

*Majestic Hearts of All Colorado  
Contestant Handbook  
2020-2021*



# 2020-2021 Contestant Handbook

This handbook is intended to give the contestant a clear understanding of what is expected of the contestant the day of and during the Pageant and the pageant year. Exceptions often arise and are dealt with as necessary with the Pageant Owner and/or Board Member(s). These guidelines contained in this Contestant Handbook will be followed as closely as possible. In all cases, variances will be granted only at the discretion of the Pageant Owner. The decisions of the Pageant Owner in all matters are final.

Please retain this Handbook throughout Pageant, and, if you are crowned a titleholder, throughout your reign. It will help guide you to success with Majestic Hearts in all matters.

**You are responsible for understanding and abiding by all the rules and regulations in this Contestant Handbook. If you do not understand any provision in this Contestant Handbook, please discuss the matter with the Pageant Owner *before* signing your Entry Form.**

## Our Mission Statement

*Majestic Hearts Pageant is a group of volunteers who provide performances and events to audiences for the sole purpose of generating funds for 501(c)3 charities. All performers donate their time, and any items used are supplied by charitable donors.*

## Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageantry Titles

The Majestic Hearts Pageant awards the following titles, open to the following categories of individuals:

- **Miss Majestic Hearts of All Colorado** – Open to drag queens and other people assigned male at birth that present as female part-time.
- **Mr. Majestic Hearts of All Colorado** – Open to genetic/cisgender men.
- **Ms. Majestic Hearts of All Colorado** – Open to genetic/cisgender women and full-time trans women.
- **MsTer Majestic Hearts of All Colorado** – Open to drag kings, other people assigned female at birth that present as male, and genderfluid/non-binary individuals.
- **Majestic Puppy of All Colorado** (*New for 2020*) – Open to all individuals who engage in “puppy play” and belong to a recognized “pack.”

Prospective contestants not strictly identifying with any of these identities are encouraged to contact the Pageant Owner for guidance as to which category they should enter.

## Rules and Regulations

1. You as the contestant must be twenty-one (21) years of age prior to the date of the Pageant. A Colorado Driver’s License or State-issued I.D. must also be submitted to the owner of Majestic Hearts of All Colorado upon submission of your application. Finally, you must have been a resident of Colorado for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the date of the Pageant.
2. If you have a prior criminal record, including any jail time or previous felony convictions, you are not necessarily disqualified from competing in the Pageant or holding a Majestic Hearts title. You will be *required* to complete an affidavit of criminal history at the time of your application. Majestic Hearts Pageant Owner and Board Members will make the final decision in

any case. Failure to discuss any previous criminal record in advance shall be grounds for rejection of application and/or revocation of title. Majestic Hearts reserves the right to conduct a criminal background check on any Pageant applicant.

3. You must have the time and the ability to attend and host fund-raising shows and events on behalf of the organization, and assist in putting on the Pageant for the following year.
4. All contestants MUST report on **Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 12:00 PM** to Phyllis' Fantasies, located at 522 Galapago Street, Denver CO for a pre-Pageant meeting. This will also be the time at which you will turn in all application documents, music, and contestant fee. If you fail to turn in your music and application documents at this time, you will have a five (5) point administrative deduction from your overall Pageant score. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you must make arrangements to meet with the Pageant Owner prior to May 4.

**N.B.:** This is a *business meeting*, not a social event. You may bring one (1) partner or other friend *only* with you to the meeting.

