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Welcome to the exciting world of Gay Days®, the largest Gay & Lesbian Vacation Destination Event! The Miss Gay Days® Pageant will be part of the most exciting week of events, expos, and parties. Since its inception in 1991, Gay Days® has evolved into a 4-day extravaganza that transcends the boundaries of traditional theme park events. From the vibrant energy of our DJ sets to the fierce competition of our Miss Gay Days® Pageant and Mr. Gay Days® Leather Competition, the largest LGBTQ+ Expo in the country, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The Miss Gay Days® Pageant is an open, winner take all contest and contestants will be able to pre-register by May 31st and pay a discounted entry fee of \$150 or can register the day of the contest for a \$200 entry fee. The pageant will be held Friday, June 6, 2025. The mandatory contestant registration and meeting will be on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 11:00am. Administrative points will be deducted for any contestant who is late to this meeting. Any contestant who has not pre-registered and does not attend this mandatory meeting will not be permitted to enter.

Prize Package:

- \$1200 cash (\$400 paid at crowning, \$200 after the approval of a professional promotional photograph within 30 days, \$600 at step-down after completion of all contractual duties.)
- Accommodations for the duration of Gay Days® 2026 and flight/travel (if needed)
- Flight, hotel, and booking fee of \$150 for additional Gay Days® events, PRIDE celebrations, or festivals (notice will be provided at least 30 days in advance).

This handbook will contain all the information that you need for the pageant. If you do not digitally complete the forms prior to the mandatory contestant registration meeting, you are responsible for printing out the forms, completing them, and having them with you at the meeting. If you have any questions not answered within the following pages, need clarification on anything that is covered, or need to obtain additional information, please email Addison Taylor, the pageant coordinator at pageant@GayDays.com or TheAddisonTaylor@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Gay Days® Pageant and we look forward to seeing you compete!



MISS GAY DAYS® PAGEANT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Gay Days® reserves the right to make amendments to these Rules and Regulations at any time. All contestants will be notified where amended Rules and Regulations may be accessed and the date they will take effect within 48 hours of amendment.
2. Any matter not covered by these rules and regulations shall be addressed immediately and any necessary decisions will be decided by the President, Entertainment Team, or other designated representative of Gay Days®, Inc.
3. Complete honesty and full disclosure are expected from all contestants. Any affiliations, issues, or concerns that could reflect poorly on the individual candidates and Gay Days® must be divulged to Gay Days® immediately. Gay Days® reserves the right to investigate any claims regarding any contestant that could be potentially damaging to the reputation of both the contestant and Gay Days®. Gay Days® also reserves the right to make any determinations and decisions on how to proceed pending the results of their investigations.
4. Miss Gay Days® candidates must be assigned male at birth and at least 21 years of age as of the mandatory contestant registration meeting. All contestants must possess a valid government issued ID, such as a Driver's License or passport, issued in their own name which shall be presented at time of on-site registration to show proof of age.
5. All dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), and/or other helper(s) must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid government issued ID, such as a Driver's License or passport, issued in their own name which shall be presented at time of on-site registration to show proof of age.
6. The Miss Gay Days® Pageant does not discriminate against entertainers with surgical and medical enhancements, such as silicone and hormones. Physical enhancements **will not be considered** by any judge in the scoring of contestants. All Miss Gay Days® contestants must have been born male.
7. Illegal drug use, distribution, or possession by any Miss Gay Days® contestant or by any dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) of a Miss Gay Days® contestant during the pageant will not be tolerated. Any contestants found in violation of this rule will be **immediately disqualified**. This rule will remain in effect for the full year reign of the Miss Gay Days® Pageant winner. The Miss Gay Days® title will be stripped from the winner and passed to the first runner up if found in violation of this rule. Legal action may be taken.
8. Any contestant or any dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) of a Miss Gay Days® contestant who is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another person's costumes, props, or other possessions **will be immediately disqualified**, removed from the location of the pageant and denied access to the event.
9. Any contestant or any dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) of a Miss Gay Days® contestant who is found to be overly intoxicated at any Gay Days® Inc. event **will be immediately disqualified**, removed from the location and denied access to the event.
10. Any contestant or any dancer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), or other helper(s) of a Miss Gay Days® contestant who cause damage to any Gay Days®



venue, inclusive of decorations and equipment, or any portion of the Gay Days® host hotel **will be immediately disqualified** and may be subject to legal action. If legal action is pursued, Gay Days® will assist the venue and any owner of damaged property with any prosecution.

