



Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc.

584 Castro Street, PMB 469 – San Francisco, CA 94114-2512

Mr., Miss, Ms., & Mx. Gay San Francisco Pageant Application 2021-2022

Applicant for (check one): [] Mr. Gay OR [] Miss Gay OR [] Ms. Gay OR [] Mx. Gay

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Tel: _____ Email: _____

Employed by: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Contestant name (if different from above): _____

The following information will be used as introduction, program, or publicity material. You may supply us with facts or leave blank. Please use the reverse side of this application to provide additional information about you.

State/Country of Origin: _____ How long in the Bay Area? _____

Type of work do you do? _____

Hobbies / Special Interests: _____

Status: [] Single [] Married [] Looking [] All three Other: _____

Favorite Charity(ies): _____

Any personal comments you would like to have read during the *Evening Wear* segment? It can be serious or funny or about what you would do if you won Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mx. Gay San Francisco.

By submission of this application and \$100 non-refundable entry fee to become a qualified contestant for the title of Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mx. Gay San Francisco, I acknowledge that I have read the attached Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. (Please keep a copy of the rules and application for your records.)

Applications are due no later than **Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 7:30pm PDT** to Board Chairperson, Misty Blue, at ICSF1965Chairperson@gmail.com.

A brief video conference call will be scheduled by the Board Chairperson to review rules, regulations, and eligibility with each applicant.

Signed this _____ day of (month) _____ 20_____

Applicant Signature: _____

**RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CONTESTANTS FOR THE TITLES OF
MR., MISS, MS., & MX. GAY SAN FRANCISCO**

Applicant Qualifications:

1. Must be gainfully employed or be financially independent with financial stability.
2. Must be a legal resident of the United States, at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and a resident of either San Francisco, Marin, or San Mateo county prior to the Application deadline date set by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. or its authorized agents (Pageant Co-Chairs; Coordinators.) Proof of residency and minimum age are required.
3. There will be no restriction as to who may submit an application for any office, except that if a contestant withdraws from the contest, they must do so in writing to the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. or its authorized agents. Upon notification of withdrawal, the contestant may not re-enter the contest. In addition, any past titleholders must have successfully completed their reign in order to be eligible to submit an application for a new title in the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc.
4. The successful contestant for any office must host one charity fundraiser individually, **and** one charity fundraiser jointly as Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay during the year of their reign as a pre-requisite to the completion of their reign. They are encouraged to host more than one charity fundraiser during their reign(s) but must seek approval from the Reigning Emperor and Empress and the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. prior to any public announcement, printed or verbal. They must coordinate potential date(s) of fundraisers so as not to conflict with any court or major events in town.
5. The successful contestant who attains any title must maintain their residency within the domain of the Imperial Court of San Francisco (San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo and those other counties as may be added to the Imperial Court of San Francisco) during the term of their reign.
 - (a) If a reigning titleholder must relocate outside of the domain as specified herein due to job requirements or for other reasons of a personal nature, the titleholder must notify the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. as to when such relocation will occur. The Council may allow the individual to retain their title if (1) they have completed their charity fundraising requirements, and (2) they return to step down as the reigning Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mx. Gay when notified.
 - (b) If a reigning titleholder (1) resigns their title due to personal reasons, or for the purposes of entering into a competition for another title within the court or any other organization, (2) is removed from office by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc., (3) abandons their office for unknown reasons, or (4) is unable to complete their reign due to death, the Council may at its discretion offer the title and unexpired term to the first runner up of the contest for that particular title or they may declare it vacant for the duration of the term. Further, the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. may choose to keep the title intact and not declare it vacant but leave it as though the titleholder were present through the end of their reign.

Contestant Requirements & Contest Rules:

1. The Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay San Francisco Pageant will be held on **Saturday, October 9, 2021, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm PDT**. The pageant will be a live and streamed event, available both in person attendees and to viewers via social media (Zoom or Twitch.) The contestants will attend a live, in-person Q&A Session with Formal Wear Segment and Crowning at the event location. All applicants must show proof of vaccination. Social distancing and other safety protocols will be followed. Each contestant is to provide a brief description of their Formal Wear to be read during this segment.
2. The contest is based upon a pageant format with Olympic scoring.
3. Each potential contestant must submit an application accompanied by a **cashier's check** or **money order** in the amounts of \$100 entry fee payable to **The Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc.**
*Applicants can also contact the court treasurer to pay via credit card, contact: Emperor Terrill Grimes, ICSF1965Treasurer or (916) 470-8297.