5. All contestants SHALL report to the Doubletree - Stapleton North, 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO **no later than 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 9, 2020** for the start of the Pageant. If you require rehearsal time prior to the Pageant, due to hotel limitations and possible prior events in the ballroom space, we will be blocking a 1-hour time slot from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm for contestant rehearsal only. Please arrange this with the Pageant Owner prior to the date of the Pageant.
6. Each contestant and one (1) dresser will be admitted to the Pageant at no charge. All additional dancers and prop crew will be required to pay the ticket price at the door, with no exceptions.
7. Contestants and dressers will be the only people allowed in the contestants' dressing room prior to and during the pageant. Dancers and prop crew may be allowed into the dressing room two (2) numbers before the contestant is due to go on stage for the talent portion of the evening.
8. Contestants will be given plenty of time to prepare themselves for each category. Therefore, if the contestant is not ready to appear on stage when the emcees call their number, the contestant will forfeit five (5) points awarded for that category.
9. As a winner of the Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageant, you will have to remain in the State of Colorado during the duration of the pageant year. If you are unable to remain in the State, you will be required to resign your position and return all regalia as described elsewhere in this Contestant Handbook. Exception: Time will be allowed for personal vacation with the approval of the Pageant Owner. Failure to notify the Pageant Owner of any out-of-state trips during your reign may result in you being stripped of your title, at the Pageant Owner's discretion. Former titleholders who have left the State and are able to return for the Pageant where they would have stepped down are permitted to perform at the Pageant, but not to engage in a Final Walk as a titleholder.
10. If an awarded office becomes vacant during the reign, the position will then be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate. If a contestant runs unopposed, it will then be the responsibility of the Pageant Owner to fill the vacancy with a previous titleholder if one expresses an interest. If the Pageant Owner is unable to fill the vacant position with any previous titleholder from that position, then the vacant position will be appointed to someone at the Pageant Owner's discretion.
11. As the winner of the Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageant, you will not hold another title with any similar organization in the State of Colorado.
12. Any contestant who is caught in the act of using or dispensing any illegal substance, or is caught stealing from or tampering with another contestant's or person's possessions, will be immediately disqualified, removed from the contest, and turned over to the proper authorities. Any contestant's dancer(s), helper(s), dresser, etc., who is caught in the act of using or dispensing any illegal substance, or is caught stealing from or tampering with another contestant's or person's possessions, will be removed from the contest and turned over to the proper authorities, and the contestant so employing that person will be immediately disqualified. **As a contestant, you are responsible for the behavior of your dancer(s), helper(s), dresser, etc., at all times during the Pageant.**

13. The Owner of the Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageant reserves the right to make any decisions concerning matters not covered in these rules and regulations, and any decision made by the Pageant Owner is *final*. The Owner also reserves the right to decline any application at their sole discretion.
14. Any contestant whose actions are interpreted as demeaning in any manner to the Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageant or its staff and affiliates will be disqualified. Any titleholder whose actions are interpreted as demeaning in any manner to the Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageant or its staff and affiliates will have their titles removed immediately.

## Application and Entry Fees

Official application forms must be submitted by **May 2, 2019** or in advance to the Owner of Majestic Hearts Pageantry.

The entry fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) must be submitted with the application, either by CASH, MONEY ORDER or CERTIFIED FUNDS. This fee is non-refundable.

## MANDATORY Contestant Pre-Pageant Meeting

**Please bring the following items to the contestant meeting on May 2, 2020 at Phyllis' Fantasies, 522 Galapago Street, Denver, CO, at 12:00 pm:**

1. Completed contestant application with entry fee
2. Two (2) copies of music for talent competition.
3. Optional: Two (2) copies of music for theme wear and/or evening wear competition

**All music supplied MUST be clearly marked with contestant's name, category, and track number.**

**If for any reason you are unable to attend the meeting, all the above items MUST be turned in to the Pageant Owner PRIOR to May 2.**

## Late Application Fee

There will be a late application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) added to the application fee for any application turned in after May 2, 2020.

## Appointment of Pageant Judges

All judges will be selected by the Pageant Owner and Board of Directors of Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageantry. Our efforts will be to select judges from people inside and outside of the community. The individuals chosen are those we feel will be impartial, yet knowledgeable for this type of competition.

Any issues arising from the judges' decision will be addressed the week following the Pageant, **no sooner than Monday, May 11, 2020**, in private discussion between the Pageant Owner and contestants and an impartial witness. All score sheets will be available at that time.

