



THE ROYAL COURT OF THE GOLDEN SPIKE EMPIRE KING & QUEEN OF HEARTS PAGEANT



Contestant Application

(Revised October 2019)

PAGEANT RULES AND SCORING

1. All contestants, at every pageant, will be listed by number which must be displayed on the contestant at all times during competition.
2. Contestants will compete in the following categories:
 - A. King and Queen of Hearts, Red & White Theme presentation, Talent, Formal/Evening Wear, Onstage Q&A.
3. A contestant's talent presentation can be no longer than seven (7:00) minutes.
 - A. This includes set up, presentation and take down.
 - B. This time limit will be enforced.
4. Contestants are not allowed to accept tips during contestant talent performances.
 - A. Audience members are allowed to tip into a tip jar where all tips will be donated to the General Fund
5. Pageant specific rules are as follows:
 - A. King and Queen of Hearts:
 - 1) Contestants will campaign for voter support no sooner than the end of the GAY Utah pageant.
 - a) The duration of said campaign will be until the day of the pageant.
 - 2) During the pageant contestants will be compete in the categories listed above.
 - 3) Ballots will contain a space for King of Hearts and a space for Queen of Hearts.
 - a) The audience may vote for one (1) King and one (1) Queen.
 - b) Audience members will write the number of their choice for the winner of each title in these respective spaces.

PAGEANT CONTESTANT CRITERIA

1. All contestants must be residents of the R.C.G.S.E. boundaries.
2. All contestants must provide Utah State Issued ID showing residency.
 - A. If the address on the ID is not current, they may provide additional proof of residency by providing the Utah State Issued ID AND one of the following items:
 - 1) A bank statement dated within the last 60 days that contains an address within the R.C.G.S.E. boundaries and the voter's name.
 - 2) A utility bill dated within the last 60 days that contains an address within the R.C.G.S.E. boundaries and the voter's name.
 - 3) A lease agreement that is currently in effect that contains an address within the R.C.G.S.E. boundaries and the voter's name.
3. Adult contestants must be 21 years of age to compete for an adult title.
4. Youth contestants must be between the ages of 18 – 20 to compete for a youth title.
5. Contestants may not be reigning titleholders of another R.C.G.S.E. title.
6. Contestants must not have previously held the title they are competing for
7. Contestants must arrive no later than one (1) hour prior to the start time of the pageant to begin the registration process.
 - A. If a contestant arrives no more than 15 minutes late they may petition the Pageant Chair, Reigning Monarchs, and President of the Board for approval as to whether or not the contestant will be allowed to compete.
 - 1) Their decision is final.

- B. Any contestant arriving more than 15 minutes late will not be allowed to compete.
- 8. During the hour prior to the pageant, the pageant chair or designated committee member will brief the contestants on the rules, regulations, obligations of the title, etc.

PAGEANT CONTESTANT FEES

1. Contestants must be members of the R.C.G.S.E. and reside within R.C.G.S.E. boundaries.
2. Contestants must pay a \$10 entry fee to compete.
 - A. If contestants are not members at the time of competing, they must submit an additional \$10 membership fee along with their membership application.
3. Contestant applications and fees, as well as membership applications and fees may be paid in the following methods:
 - A. Cash
 - B. Square
 - C. Venmo
4. All applications and fees from pageant contestants will be collected by the Pageant Chair.
 - A. In the absence of the Pageant Chair, a designated Board Member will collect the fees.
5. All pageant fees are non-refundable
6. All pageant fees will benefit the R.C.G.S.E. General Fund.
7. A receipt for fees paid may be requested from the R.C.G.S.E. treasurer.
8. Contestant Fees will be accepted no later than one (1) hour prior to the start time of the pageant.

PAGEANT TITLEHOLDER REGALIA

1. The winners of each title will receive the following Regalia to wear during their reign once they have finished both of their required functions. They are able to borrow regalia until they finish their functions.
 - A. Mr./King
 - 1. Medallion
 - B. Miss/Ms./Queen
 - 1. Crown
 - C. Mx./Closet Ball Royalty/Royalty of Hearts
 - 1. Should the contestant choose to run for the Mx title, they must choose which regalia they will represent their title with, should they win. This selection is made in the application, prior to pageant start. They may choose either a Medallion or a Crown, similar in fashion to that of their counterpart(s)

PAGEANT TITLEHOLDER RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each newly crowned pageant title holder is required to hold at least two (2) functions to benefit the R.C.G.S.E. funds.
 - A. One (1) Function must go to the General Fund and the other function may go to a R.C.G.S.E. fund of their choice.
2. The first function must be held in the first six (6) month of stepping up
3. The second function must be after the first six (6) months but must be held no later than 30 days of the date of the respective step-down pageant.
 - A. If both functions are not completed within this time frame they will not be allowed to step down and will not be recognized by name in the R.C.G.S.E. court history.
 - B. Each pageant titleholder must submit with all of the proper signatures and accompanied by a copy of the advertisement for the event stapled to the back a show form to the R.C.G.S.E. Board of Directors for approval.
 - C. The exception to this requirement is if the Titleholder passes away, is hospitalized or any other extenuating circumstance deemed appropriate by the board of directors by majority vote.

