



CONTESTANT
APPLICATION
PACKET

Greetings, and welcome to Cosmopolitan Pageantry, Inc. (CPI). Following is the contestant application package, which will provide you with all the information pertaining to the **Mr. & Miss. Cosmopolitan Pageant**.

CATEGORIES

The **Mr. & Miss. Cosmopolitan Pageant** will have the following categories: (1) *Presentation - DYOT*, (2) *Sportswear*, (3) *Formal Wear / Evening Gown*, (4) *Talent*, and (5) *Question & Answer (Q&A)*.

Presentation - DYOT

The presentation theme is “Do Your Own Thing” (DYOT) with the colors representing the CPI Pageantry system (i.e., red, white, and black). As such, you can select to wear an outfit with either one of these colors, or a combination of two or more of these colors. This category will be three (3) minutes in duration, and contestants will be required to provide their own music selection for this category. During this category, each contestant will be required to introduce themselves to the judges and audience.

As previously stated, each contestant will have a total of three (3) minutes for this category, with an additional one (1) minute for set up of props and one (1) minute for breakdown of props, if applicable. We suggest that you do your best for each category, however, this category is particularly important as it will be the first category of the evening. It will set the tone for your personal level of competition and will allow you the opportunity to stand out from the other contestants. ***Please note that glitter, water or fire will NOT be permitted on the stage for any category.*** This category will be worth a total of 300 points, according to the following allocation:

<i>Subcategory</i>	<i>Possible Points</i>
Appearance (i.e., Was contestant’s appearance appropriate for this category? How was contestant’s makeup, hair, shoes and other accessories?)	75
Adherence to Theme (i.e., Did the contestant properly adhere to the presentation theme?)	50
Effect (i.e., Was the contestant’s presentation effective and unique? Was contestant’s music selection appropriate for their presentation? Were you impressed with the contestant’s presentation?)	75
Value (i.e., Did the presentation concept appear to be well thought out, or did it appear to be thrown together with minimal effort? Did the contestant properly model their presentation? Did the audience like the contestant’s presentation?)	100

Sportswear

The Sportswear category allows you to be as traditional or trendy as you dare while impressing the judges with your attire and modeling. There is no theme associated with this category, and music will be provided. ***Please note that glitter, water or fire will NOT be permitted on the stage for any category.*** This category will be worth a total of 200 points, according to the following allocation:

<i>Subcategory</i>	<i>Possible Points</i>
Appearance (i.e., Was contestant's appearance appropriate for this category? How was contestant's makeup, hair, shoes and other accessories?)	60
Modeling (i.e., Did the contestant properly model their runway fashion? Was the modeling confident, smooth and flowing? Did contestant lose any accessories, or drop any props?)	60
Value (i.e., Did contestant's sportswear stand out from the others? Did you like the contestant's sportswear? Did the audience like the contestant's sportswear? If props were utilized, were they appropriate and professional?)	80

Formal Wear / Evening Gown

The Formal Wear / Evening Gown category allows you to present either traditional or creative attire for the judges and audience. There is no theme associated with this category, and music will be provided. ***Please note that glitter, water or fire will NOT be permitted on the stage for any category.*** This category will be worth a total of 200 points, according to the following allocation:

<i>Subcategory</i>	<i>Possible Points</i>
Appearance (i.e., Was contestant's appearance appropriate for this category? How was contestant's makeup, hair, shoes and other accessories?)	60
Modeling (i.e., Did the contestant properly model their formal wear / evening gown? Was the modeling confident, smooth and flowing? Did contestant lose any accessories, or drop any props?)	60
Value (i.e., Did contestant's formal wear / evening gown stand out from the others? Did you like the contestant's sportswear? Did the audience like the contestant's sportswear? If props were utilized, were they appropriate and professional?)	80

Talent

The talent category is important because it is the category with the highest point value. As such, it is imperative that you select an appropriate talent selection. Although solo talents are acceptable, they are not encouraged due to the high point value. You will be judged on each aspect of your talent (i.e., appearance, outfits, choreography, etc.) Of course, contestants will be required to provide their own music selection for this category. Each contestant will have a total of seven (7) minutes for this category, with an additional two (2) minutes for set up of props and two (2) minutes for breakdown of props, if applicable.