## Pageant Scoring

Each of the five (5) judges chosen by the Pageant Owner will award comparative and fair scores to all contestants based on the scales below.

Each contestant will be awarded points on a scale from 1 to 10 for each judged category, 1 being lowest and 10 being highest, with the exception of the talent category, which is on a scale of 1 to 20, 1 being lowest and 20 being highest.

#### Judged Pageant Categories

Theme/Presentation	1 to 10 points
Talent	1 to 20 points
Evening Wear/Gown	1 to 10 points
Question & Answer	<u>1 to 10 points</u>
	50 Points Possible

All contestants running for any title, even if running unopposed, must achieve an overall score of 70% of the total points as awarded by all judges, or 175 points, in order to win the respective title.

In the event of a tie, the contestants involved will be asked another question by the judges, in a manner similar to the question-and-answer portion of the competition. The contestants will be awarded tie-breaker points on the same 1-10 scale as used for that portion of the competition.

## Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageantry Pageant Categories

### Category I: Theme Wear/Presentation (10 points possible)

The theme for this year's Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageant is **"A Night on Broadway."** Let your imagination go! Look beyond the obvious. Explore your wildest fantasies! Have a great time, have fun, and be as creative as possible with this category. Remember, there is no set up time for this category, so if you plan to use props, please be sure they do not interfere with the rest of the contest. House music will be provided for this category. If you wish to use your own music, this must be provided at the pre-pageant meeting along with all other required music.

### Category II: Talent (20 points possible)

**Time limit:** 7 minutes of any type or style of talent

**Setup/Teardown:** 5 minutes total

#### **Props Allowed**

No pyrotechnics are allowed per hotel guidelines. This includes but is not limited to fire, flash spots, flaming batons, sparklers, fireworks, open flames, candles, etc.

### Category III: Evening/Formal Wear (10 points possible)

Contestants for Miss/Ms. are required to wear full-length evening gowns. Color and style of gown can be your choice. NO exceptions. This category is very formal in nature.

Contestants for Mr. are required to wear tuxedos or formal suits of any color and style of their choice. NO exceptions. This category is very formal in nature. Sleeves and pants legs must be of appropriate length.

Contestants for MsTer may wear *either* an evening gown as for Miss/Ms, *or* a tuxedo or formal suit as for Mr., at their discretion.

Contestants for Majestic Puppy are required to wear formal "puppy wear," including masks and tails.

The judges will judge this category based on the following criteria:

Gown Presentation

Tuxedo Presentation

Hairstyle, Make-Up, Jewelry

Poise

Stage Presentation

If you have any questions concerning this category, please address them with the Owner of Colorado Majestic Hearts Pageantry.

## Category IV: On-Stage Question & Answer (10 points possible)

The Pageant Owner and one or more Board Members will conduct this category.

## Titleholder Regalia

Newly-crowned titleholders will receive the following items of regalia:

**Miss:** Crown, Sash, Heart Pin

**Ms.:** Crown, Sash, Heart Pin

**MsTer:** Medallion, Sash, Heart Pin

**Mr.:** Medallion, Sash, Heart Pin

**Puppy:** Dog Collar with Medallion, Sash, Heart Pin

**All 1<sup>st</sup> Alternates:** Heart Pin

**All items of regalia are the sole property of the Majestic Hearts Pageantry system until the end of the reign. At that time, they become the property of the titleholders upon FULL completion of their reign. Should the titleholder resign their title or fail to successfully complete their reign, all regalia must be returned to the Pageant Owner in the condition in which it was awarded, or must be paid for at the expense of the titleholder.**

All regalia should be worn at all formal events, such as Majestic Hearts Pageant, Gay Pride Pageant, Rocky Mountain Shining Star Pageant, the PrideFest Parade, and ICRME/UCPPE Coronation. All regalia, except for crowns (for Miss and Ms. Majestic Hearts), should be worn at Majestic Hearts events and major events, such as shows, where you represent Majestic Hearts among other groups. (Crowns *should not* be worn *except* at formal events.)