Also, a 5" x 7" **digital** photograph in electronic format (.jpg, .gif, or similar) of the contestant must be submitted with the application for inclusion into the evening's program. Each potential contestant must submit an **electronic** copy of their biography with their application, to be read during the pageant. Photograph should be included with application sent to Board Chairperson, Misty Blue, at ICSF1965Chairperson@gmail.com.
4. Contestants must be available for the Interview portion of the contest at 4:00 pm on the pageant day, Saturday, October 9th, 2021.
5. Contestants will be judged at the pageant in four categories: *Interview, Creative Costume, Formal Evening Attire, and Talent*. Each of the four categories will be worth 25% of the total score.
6. Each contestant is offered the option of creating and submitting video to use either *IN* their Talent Performance (to enhance a live performance) or *AS* their Talent Performance (in lieu of performing live.) If video use is desired:
 - a) The video should be a maximum of 5 minutes. It must be submitted in Mp4 format and 720 HD, 1080p Full HD (preferred), or 4k UHD resolution to ensure consistent quality.
 - b) Video submission should be sent via wetransfer.com to ICSF1965Secretary@gmail.com **by 7:30 PM Saturday, October 2nd, 2021.**
 - c) Contact ICSF1965Secretary@gmail.com or the pageant committee (David Lassman, Pollo Del Mar, Mercedes Munro, or Cameron Stiehl) with video submission questions.
7. Upon acceptance of each contestant by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc., or its authorized agents, the contestant will sign this agreement to abide by the Rules & Regulations as set forth herein.
8. Each contestant acknowledges that the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. and its authorized agents have complete authority over the contest and have sole responsibility for the enforcement of these rules and regulations.
9. Miss and Ms. Gay San Francisco contestants must appear in female attire and clean-shaven at any officially sponsored events.
10. Mr. Gay San Francisco contestants must appear in male attire at any officially sponsored events.
11. Mx. Gay San Francisco contestants may appear in their chosen gender expression attire at any officially sponsored events.

12. The decision of the panel of Judges is final.

Other Rules/Requirements:

13. The titles of Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay San Francisco are owned by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. These titleholders become members of the reigning court and walk after the appointed members of the court, prior to the cabinet members and the reigning Emperor and Empress. When the reigning Emperor and Empress complete their reign, the reigning Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay will become members of the new reigning court. Upon completion of their reign as Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay, they will become members of the Imperial Family of San Francisco, have the year of their reign appended to their title and will walk in numerical sequence with all former Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gays, i.e., 1974, 1975, 1976 et cetera, with the most recent year walking last amongst that group.
14. All monies collected as a result of charity fundraisers throughout the year of the reigns of Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay San Francisco must be turned over **only** to the Treasurer or a member of the Board of Directors of the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc., or an authorized agent as approved by said Council.

Job Description and Rules:

The pageant winners of the positions of Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay of San Francisco are representatives of the Imperial Court of San Francisco and the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. a California non-profit public benefit corporation. Once selected by the panel of judges to any of these positions/offices, Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay San Francisco will represent all aspects of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) and other sexual orientation/gender minority communities. In addition to being representatives of the Imperial Court of San Francisco, a key part of the job is to promote: (a) their specific office through attendance at various in-town and out-of-town events; (b) the imperial court and the court system; and (c) unity within the communities that they serve. Other than the required fundraisers, the titleholders may directly raise money for charity together or separately through events that they produce with prior approval from the reigning Emperor & Empress and the Board of Directors of the Imperial Council of San Francisco or assist the reigning monarchs, the court, or other reigning titleholders of the court.

1. As selected (pageant winners) representatives, the Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay San Francisco, when representing their title or court, must appear in the appropriate attire of their office and exhibit proper conduct and decorum. The Imperial Court System is based upon the European nobility, with its heads of state and courtiers.
2. The positions of Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay San Francisco are voluntary therefore, are not paid for appearances, attendance, or services. As representatives of a non-profit organization, no individual is compensated for the work that they perform for the organization. *Note:* Members of the Imperial Council, the Councils of Emperors or Empresses, and the Imperial Family are not compensated for any services that they may perform on behalf of or for the corporation.
3. The titles of Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay San Francisco cannot be used in the promotion of any event in which the titleholders are being monetarily compensated. This does not prohibit the individual from participation, it just means that the title of Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mx. Gay San Francisco cannot be used in any promotional material be it printed media, electronic media, or by verbal means (announcements at other events over the public address system or at the venue where the event is to take place.) This also includes the introduction of said individual or individuals during the event.
 - The titles of Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco are not to be used for direct or indirect personal financial gain.

- The titles of Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco cannot be used to promote non-charitable events.
- The titles of Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco cannot be used to promote any political party or candidate for political office.

Note: As a non-profit charitable organization, the IRC and California Non-Profit Corporation rules prohibit the endorsement of a political party or candidate for political office. A non-profit may endorse a non-partisan issue on a ballot, as in the case of the Imperial Court, such issues that relate to discrimination of sexual minorities.

