



The Rainbow Rose Center presents:  
York County Pride 2024  
Ambassador Pageant

Hello Contestant,

**I formally welcome you to the 2024 York Pride Ambassador Pageant!**

We understand that it takes much time and effort honing your skills, crafts, and personality as a performer and the York Pride and Rainbow Rose Center team are excited to have you compete in the first annual installment of the York Pride Ambassador Pageant. There will be one title holder with all contestants competing against each other on an equal playing field. Each contestant will be judged accordingly and should enter the competition as their authentic selves. We seek contestants that will well-represent York Pride and their authentic selves both in and out of drag.

We are very excited to have you as a contestant! Please take a moment to review the rules and regulations. Once you are finished reviewing, please submit your formal application HERE. <https://forms.gle/unNzd2ZezPGWRE1E6>.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Pageant Director, Dustin Brown, aka Amethyst Diamond, at amethystdiamond1@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your interest and we look forward to having you!

Best,

Christina Wingert

Events Committee Chair

events@rainbowrosecenter.org

## **Introduction**

The following document outlines the York Pride Ambassador Pageant Rules & Regulations. It includes the contestant eligibility criteria, specific rules, regulations, scoring details, and other criteria governing the York Pride Ambassador Pageant; its contestants and other participants; and the York Pride Ambassador. The following sections of this document may be amended at any time and for any reason by York Pride and/or the Rainbow Rose Center.

Please read the rules and regulations closely, and then complete the subsequent acknowledgements.

## **York Pride Ambassador 2024 Pageant**

The York Pride Ambassador Pageant will have one winner, who along with any alternates, shall be determined based on scoring totals. The titleholder will hold the title of **York Pride Ambassador2024**. Contestants should embody the spirit of York Pride and well-represent the Rainbow Rose Center.

York Pride is the signature event of the Rainbow Rose Center and is a time to come together and celebrate the full inclusion of our wonderfully diverse community and specifically celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community in York County.

The Rainbow Rose Center fosters an environment of inclusion, equity, and health where all LGBTQIA+ community members thrive in York, Pennsylvania. We envision an inclusive community where all York County individuals feel safe and welcome in their everyday lives.

### **Contestant Eligibility Criteria**

Contestants must meet the following criteria in order to participate in the 2024 York Pride Ambassador pageant:

- Contestants must be at least 21 years of age. Proof of age must be provided by form of photo ID, drivers license, or passport.
- York Pride will accept a total of ten (10) contestants into this pageant. Applying does not guarantee a contestant spot.
- Contestants must pay a registration fee of \$25.00 in order to compete in the York Pride Ambassador 2024 Pageant. You will receive an invoice that must be paid in 7 days or your application will not be accepted. This fee is nonrefundable if you are selected to participate in the contest. If an applicant is not selected, the payment will be returned to the applicant.

- If an applicant is accepted into the contest and then withdraws or is disqualified from the contest for any reason, their registration fee will not be refunded.
- Contestants must adhere to all deadlines and time tables put forth by York Pride or forfeit their place in the contest and the application fee. This includes but is not limited to, the deadline to submit all parts of the application, music, as well as the call time for the contest.
- There will be no exceptions made for tardiness. Registration will be at 2pm. Rehearsal and sound checks will take place between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. 5:30 lockdown of all contestants will take place, with the York Pride Ambassador Pageant starting promptly at 7:00 pm.

## **Pageant Rules and Regulations**

*The following rules and regulations will apply for the 2024 York Pride Ambassador pageant:*

- The York Pride Ambassador Pageant is gender inclusive and is open to anyone who wishes to compete under their definition of the art of drag.
- Open containers of any liquid, or any fire, loose glitter, live animals, confetti, or any material that will leave debris or residue on the stage that could affect other contestants or entertainers is not allowed on stage.
- Any type of talent is acceptable, except those that are illegal or which may cause personal injury to the contestant, audience member, or any other person and will not cause damage to the venue.
- All dancers must be at least 21 years of age. Dancers must pay a \$5 fee each that will also give them admission to the Pageant.
- Each contestant will be allowed one (1) dresser, who must be at least 21 years of age. The contestant's dresser must purchase a dresser ID badge (\$5) for them to wear throughout the event. This will allow them to enter the hosting establishment without purchasing an event ticket.

## Judging

- Five judges, representing the Rainbow Rose Center, the York County LGBTQIA+ Community as well as the Drag Community will offer their services for the York Pride Ambassador Pageant.
- York Pride and the Rainbow Rose Center have final approval in selecting judges.
- Judges will be unbiased and show no favoritism toward any contestant or artistic expression.
- Judges will score each contestant according to the Scoring section below.
- Winners will be selected based on a cumulative scoring system. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by an on-stage question to be selected by the panel.

