

The Official

Miss Gay America & Miss Gay America Femme Handbook

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Overview

The handbook provides the rules, regulations, and guidelines for both the Miss Gay America and Miss Gay America Femme pageantry systems. It emphasizes the importance of adherence to these standards for maintaining fairness and professionalism.

The handbook applies to all parties involved in both systems, with the primary difference between divisions being eligibility requirements. Any reference to the word crown will also apply to the tiara. Any reference to the word character applies to the onstage and/or drag persona.

Responsibility Summary

The primary function of the Miss Gay America titleholder is to positively promote the official Miss Gay America pageant. The titleholder is expected to behave in a professional manner both onstage and offstage and uphold the tradition of being a "Symbol of Excellence."

As the responsibility of the Miss Gay America titleholder is in and of itself a full-time position with 2 Queens and a Princess, LLC, it is understood that while reigning, the titleholder acknowledges that the responsibility of promoting and entertaining on behalf of the official Miss Gay America Pageant is to be a priority.

Miss Gay America Eligibility Requirements

- Government-issued photo ID required at all pageant levels (driver's license, state ID, passport, or military ID).
- State and Regional residency: 90-day residency required for closed-state and limited regional pageants.
- Contestants must be 21 years of age. No exceptions.
- Must be a legal U.S. resident with valid tax ID or SSN.
- Contestants must identify as a cisgender man, transgender man, AMAB nonbinary individual, or AFAB trans-masculine nonbinary individual.
- Hormone therapy is not allowed except for medically-necessary testosterone therapy.
- Criminal status will be verified. Active felony proceedings disqualify contestants.
- Once qualified for Miss Gay America, contestants may not compete in another preliminary that season for a state or regional title.

Miss Gay America Femme Eligibility Requirements

- Government-issued photo ID required at all levels.
- 90-day residency required for closed-state and limited regional pageants.
- Contestants must be 21 years of age. No exceptions.
- Must be a legal U.S. resident with valid tax ID or SSN.
- Contestants may identify as a cisgender female, transgender female, or AMAB/AFAB trans-feminine, bigender, or agender nonbinary individual.
- Feminizing gender-affirming surgery and cross-sex hormone therapy are neither required nor prohibited.
- Criminal status will be verified.

Recompeting for a Title

- General Rule: Winning a title typically bars you from re-entering that specific competition.
- Regional Titles (New Ownership): You may re-compete if the pageant is under new ownership and at least two years have passed since your win.
- City Titles: You may re-compete after two years regardless of ownership, provided you have not yet won the state title.
- State Titles: Once you win a state pageant, you are permanently ineligible to compete for that state title again.
- National Titles: Winners of Miss Gay America are permanently barred from competing at any level of Miss Gay America again.

Code of Conduct & Social Media Policy

All participants commit to upholding professional standards at all times. Representatives must always present themselves professionally, ensuring their conduct, wardrobe, and entertainment epitomize the organization's excellence.

Titleholders and contestants are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of professionalism, whether in or out of character. This includes avoiding public rants, refraining from online bullying, and ensuring one does not purposefully instigate unnecessary drama.

Attire & Crown Protocol

Miss Gay America must maintain a professional appearance at all times. Business Casual is required for registration and Personal Interviews at a minimum.

- Crown & Tiara Protocol: The crown must be worn for all public appearances, including ballads, mingling, event entrances, and while observing from the audience.
- Only National Miss and Femme division winners may wear the tiara.
- Padding: Both breast and hip pads are mandatory for the Miss division.
- Nails: False fingernails are required for the Miss division.
- Hosiery must be worn in the traditional manner.

Categories of Competition

All city, state, and regional preliminaries must include all four core categories:

- Personal Interview (30% weight)
- Evening Gown (20% weight)
- On-Stage Question (10% weight)
- Talent (40% weight)

Each judge awards a maximum of 100 points per category, split into four subcategories worth 25 points each.