This category will be worth a total of 400 points, according to the following allocation:

<i>Subcategory</i>	<i>Possible Points</i>
Appearance (i.e., Was contestant's and/or backup dancers' appearance appropriate for this category? How was contestant's makeup, hair, shoes and other accessories?)	50
Execution (i.e., How was the contestant's and/or backup dancers' lip synch? Was talent selection appropriate for a pageant, or was it similar to a bar show selection? Did contestant appear confident and command your attention during the talent selection?)	150
Choreography (i.e., How was the contestant's choreography? Did contestant lose any accessories, or drop any props during talent selection?)	100
Entertainment Value (i.e., Did contestant's talent stand out from the others? Did you like the contestant's talent selection? Did the audience like the contestant's talent selection?)	100

On-Stage Question

The final category is On-Stage Question, is for the five contestant who have accumulated the highest accumulated score from the four previous categories. This will allow the judges to assess your ability to effectively communicate with an audience. Each contestant will be given a unique question and will have the opportunity to read the question prior to it being asked by the commentator. It is our intent to select relevant questions for this category pertaining to trending social topics, pageantry, and/or the LGBT community.

This category will be worth a total of 100 points, according to the following allocation:

<i>Subcategory</i>	<i>Possible Points</i>
Appearance (i.e., Was contestant dressed appropriately for this category? If applicable, how was contestant's makeup, hair, and accessories?)	25
Ability to Speak (i.e., Did the contestant answer the question that was asked? Were the contestant's answers clear and concise? Did contestant's answer appear genuine, sincere and realistic? Did the contestant excessively stutter and/or ramble?)	75

PRIZES & AWARDS

Both Winners (i.e., ***Mr. & Ms. Cosmopolitan***) will each receive the following prizes and awards:

- \$1,500 that evening during the crowning ceremony
- \$300 at the subsequent pageant when they relinquish their titles
- Quarterly stipends of \$250 (i.e., on or before the 15th of the following months: January, April, July and October.
- A professional photo shoot (i.e., the photo shoot will be scheduled for the day after the pageant; please be prepared to take 3 different formal photos with the colors representing the CPI Pageantry system [i.e., red, white, and black]).

In addition, the winner of ***Miss. Cosmopolitan*** will also receive a crown and a sash, while the winner of ***Mr. Cosmopolitan*** will also receive a medallion and a sash.

Both 1st Alternates will receive a cash prize of \$400.

Both 2nd Alternates will receive a free paid entry fee if they should decide to compete for the subsequent year's ***Mr. & Miss. Cosmopolitan Pageant***.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- The entry fee for the ***Mr. & Miss. Cosmopolitan Pageant*** is \$300. This fee is due at registration.
- Each contestant is allowed one dresser for free. Each additional assistant will be required to purchase a ticket to the pageant for admission (i.e., additional dressers, makeup artists, hair stylists, backup dancers, etc.).
- Each contestant will be required to submit a labeled flash drive at registration with their two tracks (i.e., one track for *Presentation*, and one track for *Talent*). Although it is not required, we suggest that you have two copies of the flash drive available in case you misplace or lose the original flash drive.
- Contestants will be docked 25 administrative points for being late or violating any category rules included herein.

EXPECTATIONS

Each pageantry system has expectations of their representatives, and listed below are the minimum expectations of the winners of ***Mr. & Ms. Cosmopolitan***:

- The ***Cosmopolitan Pageantry System*** plans to expand this year, by starting a preliminary system. As such, we expect the winners to seek the promotion of someone to sponsor at least one preliminary. For informational purposes, the promoters of the ***Cosmopolitan Pageantry System*** will assist you in your efforts, however, we expect you to take the initiative in this endeavor. There will also be a financial incentive provided for each prelim that you are responsible for starting.
- We expect you to positively and continuously promote the pageant throughout your reign. For informational purposes, there will also be a financial incentive awarded for each national pageant in which you present yourself and the ***Mr. & Miss. Cosmopolitan Pageant*** on stage.
- We expect you to actively promote the ***Cosmopolitan Pageantry System*** on various social media platforms, while refraining from making any negative posts that would potentially denigrate yourself and/or the ***Cosmopolitan Pageantry System***.