

Dear Contestant,

Welcome to the exciting world of GayDayS®, the largest Gay & Lesbian Vacation Destination Event! The Miss GayDayS® Pageant will be part of the most exciting week of events, expos, and parties. We are excited the 29th Annual GayDayS® Orlando and the Miss GayDayS® Pageant are hosted at The Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, August 13th – 19th, 2019.

This year's pageant theme will be "BROADWAY!" Each of the twelve final contestants will present themselves in a fantastic Broadway style performance, whether it be solo or a small production. For inspiration, check out recent live performances for the Tony Awards Show.

The Miss GayDayS® Pageant candidate application deadline is Sunday, July 6th, 2019. The pageant will be held Thursday through Saturday, August 15th – 17th, 2019. The pageant will begin with registration and Taste of GayDayS® on Thursday, interviews and rehearsals on Friday, and the final pageant and crowning Saturday evening.

This handbook will contain all the information that you need for the pageant. Please remember to print it and bring it with you the pageant. If you have any questions not answered within the following pages, or to obtain additional information, please e-mail pageant@GayDayS.com or call 407-896-8431 ext. 104, and reference the 2019 Miss GayDayS® Pageant.

**Prizes for the winner include:

- \$1,850 cash (\$900 paid after crowning, \$950 paid at the end of contractual obligations)
- A professional action shot from the fashion walk category (for EACH contestant)
- Flight and accommodations for Gay Days® Orlando 2020.
- Flight, accommodations, and booking fee of \$125 for additional GayDayS® events, prides, and festivals (notice will be provided at least 30 days prior to booking).

Good Luck and may the creative juices flow!

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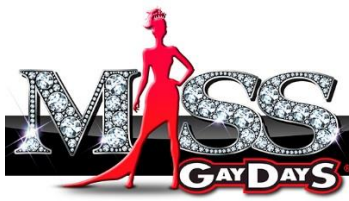


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APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Candidates must submit all of the following for the application to be considered complete:
 - a. A completed Miss GayDayS® Pageant Official Application which will include:
 - i. Personal information (Stage and legal name, age, date of birth, and contact information)
 - ii. Brief personal biography
 - iii. Community involvement, accolades, and awards
 - iv. Any Social Media links (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)
 - v. Responses to two questions
 - vi. Type of talent that will be performed
 - vii. List of additional personnel and their role or relationships (dancers, assistants, dressers, stylists, employees, significant others or other helpers)
 - viii. List of sponsors
 - b. One (1) 5"x7" headshot photo in full performance attire
 - i. If digitally submitted must be a minimum resolution of 300dpi
 - c. One (1) 5"x7" photo of contestants as themselves.
 - d. Non-refundable entrance fee of \$200.00 submitted online at www.GayDayS.com. Cash and checks will not be accepted for the entrance fee. Entrance fee includes professional DVD of the entire pageant, and a professional action shot from the fashion walk category.
2. Applications must be submitted by email to Pageant@GayDayS.com in one single email.
 - a. Subject of email must include contestant stage name and Miss GayDayS® 2019 Pageant Application
 - b. Body of email must include date payment was made and the following attachments:
 - i. Application as one (1) multi-page PDF document
 - ii. Required photos as individual files
 - iii. Proof of on-line payment as one (1) single page PDF document
3. Applications and entrance fees are due by 10:00 pm EST on Sunday, July 6th, 2019. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.
4. By signing and submitting an application, candidates attest that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Miss GayDayS® 2019 Pageant.