11. It is recommended that contestants arrive at all scheduled appointments and events at least fifteen (15) minutes early. Any contestant that arrives late to any scheduled appointment or event may be subject to scoring penalization at the discretion of the President or Entertainment Team of Gay Days®, Inc., or the Miss Gay Days® Pageant Manager.
12. Please note that Hotel towels shall not be used for the removal of make-up. Contestants must provide their own towels for this purpose. Any contestant found in violation of this rule will be fined \$10.00 per towel and may be subject to scoring penalization at the discretion of the President or Entertainment Team of Gay Days®, Inc., or the Miss Gay Days® Pageant Manager.
13. Glitter, confetti, fire, liquids, and live animals are **strictly prohibited**. Any contestant attempting to utilize any of the aforementioned will be immediately disqualified, removed from the pageant area, and required to pay for cleaning required and/or repair of any damage caused.
14. Music must be submitted PRIOR TO REGISTRATION MEETING but each contestant should also have ALL FILES on 1 USB Drive CLEARLY LABELED “Contestant Name-Category” with no other files on the drive. All USB drives will be returned the night of the contest. Contestants can supply music for any category with the exception of Evening Gown.
15. Each contestant will be allotted ten (10) minutes for individual rehearsal after all interviews have concluded. Rehearsals should be utilized for sound checks, blocking and lighting cue suggestions, familiarization with the performance space, and ensuring time restrictions can be met. Contestants should be well- organized to best utilize the limited time provided and allow for the timing of required performances.
16. Each contestant will be provided one backstage pass for each performer and no charge. Only 1 backstage helper is permitted backstage at a time. Any dancers or additional helpers will be required to pay the admission fee. Backup dancers are permitted backstage 1 contestant prior to performing. Any exceptions to this rule must be requested prior to the opening of on-site registration. All requests will be reviewed by the Entertainment Team and Pageant Manager and granted or denied at their sole discretion.
17. Miss Gay Days® Pageant general admission tickets are available for \$20.00 per person in advance, \$30.00 per person at the door. Tickets are available for advanced purchase at www.GayDays.com, or may be purchased at the door.
18. Any misplaced, lost or stolen passes may be replaced at the full event price.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Contestants must submit all the following for the application to be considered complete either digitally before the contest or bring a physical printed copy to the mandatory contestant meeting the day of the contest. Any contestant who does not have a completed application by the end of the mandatory contestant meeting will not be able to compete. To receive a digital registration packet, please email Addison Taylor, the pageant coordinator at pageant@GayDays.com or TheAddisonTaylor@gmail.com.

Legal Name

Stage Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number

Email Address

Social Media Links:

Facebook @

Instagram @

Twitter/X @

Legal Names of backstage helper/dresser, any dancers or anyone that will appear on stage with you for any category at any time:

Non-refundable \$150 pre-register entry fee is due by May 31, 2025. Any contestant who registers after this date must attend the mandatory contestant registration and meeting and pay a cash entry fee of \$200. CASH is only accepted the day of the pageant, all other fees must be paid in advance online at www.gaydays.com: Payment/receipt of payment should accompany all pageant applications. Applications received without payment will be considered incomplete and may be subject to the higher registration rate.

By submitting an application, candidates attest that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Miss Gay Days® 2025 Pageant.



HOST HOTEL

The Doubletree Resort Orlando by SeaWorld is the official host hotel for the Miss Gay Days® Pageant.

The hotel is located at: 10100 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

Reservations may be made online at www.GayDays.com or by calling 888-942-9329.

It is *not required, but highly recommended* that all Miss Gay Days® Pageant contestants secure accommodations at The Doubletree Resort by SeaWorld for the day of the pageant.

Contestants are responsible for the payment for their lodging accommodations.

- Any contestants not staying at the host hotel are required to be present and on time for check-in, pageant meetings, and all pageant events and competition. Administrative deductions will happen for each infraction.
 - Contestants not staying at the host hotel will receive one parking pass for parking at the host hotel (based on availability of parking spaces).