## Scoring

*All contestants have the opportunity to earn a maximum total of 2000 points. (400 points per judge, 100 points per category with 4 subcategories each, ranging from 0-25 points). Contestants will be judged in the following categories:*

- PRIDE Presentation (100 possible points)
  - This category is intended to allow participants to showcase their creative interpretation of what "Pride" means to them.
  - A self-expressive costume or garment.
    - Creativity 0-25
    - Relativity to Theme 0-25
    - Modeling 0-25
    - Overall Look 0-25



- You will have six (6) minutes to showcase your entertaining abilities, ranging from but not limited to live acts, vocals or instruments, lip syncing, dancing, or impersonating.
- Any type of talent is acceptable, except those that are illegal or which may cause personal injury to the contestant, audience member, or any other person and will not cause damage to the venue.
- All music (copyrighted or original) for the talent category must be submitted at the time of application.
  - Showmanship & Set Design 0-25
  - Choreography (Physical Coordination & Stage Presence, Including Dancers) 0-25
  - Quality ( Lip-Sync, Live Vocal, and/or other entertainment) 0-25
  - Originality & Entertainment Value 0-25

## **Additional Rules & Regulations**

- Contestants, dancers, and dressers are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Prohibited behavior is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the hosting establishment. Prohibited behavior includes but is not limited to:
  - The use of any illegal substances
  - Consumption of alcoholic beverages
  - Violent or threatening language or behavior
  - Discriminatory words, statements, actions or other behavior which violate the mission, vision, and values of York Pride and/or the Rainbow Rose Center.



- Theft of, or intentional damage or destruction to, real and personal property.
- York Pride and the Rainbow Rose Center reserves the right to make a decision concerning any matters not covered in these rules and regulations and/or the contestant agreement. All concerns must be reported to the Pageant Director immediately.

## Titleholder Winnings

The winner (hereafter, "Titleholder") of the York Pride Ambassador 2024 Pageant will assume the title of **York Pride Ambassador 2024** for the 2024-2025 season.

The Titleholder will be entitled to:

- Medallion, Sash & Flowers
- A \$500 prize
  - The first installment of the prize (\$150) will be given the night of the pageant.
  - The second installment of (\$150) shall be paid at The Pride in the Ballpark event on June 27th @ 6:30pm.
  - The third and final installment of (\$200) will be paid at the end of the Titleholders reign.
- A professional photoshoot to be done by July 1st 2024
- A Prime performance slot at the 2024 Pride Festival;
- A webpage on the Rainbow Rose Center and/or York Pride website;
- A monthly blog post opportunity to be shared on the Rainbow Rose Center website, e-newsletter *The Rainbow Connection*, and social media pages.

## Titleholder Obligations and Responsibilities

Titleholder is obligated to and agrees to:

- Appear at a minimum of three (3) events chosen by York County Pride.
  - Pride at the BallPark, on Thursday, June 27th will be one of the events
  - Host & Produce (2) two Benefit Shows for York Pride/Rainbow Rose
- Serve on the Events/Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year and for the following calendar year of 2025.
- Take a lead role in planning and executing a fundraising event for the Rainbow Rose Center.
- Perform on the 2024 York Pride Festival Main Stage on Saturday, June 22nd as a reigning Titleholder. Performance time to be determined.
- Attend a Meet & Greet at the York Pride Festival.
- Crown the following York Pride Ambassador 2025 winner.

Titleholder also understands that their title is purely honorary and carries with it no inherent rights, privileges, or responsibilities beyond the specific responsibilities outlined in this document.

Further, the Titleholder understands that they cannot independently act on behalf of or make official representations for York Pride and/or the Rainbow Rose Center.

## **Rights and Remedies of York Pride and the Rainbow Rose Center**

In the event Titleholder is unwilling or unable to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities outlined above, or if the Titleholder defaults on any of the provisions included in this contestant agreement, York Pride and the Rainbow Rose Center retains the right at its absolute and sole discretion to any or more of the following:

- Revoke or rescind the title from the Titleholder.
- Refuse bookings and appearances of any official nature to the Titleholder.
- Refuse entry into any future pageants or York Pride events.
- Other remedies not listed above.

Should the York Pride Ambassador be unable to fulfill the duties and obligations, the title will be passed to the 1st Alternate. The deposed Ambassador may also be asked to return the prize money (at the discretion of the Rainbow Rose Center Board) along with the medallion and sash. Should the medallion and/or sash be damaged, the deposed Ambassador is liable to replace the damaged item.

## **Release of Liability**

Contestant/Titleholder agrees to indemnify the Rainbow Rose Center, York Pride, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and/or other agents, and hold them harmless with respect to any defense that they shall be required to make in connection with any claim or action arising out of Contestant's/Titleholders involvement and/or participation with the Pageant, parade, event, or festival, including the payment of reasonable attorney's fees.

## **Agreement**

I, the contestant, have fully read and understand my obligations if I were to win the York Pride Ambassador 2024 title, which I am competing for. I agree to fulfill the terms of this agreement for the 2024-2025 season and understand that if I do not fulfill the terms set forth that I will forfeit the cash prize of \$200 that will be awarded to me at the conclusion of my reign.

Stage Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_