ACCOMMODATIONS

1. The Wyndham Orlando Resort is the official host hotel for the 29th Anniversary celebration of GayDayS® Orlando 2019 and the Miss GayDayS® 2019 Pageant. The hotel is located at: 8001 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819
2. Reservations may be made online at www.GayDayS.com or by calling 888-942-9329.
3. It is *not required, but highly recommended* that all Miss GayDayS® 2019 Pageant contestants secure accommodations at The Wyndham Orlando Resort for the duration of the pageant. Contestants are responsible for the payment for their lodging accommodations.
 - a. Those not staying at the host hotel are required to be present for check-in, pageant meetings, and all pageant events and competitions.
 - b. Contestants not staying at the host hotel will also receive one parking pass for parking at the host hotel (based on availability of parking spaces).
4. GayDayS® will not provide travel accommodations for the Miss GayDayS® Pageant. Contestants are responsible for scheduling and payment for their own airfare or other transportation to the Miss GayDayS® Pageant. They are also responsible for any and all transportation expenses before, during, and after the Miss GayDayS® Pageant.

PAGEANT INFORMATION

1. Registration will take place Thursday, August 15th, 2019 from 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm at The Wyndham Orlando Resort. All contestant information will be verified, copies of all participant Identifications will be made, and information regarding location and time of the Mandatory Pageant Participant Meeting will be provided. Failure to register during registration period will result in disqualification.
2. Music must be submitted PRIOR TO REGISTRATION via pageant@gaydays.com. Please bring a back-up on USB clearly marked with contestant's name. Cassette tapes or CD's will not be accepted. Contestants who do not submit their music VIA EMAIL may be subject to scoring penalization. Backup USB Thumb Drives will be returned to contestants after the crowning of Miss GayDayS® 2019.
 - Track 1 – Themed Presentation Music
 - Track 2 – Talent with Swimsuit Music
3. Each contestant will be allotted twenty (20) minutes for individual rehearsal on Friday, August 16th. Rehearsals should be utilized for sound checks, blocking and lighting cues, familiarization with the performance space, and ensuring time restrictions are able to be met. Contestants should be well organized to best utilize the limited time provided and allow for the timing of required performances.



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4. The Miss GayDayS® Pageant will be held at The Wyndham Orlando Resort. The personal interviews will take place on Friday, August 16th, and will not be open to the public. However, interview video footage will be streamed LIVE on the official GayDayS® social media sites! The remaining categories will take place on Saturday, August 17th, 2019, beginning promptly at 6:30 pm, and the audience will be open to people of all ages. Call time for Friday’s pageant event is 4:30 pm. All contestants, performers, and other helpers must check-in with the Pageant Coordinator by 4:30 pm or may be subject to penalization.
 5. 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.
 6. This year’s theme is “BROADWAY!” Each of the twelve final contestants will present themselves in a fantastic Broadway style performance, whether it be solo or a small production. For inspiration, check out recent live performances for the Tony Awards Show. Each contestant must select a “BROADWAY” show at time of application to prevent any overlap.
 7. Judged Categories will be as follows:
 - a. **Personal Interview** – Up to 15 minutes in length. The showcase of “who you are as a person.” Contestants should interview in their everyday gender preference. Interviews will be streamed LIVE on official GayDayS® social media sites.
 - b. **Themed Presentation** – 2 minute time limit. The opportunity to introduce yourself, and your theme of “BROADWAY.”
 - c. **Talent & Swimwear** – 5 minute time limit with 2 minutes of setup and tear down times. An on-stage performance of your choice, including a “Swimwear” look.
 - d. **Fashion Walk & Evening Gown** – 1 minute time limit. The opportunity to present your elegance and poise in evening gown fashion incorporating **red**, the official color of GayDayS®, INC.
 - e. **Final On-Stage Question** – The opportunity to showcase your public speaking skills.

SCORING

1. Scoring for the Miss GayDayS® Pageant will cumulative. Judges will assign each contestant a score for each category based on their personal performance. Performances will be scored individually without comparison to other performances. With this scoring, more than one contestant may receive the same score.
2. Judging score allocation will be as follows:

a. Personal Interview	Maximum of 20 points per judge
b. Final Question & Answer	Maximum of 18 points per judge
c. Talent w/ Swimwear Look	Maximum of 16 points per judge
d. Themed Presentation	Maximum of 15 points per judge
e. Evening Gown featuring RED	Maximum of 14 points per judge