- 1) Any decision made by the board of directors is final.
4. Each reigning pageant titleholder is encouraged to attend all other pageants hosted by the R.C.G.S.E. during the reign of their title.
5. Each reigning pageant title holder is encouraged to attend and walk at the R.C.G.S.E.'s Coronation during their reign.
6. If a pageant titleholder, at any time during their reign, accepts any other 'working title' position, they voluntarily relinquish their title.
 - A. Working Title is defined as:
 - 1) Emperor, Empress, or Empress.
 - 2) Prince Royale, Princess Royale, Princet Royale.
 - 3) Crown Prince, Crown Princess, Crown Princet.
 - B. Exceptions may be made for Gay Pride and Gay Pride Youth titleholders, as the R.C.G.S.E. Pride Pageant is traditionally the week after Coronation.
 - 1) The Gay Pride Titleholders must still have met all requirements to be eligible to step down.
7. All titleholders are required to live and reside within the State of Utah for the duration of their reign.
 - A. If a titleholder relocates outside the state of Utah it will be considered an automatic relinquishment of their title.
8. All titleholders are required to keep an active method of communication (i.e. active phone, active email address, active mailing address) to be contacted at for the duration of their reign.
 - A. It is the responsibility of the reigning titleholder to provide updated information in the event of a change/move.
9. All titleholders must will be held to the highest accountability of honesty, integrity, and community representation.
10. Titleholders are responsible for the co-promotion of their pageant stepdown.

PAGEANT DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

1. If at any time a titleholder is found to be within breach of the regulations set forth in the By-Laws and Resolutions, titleholders will be brought before the Board of Directors for possible disciplinary actions up to and including revocation and removal of their title.
2. Disciplinary hearings will be held within the guidelines established by the Disciplinary Sanctions section of the By-Laws.
 - A. Article XVII (18)
3. Should a titleholder be stripped of their title, a certified letter shall be sent to the titleholder to the address on records as a courtesy to inform them that they will not be recognized by name on the R.C.G.S.E. history and will not be allowed to step down at their pageant.
 - A. This letter shall be signed by the Pageant Chair and President of the Board.
 - B. A copy of this letter will be filed with the registered agent.
4. Should a title holder voluntarily relinquish their title, be stripped, or pass away, the 1st alternate will be offered to fulfill the position.
 - A. If the first alternate declines, then each following alternate will be asked in order.
 - B. If no one is available to accept the position, then that title will remain empty and will only be acknowledged on the website and history by the year/number of the pageant.
 - C. If a title holder has relinquished a title they may not run for another pageant for 12 months from their resignation date.
5. If a pageant title holder has been stripped/ removed they are not eligible to run or be elected for a R.C.G.S.E. title again.



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CONTESTANT #: _____

RUNNING FOR THE TITLE OF:

King of Hearts

Queen of Hearts

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Royalty of Hearts __Medallion __Crown

Name: _____ **Also Known As:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Birth Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age: ____ **Height:** _____ **Hair Color:** _____

Personal Interests: _____

I am running for this title because: _____



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



(Revised August 2019)

You are applying as which of the following: New Member Past R.C.G.S.E. Monarch

Member Name: _____

Also Known As: _____

Highest Court Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Birth Date: _____ Email Address: _____

May we send you court related emails? YES NO

May we text you event reminders? YES NO

Do you have a Facebook account? YES NO

Under what account Name: _____

If Yes, may we add you as a friend? YES NO

How would you like to receive your emails? EMAIL POST MAIL BOTH

Is your \$10 Membership Fee enclosed? YES NO

Membership fee is \$10 and can be paid by cash, cashier's check or online with a credit card. Membership fee must be paid before application can be approved. Completed Membership Application along with Membership Fee can be given to the reigning Emperor & Empress or a member of the board of directors. You can also mail your application to the following address:

Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire

Attn: Membership Application

P.O. Box 521126

Salt Lake City, UT 84152

Any further questions please email: memberships@rcgse.org

===== **For RCGSE Use Only** =====

Date Membership Fee Paid: _____ Past R.C.G.S.E. Monarch (No Membership Fee Due)

Date Membership Was Approved: _____ Past Monarch Donation (Not Required) \$ _____