Gay Days® will not provide travel accommodations for any contestant of the Miss Gay Days® Pageant. Contestants are responsible for scheduling and payment for their own airfare or other transportation to the Miss Gay Days® Pageant. They are also responsible for any and all transportation expenses before, during, and after the Miss Gay Days® Pageant.

SCHEDULE OF PAGEANT EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

11AM	MANDATORY CONTESTANT REGISTRATION AND MEETING
12PM	CONTESTANT INTERVIEWS
1PM	CONTESTANT REHEARSAL/BLOCKING (IF NEEDED)
7PM	MANDATORY CONTESTANT CHECK IN BACKSTAGE
7:30PM	HOUSE OPENS
8PM	PAGEANT BEGINS

Schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the President or Entertainment Team of Gay Days®, or the Miss Gay Days® Pageant Coordinator. Any changes will be promptly communicated to contestants and made available in writing.



CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS AND SCORING SYSTEM

Personal Interview – Contestants will meet individually with the judges in a casual, come as you are setting for a minimum of six (6) minutes up to ten (10) minutes. No part of the score will be based on how the contestant appears, therefore you do not need to be dressed in drag or a suit unless you choose to do so. Be comfortable, but keep in mind that this is a job interview. Contestants will be judged on their personality, interview content and confidence during the interview. We are looking for someone who will handle administrative duties with professionalism. You should have a working knowledge of the Miss Gay Days® Pageant and Gay Days® brand.

50 Points Total per judge, ranked score (1 - 50 Points, 2 - 48 Points, 3 - 46 Points, etc.)

Presentation – SHOW US YOUR PRIDE! Each contestant will present themselves to the audience and judges in a pride outfit or costume of their choice. Each contestant must introduce themselves on the microphone giving their name and contestant number. There is no setup or prep time allowed for this category. No props other than handheld may be used. Contestants can provide their own music for this category. Contestants will be judged on creativity, execution, speaking ability, music selection, costuming, and overall effectiveness of presentation and introduction. Show us your best!

20 Points Total per judge (10 Points: creativity/execution of presentation 10 Points: Confidence/Ability to speak on microphone)

Talent – Each Contestant will be judged in a talent selection of their choice. It may be of any type that will not put themselves or the audience in danger. Glitter, confetti, fire, liquids, and live animals are **strictly prohibited**. The actual talent is limited to 5 minutes. There is a 3 minute total set-up and tear down time if needed for props or preparation. Administrative points will be deducted for time infractions. DO NOT GO OVER THE TIME LIMIT! Contestants will be judged on talent ability (lip sync, dance, live vocal, etc.), entertainment value, costuming and makeup, sound quality, and effectiveness of props and dancers if used. Remember, if you put props and/or dancers on stage with you, they will be judged.

40 Points Total per judge (10 Points: entertainment value 10 Points: Technical- props/dancers/talent ability 10 Points: costuming/hair/makeup 10 Points: Overall Impression of Talent)

Evening Gown – Each contestant will be judged one at a time in a full-length gown of their choice. It can be made of any materials, color, style and fashion that the contestant chooses. Contestants will be judged on gown selection, fit, hair, makeup, accessories, modeling ability, and general appearance. Music will be provided.

20 Points Total per judge (10 Points Gown Selection/Fit 5 Points: Hair, Makeup, Accessories, General Appearance 5 Points: Modeling Ability)

Final On-Stage Question – Contestants will be asked a question after modeling their gown that was created based on judges notes during the personal interview category. Contestants will be judged on speaking ability, answer content, and confidence.

25 Points Total per judge (15 Points: Content- Did they fully answer the question 10 Points: Speaking ability, are they comfortable on the microphone?)

Crowning – **This is not a judged category** but all contestants must wear a red gown for crowning. It may be the same gown worn earlier for competition or something different.



AWARDS & EXPECTATIONS

The prize package for the winner of Miss Gay Days® is as follows:

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1st Alternate:

- Free Entry to Miss Gay Days® 2026

Gay Days, Inc. requires the Miss Gay Days® titleholder to sign a contract with Gay Days, Inc. prior to the disbursement of any prize money.

Refusal or failure to sign a contract will result in forfeiture of title and all prize money.