3. Administrative score allocation will be as follows:
 - a. Administrative Points Maximum of 50 points
 - i. All contestants will begin the competition with 25 Administrative points. Points may be gained for a maximum of 50 points or removed to a minimum of 0 points at the discretion of the Creative Director of Entertainment and Pageant Coordinator.
 - ii. Administrative points may be gained by attending and interacting at official GayDayS® events throughout the week, to be given by GayDayS® Directors Steve Erics or the owners of GayDayS®, INC Chris and Tommy Manley.
 - iii. Documentation of all penalties or gained administrative points will be maintained by the Pageant Coordinator. All penalties will be consistent throughout the competition.

AWARDS & EXPECTATIONS

1. Prizes are as follows:
 - a. Winner:
 - i. Cash prize: \$1,850.00 (\$900 paid after crowning, \$950 paid at the end of contractual obligations)
 - ii. A professional action shot from the fashion walk category (for EACH contestant)
 - iii. Flight and accommodations for GayDayS® Orlando 2020.
 - iv. Flight, accommodations, and booking fee of \$125 for additional GayDayS® events, prides, and festivals (notice will be provided at least 30 days prior to booking).
 - b. Runner Up:
 - i. Cash prize: \$250.00
2. GayDayS®, Inc. requires the Miss GayDayS® titleholder to sign a contract with GayDayS®, Inc. prior to the disbursement of any prize money. Refusal or failure to sign contract will result in forfeiture of title and all prize money.

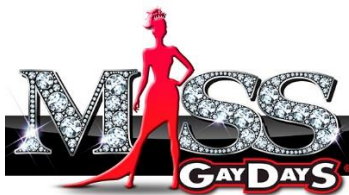
Schedule of Pageant Events

March 1st, 2019 – Friday

9:00 AM Pageant Application Submissions Open

July 6th, 2019 – Sunday

10:00 PM Application Submissions Close



August 15th, 2019 – Thursday (All events will take place at The Wyndham Orlando Resort)

1:00PM – 1:30PM	Contestant Registration & Fill Out Paperwork
1:45PM	Mandatory Contestant Meeting
6:00PM – 9:00PM	Taste of GayDayS® – Contestants are to appear in full face with a 6:30 PM call.

August 16th, 2019 – Friday

REHEARSALS

12:00PM – 12:20PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #1
12:25PM – 12:45PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #2
12:50PM – 1:10PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #3
1:15PM – 1:35PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #4
1:40PM – 2:00PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #5
2:05PM – 2:25PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #6
2:30PM – 2:50PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #7
2:55PM – 3:15PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #8
3:20PM – 3:40PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #9
3:45PM – 4:05PM	Talent Rehearsal	Contestant #10

** Talent Rehearsals are scheduled for a maximum of 20 minutes with a 5 minute break between rehearsals. Rehearsal time will begin and end promptly on schedule

INTERVIEWS

4:00PM – 4:15PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #1
4:20PM – 4:35PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #2
4:40PM – 4:55PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #3
5:00PM – 5:15PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #4
5:20PM – 5:35PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #5
5:40PM – 5:55PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #6
6:00PM – 6:15PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #7
6:20PM – 6:35PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #8
6:40PM – 6:55PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #9
7:00PM – 7:15PM	Personal Interview	Contestant #10

** Personal Interviews are scheduled for a maximum of 15 minutes with a 5 minute break between contestants. Interviews will also be streamed LIVE on official GayDayS® social media sites.



August 17th, 2019 - Saturday

4:30 PM	Pageant Call Time
6:00 PM	Doors Open to Public
6:30 PM	Pageant & Crowning of Miss GayDayS® 2019
10:00 PM	Pageant Commences

August 17th, 2019 - Saturday

TBD	Miss GayDayS® 2019 Winner's Performance During Saturday Night Pool Party
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Schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the President or Creative Director of Entertainment of GayDayS®, or the Miss GayDayS® Pageant Coordinator. Any changes will be promptly communicated to contestants and made available in writing.