## Titleholder Responsibilities

Should you be crowned as a Majestic Hearts titleholder, your reign will be for a term of one (1) year. During your reign, you will have certain attendance and fundraising obligations that are required to be met. The following list includes some of the requirements that need to be met during the reign.

### Attendance

Attendance is required at certain functions as listed below. Every reasonable attempt should be made to be a representative of the Pageant in the community at various events throughout the year. This shows your support and also builds rapport with other

organizations within the community and businesses as well. Although some of these events listed below are mandatory, exceptions can be made at the discretion of the Pageant Owner. If you are not able to attend an event, please contact the Pageant Owner or a Board Member at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the event date.

### **Mandatory Events**

1. All Majestic Hearts shows, beer busts, and events as scheduled.
2. PrideFest – The parade, and work the Majestic Hearts Pepsi booth both days.
3. The Majestic Hearts Pageant (for your step-down).
4. Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire (ICRME) Coronation.
5. Colorado Gay Pride Contest.
6. Rocky Mountain Shining Star Pageant.

### **Mandatory Community Service**

1. At least two (2) days of service with Feeding Denver’s Hungry. To schedule this, contact Jim Scharper, 720-276-2118.
2. At least two (2) additional days of community service for either Feeding Denver’s Hungry *or* another community organization of your choice. Service must be approved by the Pageant Owner.

### **Optional Events**

1. Colorado Springs PrideFest Parade.
2. Pueblo Pride Parade.
3. Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire (ICRME) Snow Ball.
4. Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire (ICRME) King of Hearts Ball.
5. United Court of the Pikes Peak Empire (UCPPE) Coronation.
6. Other community events and shows as schedule permits.

## **Fundraising Requirements**

As a titleholder, you are required to raise funds for both outside charities and the pageant itself. There are several charities that are supported by Majestic Hearts annually. The reign is required to host at least two (2) events per month, or twenty-four (24) events through the duration of their reign. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Owner, Board Member(s), and past titleholders for assistance in booking, setting up, promoting, or running shows or events. Booking shows and events are the sole responsibility of the titleholder, except where so designated by the Pageant Owner and/or Board Member(s).

Each reign member will be required to provide, over the course of their reign, at least two (2) gift baskets or similar items (such as gift certificates) for raffle or auction at Majestic Hearts events.

Each reign is required to hold at least one show or event during their reign benefiting *each* of the following charities:

1. Gateway Domestic Violence Services
2. American Cancer Society
3. Feeding Denver’s Hungry and/or the Children of Pitillal, Mexico
4. Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue or other similar animal-related charitable organization

5. Any LGBTQ+ community organization

The reign may hold shows and/or events for charities other than these. All charities benefiting from Majestic Hearts shows and/or events must be 501(c)3 registered charitable organizations, and must be approved by the Pageant Owner or Board Member(s).

**There will be absolutely *no* “keep your tips” or “50/50” shows or events permitted. The only exceptions to this will be the “thank you” show (final show of the reign), at the discretion of the reign, and your “Final Walk” during Pageant.**

**Any monies raised during an event must be counted at the end of the night. This counting may be assisted by any reign members, but the Pageant Owner and/or at least one Board Member *must* be present.**

## Public Conduct

You are expected to conduct yourself with the dignity and style befitting a Majestic Hearts titleholder and reflecting well on the organization. With this in mind, these rules of conduct are to be followed strictly:

- No excessive drinking or excessive use of cannabis products in public. There will be ***zero tolerance*** for drunken or stoned behavior.
- No use of illicit drugs.
- No outside alcohol may be brought into any bar and no drinks may be brought into any dressing room. **No exceptions.**
- No physical or verbal abuse of any kind. **No exceptions.**
- No drama of any kind will be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to posting of any type of drama on social media.
- Remember that your attire, when out in public, is representative of Majestic Hearts as an organization. Dress appropriately!
- Problems of any kind will not be handled in bars or businesses under any circumstances. Contact the Pageant Owner or a Board Member for assistance.

