crowning
- \$100 at Give Up
- \$100 at Pride Festival
- A guaranteed three (3) bookings at Scandals Nightclub and three (3) bookings at O.Henry's, valued at \$75 per booking (a \$450 value)
- A photoshoot with Roxy Taylor Photography (a \$300 value)
- Priceless advertising and promotions during the reign

RULES & REGULATIONS

Certain parameters will apply while competing. These parameters are some of the things that the judges will be scoring on and defines the excellence that is expected. This pageant is designed around the idea of female impersonation and the overall look and appearance should be as feminine as possible.

Listed below are the rules and regulations for each section of the pageant:

INTERVIEW

- Contestants are allowed to interview in personal gender comfort.
- Each contestant will have five (5) minutes to be interviewed.

EVENING GOWN

WIG

- Up-do's are *not* required.
- Contestants should wear hair that is the most comfortable and what accentuates their overall look. Confidence shines through when one is comfortable.
- Hair should be clean, fresh and styled in an updated style.
- Wig lines should look natural and *not* abrupt or matted.
- Wig lines that are carefully crafted are desired over ones that have been sprayed.

SKIN

- Flesh that shows shall be free of excessive hair to create the feminine look.
- Moisturizing is encouraged to create a soft, gentle look.

EYEBROWS

- Eyebrows should be on a natural and soft side.
- Severe brows are discouraged.

MAKE-UP

- Contestant's make-up should be blended and soft to impersonate a female.
- Make-up tones should complement natural skin colors.
- "Fish" is preferred over "clown".
- Harsh lines are strongly discouraged.

NAILS

- Nails should be cleaned and properly manicured.
- Contestants are allowed to wear painted or clear nails, as long as they compliment the overall appearance.
- Contestants should model their nails to the judges at the judges table.

EVENING GOWN

- Each contestant has roughly two (2) minutes to model their gowns.
- Gowns should be elegant, classy, form fitting and in an updated style.
- Evening gowns should grace the floor, *not* puddle in the front or raise at a higher length.
- Gowns should be in excellent shape and with no rips, tears, busted seams, missing embellishments, strings of glue, etc.
- There will be a final call back after solo modeling for all contestants to model one last time, collectively, for the judges.

SHOES

- Shoes should be updated in style, fit and be comfortable.
- Shoes should be clean and clear of debris.
- The bottoms of the shoes should appear unworn.
- Contestants should raise their gowns and model their shoes for the judges.

ACCESSORIES

- Accessories should be selected to compliment the over all appearance.
- Attention should be focused on size proportion, color and distribution over the body.
- Jewelry shall be clean and sparkling.
- Unclean and garish jewelry is strongly discouraged.

MODELING

- Contestants should focus on the judges during modeling.
- Eye contact and “silent communication” is strongly encouraged.

TALENT

TIME LIMITS

- Each contestant has up to two (2) minutes to set-up for their performance.
- Seven (7) minutes are allowed for each contestant to perform.
- Each contestant has up-to two (2) minutes for breaking down.

PROPS

- All props should be professional and polished.
- Unfinished and ‘homemade’ looking props are discouraged.
- **Fire, water, loose glitter, confetti and oily substances are *NOT* allowed.**

DANCERS

- All dancers should be polished and in sync with the contestant.
- Dancer’s outfits, shoes, accessories will be taken into account as this is part of the contestant’s total package.

COSTUMES

- Costumes, shoes, and accessories, including hose and tights, should be form fitting, in excellent shape and with no rips, tears, busted seams, missing embellishments, strings of glue, visible pads, etc.
- Costumes should be appropriate to the performance and song selection.

ENTERTAINMENT VALUE

- Contestants should create packages that deliver the most entertainment value.
- Mainstream, high energy productions are encouraged over slow or specialty performances, unless the performance is fully charged with emotion.
- Contestants should entertain to the judges as well as the crowd.
- Crowd appeal will be considered while scoring.

SCORING

The scoring system for MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE is as listed.

The maximum amount of points a contestant can receive is **200**. The points are:

20% of score - INTERVIEW - 50 points max

30% of score - CREATIVE EVENING GOWN - 50 points max

50% of score - TALENT - 100 points max

Keeping with the time restrictions is EXTREMELY important. Segments will be timed and limits will be enforced. Going over time limits during set-up, talent and break-down is an *automatic 5 point deduction* from the contestant's final score.

SAMPLE SCORING SHEETS ARE ATTACHED.

CONTRACT

The winner of MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE will be required to sign a contract that outlines the duties of her reign, as well as the parameters of the job. Each contestant will be required to review, understand, accept and sign the contract in order to complete registration.

THE CONTRACT IS ATTACHED AT THE END OF THIS HANDBOOK.

MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE PAGEANT SCORECARD

JUDGE: _____ JUDGE #: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

INTERVIEW

1ST PLACE _____ 50 POINTS

2ND PLACE _____ 45 POINTS

3RD PLACE _____ 40 POINTS

4TH PLACE _____ 35 POINTS

5TH PLACE _____ 30 POINTS

6TH PLACE _____ 25 POINTS

7TH PLACE _____ 20 POINTS

8TH PLACE _____ 15 POINTS

9TH PLACE _____ 10 POINTS

10TH PLACE _____ 9 POINTS

11TH PLACE _____ 8 POINTS

12TH PLACE _____ 7 POINTS

13TH PLACE _____ 6 POINTS

SAMPLE

MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE PAGEANT SCORECARD

JUDGE: _____ JUDGE #: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CREATIVE EVENING GOWN

1ST PLACE _____ 50 POINTS

2ND PLACE _____ 45 POINTS

3RD PLACE _____ 40 POINTS

4TH PLACE _____ 35 POINTS

5TH PLACE _____ 30 POINTS

6TH PLACE _____ 25 POINTS

7TH PLACE _____ 20 POINTS

8TH PLACE _____ 15 POINTS

9TH PLACE _____ 10 POINTS

10TH PLACE _____ 9 POINTS

11TH PLACE _____ 8 POINTS

12TH PLACE _____ 7 POINTS

13TH PLACE _____ 6 POINTS

SAMPLE

MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE PAGEANT SCORECARD

JUDGE: _____ JUDGE #: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

TALENT

1ST PLACE _____ 100 POINTS

2ND PLACE _____ 90 POINTS

3RD PLACE _____ 80 POINTS

4TH PLACE _____ 70 POINTS

5TH PLACE _____ 60 POINTS

6TH PLACE _____ 50 POINTS

7TH PLACE _____ 40 POINTS

8TH PLACE _____ 30 POINTS

9TH PLACE _____ 20 POINTS

10TH PLACE _____ 10 POINTS

11TH PLACE _____ 8 POINTS

12TH PLACE _____ 7 POINTS

13TH PLACE _____ 6 POINTS

SAMPLE

MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE 2016 REGISTRATION FORM

Thank you for registering to compete in the MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE PAGEANT.

Please PRINT information legibly.

- A valid state issued Driver's License or Identification Card is required to verify that the entrant is 18 years of age or older.
- Please provide the \$50 Registration Fee during registration in CASH.
- **MUSIC IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION IN THE FORM OF A CD.**

STAGE NAME: _____

LEGAL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

BACK-UP DANCERS: YES NO NUMBER OF DANCERS: _____

By signing this Registration Form, I agree that I have read, fully understand and agree to all the rules, regulations and terms set forth in the MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE 2016 CONTESTANT HANDBOOK.

TALENT'S LEGAL NAME - PRINT NAME

DATE

TALENT'S LEGAL SIGNATURE

REGISTRATION CHECK LIST

- _____ COPY OF ID
 _____ REGISTRATION FEE COLLECTED

AUTHORIZED BY: _____

MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE 2016 EVENING GOWN DESCRIPTION

Contestant: _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DETAILS OF THE FOLLOWING:

GOWN

Created by: _____

Describe in detail fabrics, stones, etc.: _____

HAIR

Created by: _____

Describe in detail the hair: _____

JEWELRY

Created by: _____

Describe in detail the jewelry: _____

SHOES

Describe in detail fabrics, stones, etc. _____

MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE 2016 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

This agreement is being made between _____,
henceforth known as TALENT, and BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER, on this day of
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016.

ALL TALENT agrees:

- A. To allow BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER the absolute right and permission to use in perpetuity, TALENT'S name, likeness, voice, video and images in any manner, in any media, at any time, to promote, market and document the pageant.
- B. All images and video obtained by BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER, of the entire event, including any behind-the-scenes footage, are the sole property of BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER. BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER, as sole owner, reserves all rights to use any image or video in any manner deemed appropriate, for and not for profit. TALENT releases all rights to any and all images produced by BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER photographers.
- C. TALENT will not hold BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER responsible for any liability resulting from the use of TALENT's name, likeness or photograph(s) in accordance with the term hereof, including what might be deemed to be misrepresentation of TALENT, TALENT'S character of TALENT'S person due to distortion, optical illusion or faulty reproduction that may occur in the finished product.
- D. TALENT will not hold BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER responsible for any injuries or hardships that may occur from TALENT'S participation in the pageant.

In the event that TALENT competes, wins and is crowned, TALENT agrees to fulfill the reign of MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE, for a full year from the time of crowning on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016** to the time of crowning a successor on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017.** During the TALENTS reign, TALENT agrees to uphold and abide by the rules set forth below:

- A. TALENT understands that by winning the MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE title, they agree to **not** compete or carry any other crown or title of any other bar or club during their reign. The winner will represent BLUE RIDGE PRIDE solely for the term of this agreement and no other establishment. BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER does not restrict competing and winning in State, Regional and National pageants.
- B. TALENT understands that they are to be on their best behavior at all times throughout their reign, as they represent BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER at all times.

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If TALENT is in breach of contract, TALENT agrees to forfeit any future bookings and promotions.

I have read, fully understand and agree to uphold the rules, regulations and terms of this MISS BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT.

TALENT - PRINT NAME

DATE

TALENT'S SIGNATURE

MICHAEL-DAVID CARPENTER
PAGEANT DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT OF BLUE RIDGE PRIDE CENTER

DATE