



Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc.

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

Mr. and Miss Gay San Francisco Pageant Application 2017-2018

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Tel/H: _____ Tel/W: _____

Employed by: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Contestant name (if different from above): _____

The following information will be used as introduction material, program or publicity. 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 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. or Miss Gay San Francisco.

By submission of this application and \$200 fee (\$100.00 entry fee and the \$100.00 refundable cleaning deposit) to become a qualified contestant for the title of either Mr. or Miss Gay San Francisco, I acknowledge that I have read the attached Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by it. (Please keep a copy of the rules and application for your records.)

Signed this _____ day of (month) _____ 20____

Applicant Signature: _____

**RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CONTESTANTS FOR THE TITLES OF
MR. GAY SAN FRANCISCO & MISS 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 counties of San Francisco, Marin or San Mateo prior to the Application deadline date set by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. or its authorized agents (Pageant Co-Chairs; Coordinators) for either title. Proof of residency and minimum age is required.
3. There will be no restriction as to who may submit an application for either 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.
4. The successful contestant for either office must host one charity fundraiser individually, **and** one charity fundraiser jointly as Mr. Gay and Miss 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 either 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 they have; (1) completed their charity fundraising requirements, and (2) that they return to step down as the reigning Mr. Gay or Miss 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) through 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 unexpired term. Further, the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc., may choose to remain 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 contest is based upon a pageant format with Olympic scoring.
2. Each potential contestant must submit an application (attached) accompanied by a **cashier's check** or **money order** in the amounts of \$200. (\$100.00 for contestant entry fee and \$100 refundable cleaning) deposit payable to *The Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc.* Also, a 5" x 7" **digital** photograph in electronic format (.jpg et cetera) 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 may be emailed to Board Secretary, Absolute Empress XLIX Misty Blue at mistybluesf@gmail.com.
3. The applicant agrees to appear at an oral interview with the judges prior to the pageant. The interview with the contestant will be held the day of the pageant between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. You will be contacted by the contestant coordinator(s) during the week prior to the interview to inform you of the location and time. The attire can be casual.
4. In addition to the interview, contestants will be judged at the pageant in four categories: *Creative Costume; Formal Evening Attire, Talent and Question and Answer Segment*. Each of the four categories will be worth 25% of the total score. Prior to the pageant, the contestant will need to prepare and submit a written description of both their Creative Costume and Evening Wear.
5. The contestant's talent portion can either be a solo or group presentation. All talent presentations must be on a high quality CD-R, labeled with your name and contestant number on the CD-R. A back-up CD-R will be required should your original be destroyed or misplaced. **ALL** presentations are limited to five (5) minutes and will be timed. Any presentation going over the allotted time will have one point deducted for every five (5) **seconds** over the allotted time limit. In addition, set-up and break-down of any sets, props, costumes, et cetera used for their talent presentation are limited to 2 minutes set-up and 2 minutes break-down. Prop set-up and break-down is not included in the 5 minute limit contestants are allowed for the talent competition. **It will be the responsibility of the contestant to remove from the premises any sets, props, costumes, et cetera used for their talent presentation or any other segment of the pageant. The use of confetti, glitter, streamers or any other type of material that may create a maintenance problem is not allowed and use of these materials will result in forfeiture of cleaning deposit. The use of fire, fireworks, and the exhibition of bare breasts or buttocks is also not allowed.**
 - a. Each contestant can purchase up to 4 Tickets to the pageant at the cost of \$10 per ticket for the sole use of group participants in the talent portion presentation. Additional participants will need to pay full admission cost.
 - b. A refundable \$100 cleaning deposit is required that is to be submitted when the application is turned in. This deposit is to cover the cost of removal of any props or sets that are left behind by the contestant. All deposits will be refunded 30 days after the Mr. & Miss Gay Pageant.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Miss Gay contestants must appear in female attire and clean-shaven at any officially sponsored events.