Violations of these rules may be punished by stripping the violator of their title, at the discretion of the Pageant Owner. This constitutes a “failure to complete reign” and all regalia must be returned, as described elsewhere in this Contestant Handbook.

**Any threats by a titleholder to resign their title, either in public or in a group conference environment such as group chat, will result in the titleholder making said threats being stripped of their title. No exceptions.**

## Visibility in the Community

As you may be aware, the life of a titleholder can be quite busy, and Majestic Hearts is no exception. It can be overwhelming at times, but we encourage titleholders to be visible and active in the community by networking with other organizations, as we are all working towards the common goal of bettering our community. If you are asked by another organization to perform or assist them in any manner with a show or event, please clear it with the Pageant Owner before doing so. If you accept the the responsibility of performing or assisting with another group’s show or event, please honor that commitment and be accountable.

**Your first commitment must *always* be to Majestic Hearts. If another event conflicts with a Majestic Hearts event, the Majestic Hearts event must *always* take priority. No exceptions. Violation of this is grounds for stripping a titleholder of their title, at the discretion of the Pageant Owner.**

**If you take part in a show or event during your reign for another group designated as a “keep your tips” or “50/50” show or event, as a reigning Majestic Hearts titleholder, you are *not permitted* to retain your tips, as that does not reflect well upon Majestic Hearts as a charitable organization. Tips *must* be donated back to the charity benefiting from the event. No exceptions.**



When representing Majestic Hearts to the community at large, please adhere to standards of conduct, dress, personal presentation, and personal hygiene that reflect well upon both yourself and Majestic Hearts as an organization. You should present yourself in a dignified and proper manner, *without drama*.

## **Pageant Program Advertising**

As a titleholder, your step-down program will be a piece of memorabilia to remember a year of fun, fundraising, networking, and service to the community. We do ask that you make an attempt to have organizations and businesses or individuals purchase advertising in the program, which supports us and them as well.

## **After Your Reign**

Once you have stepped down from your title at Pageant and your successor is crowned, you are no longer reigning, but still retain the title of your year, and you remain very much a part of the Majestic Hearts Family. Your assistance is appreciated in helping Majestic Hearts with future events, with the approval of the Pageant Owner and/or Board Members, but please defer all major decision-making to the current reign and/or the Pageant Owner and Board Members, as appropriate.

Your regalia is yours to keep, and may be worn at events in the usual fashion (see "Titleholder Regalia," above). When representing Majestic Hearts in the community, please continue to adhere to proper standards of conduct, dress, personal presentation, and personal hygiene as described in "Visibility in the Community," above.

Former titleholders who continue to remain active in helping Majestic Hearts may be eligible for recognition at future Pageants on the occasion of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, etc., anniversaries of their reigns. Your eligibility for anniversary recognition requires that you demonstrate your commitment to the organization by assisting in at least three (3) Majestic Hearts events per reign year. Failure to do so may result in withholding of any anniversary awards.

## Additional Information

Should you have any questions concerning any information found in this Handbook and rules, or anything that was not covered here, please feel free to contact the following individuals:

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We would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for showing an interest in running for the title of Miss/Mr./Ms./MsTer Majestic Hearts of All Colorado. We look forward to a great, fun, and fair competition. Please remember, YOU ARE ALL WINNERS!!!! DON'T EVER THINK OF YOURSELVES AS ANY LESS!!!

**Best of luck to each and every one of you!**

Sincerely,

Phyllis Rogers, Majestic Queen; Owner, Majestic Hearts Pageantry; Ms. Majestic Hearts 2004-2005

Board Members:

- George Hull (Miss Bee Haven), Honorary Ms. Majestic Hearts for Life, 2008-2009
- Keith Goodgion (Karen Katherine Goodgie), Miss Majestic Hearts 2016-2017
- Amy Bowersox (Amelia Storm), Miss Majestic Hearts 2015-2016, Ms. Majestic Hearts 2018-2019
- Corky Blankenship