



THE ROYAL COURT OF THE GOLDEN SPIKE EMPIRE

# Closet Ball Pageant

## *Contestant Application*

(Revised May 2023)



### **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 for Closet Ball:
  - A. Presentation pre-drag transformation
  - B. Presentation of post-drag transformation.
3. Pageants Shall be scored as follows:
  - A. Judged pageants shall be scored by adding up each judge's score per category.
  - B. The Highest and lowest score per contestant, per category, will be dropped and an adjusted score will be used for each contestant for each category.
  - C. At the end of each adjusted score being tabulated, the contestant with the highest number of adjusted score points will be declared the winner.
    - 1) Scores shall be added by the pageant chair and another pageant committee member or board member and then confirmed by a third pageant committee member or board member for accuracy.
4. Pageant specific rules are as follows:
  - A. Closet Ball.
    - 1) Contestants are not to have done drag in the opposite gender of which they self-identify for at least 1 year prior to the date of the pageant with the exception of Halloween.
    - 2) Each contestant will enter with a sponsor (the person who will help transform them to the opposite gender in which they self-identify.)
    - 3) After presentation of self-identified gender, the contestants and sponsor will have 1 hour to transform to opposite gender.
    - 4) Male to Female gender transformation contestants may not have any makeup on their face.
    - 5) None of the contestant are allowed to wear any transformation aides (which include but are not limited to breast binding wraps, Spanx type apparel, tuckers, etc.) prior to or while being presented in their self- identified gender.
      - a) This ensures all contestants start on an even footing.
    - 6) Only the contestants, their sponsors, and members of the pageant committee are allowed backstage.
    - 7) Sponsors are the only ones allowed to perform the transformation on the contestants. No other help/helpers will be allowed.
    - 8) A member of the pageant committee will be stationed backstage to ensure these rules are followed.

### **PAGEANT CONTESTANT CRITERIA**

1. All contestants must be residents of the R.C.G.S.E. boundaries.
  - A. Those competing in the Gay Utah or Gay Utah Youth pageants may live outside the R.C.G.S.E. boundaries but must still reside in the state of Utah.
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. Provided that all requirements have been fulfilled, titleholders must wait at least one year if they choose to run for a title they previously held.
6. 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.
7. During the hour prior to the pageant, the pageant chair of 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.
  - B. Final approval of new membership applications will take place at the next scheduled General Membership Meeting
3. Contestant applications and fees, as well as membership applications and fees may be paid in the following methods:
  - A. Cash
  - B. Money order
  - C. Square
  - D. 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.
  - A. Exception would be any late arriving contestant allowed to compete

### **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 follow the proper procedures for submitting an event request form to the 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.
- 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, as long as they have completed their pageant title requirements, they may keep their pageant title.
  - A. Working Title is defined as:
    - 1) Emperor/Empress/Emprex
    - 2) Prince/Princet Royale or Princess/Princet Royale
    - 3) Crown Prince/Princet or Crown Princess/Princet.
- 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 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 titleholder's 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 outline in the RCGSE Procedures Manual
- 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.
  - A. This letter shall be signed by the Pageant Chair and President of the Board and will be retained with the reign's records.
- 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. If a title holder has relinquished a title, they may not run for another pageant for 12 months from their resignation date.
  - A. If a titleholder is repeatedly abusing this rule, it will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors to allow them to run.
- 7. If a pageant title holder has been stripped/ removed they are not eligible to run or be elected for a Pageant title, elected title and/or appointed position within the organization again.



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## Contestant Application

(Revised May 2023)



CONTESTANT #: \_\_\_\_\_

RUNNING FOR THE TITLE OF:  Closet Ball King  Closet Ball Queen  
 Closet Ball Royalty

### CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Also Known As: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age: \_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am running for this title because: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & SIGNATURE**

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules and requirements of this Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire Pageant as they are written. I also acknowledge and understand that not following the Pageant Rules and completing all required duties and responsibilities will result in the revocation of this title, should I win.

**Contestant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAGEANT COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

Is the contestant at least 21 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO

Has the contestant shown valid Utah I.D.? \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO

Has the contestant paid the pageant fee? \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO

Has the contestant completed membership application? \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO  N/A

Has the contestant paid the membership fees? \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO  N/A

**Pageant Committee Chairperson**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name** **Signature** **Date**

**Treasurer**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name** **Signature** **Date**



# THE ROYAL COURT OF THE GOLDEN SPIKE EMPIRE

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Revised June 2021)



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

May we add you as a Facebook friend? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

What name is your Facebook under? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Post Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Both

Are you willing to sponsor an additional Member? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Membership fee is \$10 per membership and can be paid by Cash, Cashier's Check, Credit Card or Venmo (@rcgse-saltlake). If you choose to sponsor another member, you are responsible for paying their Membership Fee. All fees must be paid before the application can be approved. You can give your fee(s) to the reigning Monarchs or any member of the Board of Directors. You can also mail your application and membership fee(s) to: **R.C.G.S.E., Attn: Membership Application**, PO Box 521126, Salt Lake City, UT 84152

### MEMBERSHIP APPLYING FOR

\_\_\_\_\_ **RESIDENT MEMBER**  
*Anyone 18 years and older, who meets the membership requirements and who resides within the R.C.G.S.E. boundaries*

\_\_\_\_\_ **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**  
*Anyone 18 years and older, who wishes to be associated with the R.C.G.S.E. and DOES NOT live within the R.C.G.S.E. boundaries*

### NON-PAID MEMBERSHIP *(Information Only)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ **PAST MONARCH**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **R.C.G.S.E. FOUNDER**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **CITIZEN FOR LIFE**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **EMPEROR / EMPRESS EMERITUS**

### R.C.G.S.E. USE ONLY

Date Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

How Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Treasurer Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Initials: \_\_\_\_\_