9. Mr. Gay contestants must appear in male attire at any officially sponsored events.
10. The decision of the panel of Judges is final.
11. Each contestant will be given one (1) ticket for his or her personal admission into the pageant.
12. Application deadline is **6pm to 8pm, Monday October 2nd** to the Chairman, John Carrillo, or designated member of the Board of Directors, at The Lookout SF 3600 16th Street, San Francisco, CA. If the applicant wishes to turn in their application prior to the deadline they may contact the Chairman, via email to jacsfl@aol.com to make arrangements.
13. The Mr. and Ms Gay San Francisco Pageant will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 4:00pm (doors open) and pageant starts at 5pm to 8:00pm. The pageant will take place at The Arc 180 Eleven, 180 Eleventh Street @ Folsom, San Francisco, CA 94103. There will be limited rehearsal time at Arc afforded to the contestants. You will need to schedule a rehearsal time with Contestant Coordinator David Lassman via email at davidinsf2000@aol.com or via phone at 415-794-3675. The time frame will be between 2:00pm and 3:00pm on the day of the pageant with a time limit of 5 minutes.

Other Rules/Requirements:

14. The titles of Mr. Gay San Francisco and Miss Gay San Francisco are owned by the Imperial Council of San Francisco, Inc. They 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. Gay and Miss Gay will become members of the new reigning court. Upon completion of their reign as Mr. Gay and Miss 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. Gays and Miss Gays, i.e., 1974, 1975, 1976 et cetera, with the most recent year walking last amongst that group.
15. All monies collected as a result of charity fundraisers throughout the year of the reigns of Mr. Gay and Miss Gay 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, positions of the office of Mr. Gay and Miss 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 either of these positions / offices, the Mr. Gay and Miss Gay represent all aspects of the Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual / Transgender (LGBT), and other sexual 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 fundraiser, 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. Gay San Francisco and Miss 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. Gay San Francisco and Miss Gay San Francisco are voluntary therefore, are not paid for their 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. Gay San Francisco and Miss Gay San Francisco cannot be used in the promotion of any event that the titleholders are being monetarily compensated. This does not prohibit the individual from participation, it just means that the title of Mr. Gay San Francisco or Miss Gay San Francisco cannot be used in any promotional material be it printed, 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). It also includes the introduction of said individual or individuals during the event.
 - The titles of Mr. Gay San Francisco or Miss Gay San Francisco are not to be used for direct or indirect personal financial gain
 - The titles of Mr. Gay San Francisco or Miss Gay San Francisco cannot be used to promote non-charitable events
 - The titles of Mr. Gay San Francisco or Miss 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, 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.

[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. Gay San Francisco and Miss Gay San Francisco 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 2018 SF Pride Celebration Parade Float contingent and after participate as an Imperial Council of San Francisco SF Pride Community Partners Gate Volunteer.
 - (e) The 2018 Mr. and Miss Gay San Francisco pageant, culmination of their reign and any shows scheduled to promote said pageant.
 - (f) 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: The Mr. Gay San Francisco and Miss 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.

The Mr. Gay San Francisco and Miss Gay San Francisco should coordinate their calendars that 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. Gay San Francisco and Miss 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. The Mr. Gay San Francisco and Miss 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. Gay San Francisco or Miss 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. Gay San Francisco or Miss Gay San Francisco.
8. The Mr. Gay San Francisco or Miss Gay San Francisco cannot handle any type of financial instrument, i.e. money or checks, during the year of their reign. This is to protect these individuals from any allegations of financial mismanagement. The Imperial Council of San Francisco's treasurer or member of the Treasury Committee or 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. The Mr. Gay San Francisco or Miss 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. The Mr. Gay San Francisco and Miss 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 just 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 would be for the promotion of the event such as print media, raffle prizes, tickets, transportation costs if a rental vehicle is needed to transport stage, sets or sound equipment and decorations 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. Gay San Francisco or Miss 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 holds as an officer or director position 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.)

IMPERIAL
COUNCIL
OF SAN
FRANCISCO

EST. 1965

CONTESTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, _____ have read and understand the
*Rules & Regulations for Contestants for the Titles of Mr. Gay and Miss 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

IMPERIAL
COUNCIL
OF SAN
FRANCISCO

EST. 1965