- This rule also applies to all reigning titleholders of the Imperial Court of San Francisco.

Note: As a private citizen, any individual may endorse any political party or candidate for political office or partisan initiative. However, the titles that are owned by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. cannot be used as part of that endorsement.

5. The Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco titleholders are required to attend all Imperial Court related in-town state events, and stay for the entire length of the event, as follows:
- (a) Imperial Gala and candidate introductions for Emperor and Empress
 - (b) Coronation Ball
 - (c) Any event sponsored by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. and the Imperial Court of San Francisco
 - (d) Be present and participate with The Imperial Council of San Francisco 2022 SF Pride Celebration Parade Float contingent and, afterwards, participate as an Imperial Council of San Francisco SF Pride Community Partners Gate Volunteer.
 - (e) The 2022 Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco Pageant, culmination of their reign, and any shows scheduled to promote said pageant.
 - (f) Titleholders are encouraged to participate as Gate Volunteer for Castro Street Fair and Community Partner Volunteer at Folsom Street Fair with the Imperial Court of San Francisco.

Note: Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco may at their option, and in a gesture of goodwill, attend the coronation event for the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of San Francisco. This is not a required event.

Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco should coordinate their calendars to give appropriate representation of their court and title at significant in-town events to promote goodwill and support by the imperial court, interest of the sponsoring organization, and the court's main purpose of charitable fundraising. When scheduling future commitments, the reigning Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco are encouraged to consult with the monarchs of the Imperial Court to ascertain that those commitments do not conflict with the required state events.

6. Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco are to show due respect to all San Francisco monarchs during the year of their reign.
7. Any crown or medallion or symbol that denotes the office of Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco cannot be worn by anyone else, regardless of the relationship, during the reign. Also, any emblems of office such as crowns or sashes cannot be worn by any un-selected individual during or after the reign of the Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco titleholders.
8. The Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco titleholders **cannot handle any type of financial instrument, i.e. money or checks, during the year of their reign. This also includes setting up online sales and fundraisers.** This is to protect these individuals from any allegations of financial mismanagement. The Imperial Council of San Francisco's treasurer, member of the Treasury Committee,

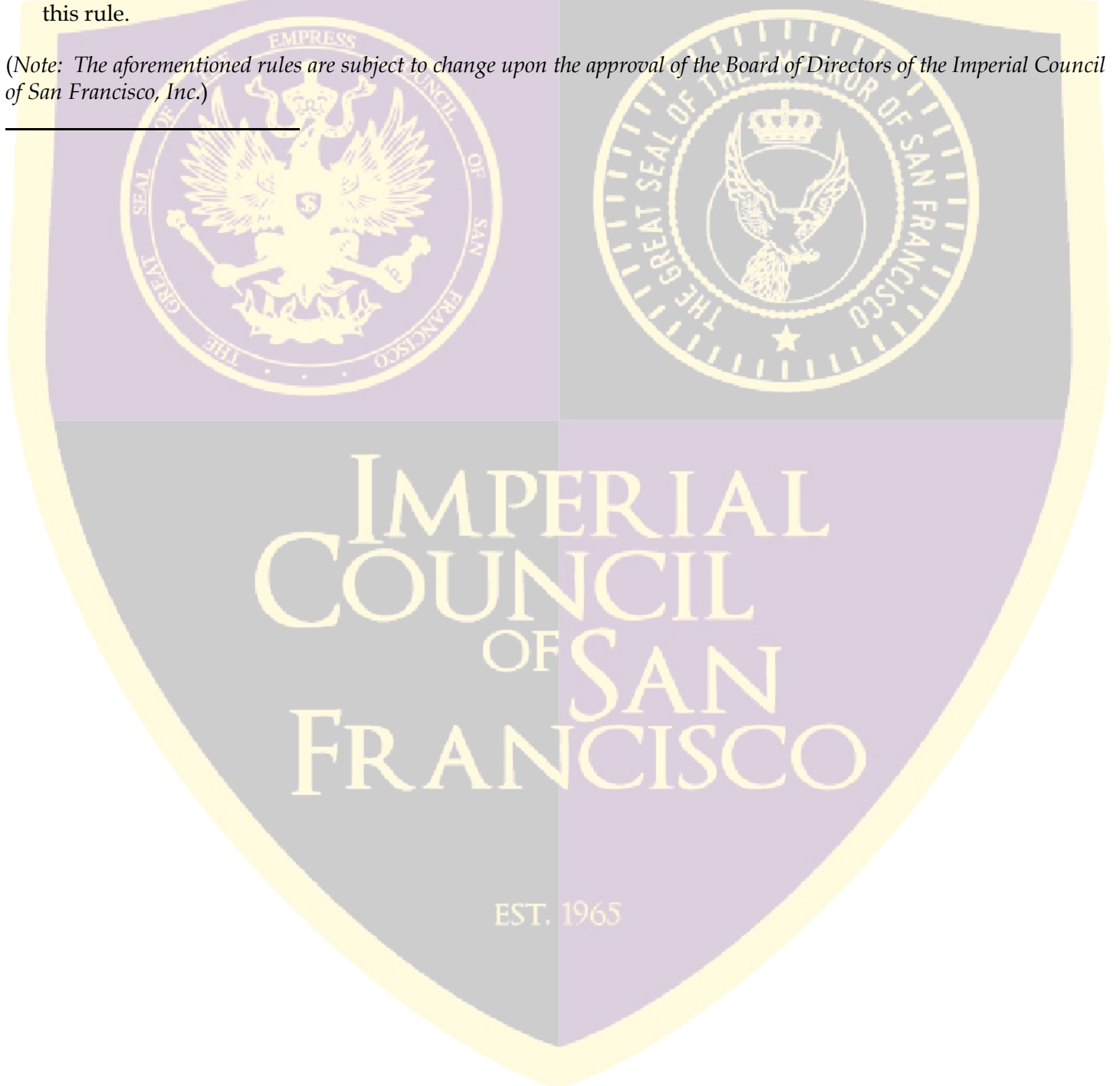
appointed member of the Board of Directors, or the Court treasurer are the only authorized individuals who can handle money on behalf of the reigning titleholders.

9. Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco cannot enter into any contractual agreement or execute instruments of any kind that would indebt themselves as titleholders or the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. or the Imperial Court of San Francisco. All contracts are to be reviewed by the Co-Chairs of the Imperial Council, approved by the Board of Directors of said organization, and then executed by the Co-Chairs of that organization.
 - i. Personal contracts that do not have recourse against the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. or any entities under them are excluded from this rule.
10. Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco can and are encouraged to raise money for only 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit charitable organizations during the year of their reign. (*See actual requirement, item #4 under Applicant Qualifications*) They may, at their option, designate principal charities that they would like to raise money for throughout their reign, but they are not limited to those charities. This designation does not include the step-down event that is produced by the Imperial Council along with the reigning Emperor and Empress of San Francisco.
 - i. All recipient charities should have a representative at the charitable event or events that are being held to raise money for them.
 - ii. All recipient charities should have a representative at the pageant to accept the disbursement check.
 - iii. Any money raised for a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose name has been advertised on any promotions such as posters and fliers, has to go to that charity.
 - iv. There are occasions that a charity is in immediate need of funds whereby they cannot wait until the pageant to receive their portion of funds raised on their behalf by the reigning titleholders. In these situations, under instructions from the reigning titleholders, the treasurer of the Imperial Council will write a disbursement check to that specific charity for their portion of the fundraiser once all funds have been accounted for and cleared the bank.
 - v. On no occasion is the charity or charities allowed to take any money raised at an event sponsored by the reigning titleholders or the Court. All money and checks must be deposited into the Imperial Council's bank account for clearing and then a disbursement check is written once all funds have cleared.
 - vi. Expenses incurred for the production of charity fundraisers or events that are held in-town for and by the reigning titleholders and court are reimbursable at cost and must be supported with receipts and submitted via an expense voucher to the Treasurer of the Imperial Council. Expenses for the promotion of the event such as print media, raffle prizes, tickets, decorations, and transportation costs if a rental vehicle is needed to transport stage, sets, or sound equipment are reimbursable. Personal costuming or personal transportation is not reimbursable. Such allowed expenses are deducted from the proceeds of the fundraiser and net proceeds will then be designated for the charity or charities.
 - a. The reigning Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court of San Francisco must first approve any event that is produced by the reigning titleholders. It must also be approved by the Imperial Council of San Francisco Inc. Board of Directors.

- b. A budget for an event that requires reimbursement must be submitted to the treasurer of the Imperial Council of San Francisco after being approved by the reigning Emperor and Empress. Only those items listed on the budget are reimbursable.

11. Upon the successful selection to the office of Mr., Miss, Ms., and/or Mx. Gay San Francisco, the successful contestant must resign, or take a leave of absence for the year of their reign, from any and all positions held on any board or within any organization that he/she/they holds as an officer or director that could affect the direction of either organization based upon their selected position with the Imperial Court of San Francisco. Honorary positions that have no voting powers or fiduciary responsibility are excluded from this rule.

(Note: The aforementioned rules are subject to change upon the approval of the Board of Directors of the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc.)



CONTESTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____ have read and understand the
Rules & Regulations for Contestants for the Titles of Mr., Miss, Ms., and Mx. Gay of San Francisco as set forth
by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. I agree to abide by said rules.

Signed this _____ Day of _____ Two Thousand _____, CE

Applicant Signature

Authorized Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. Witness

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