Glamour & Fame: Texas Tech’s Pride Week Drag Pageant
Contestant Guidelines 2021

The 5th annual Glamour & Fame: Texas Tech’s Pride Week Drag Pageant will take place on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Pageant will take place at Club Luxor. All proceeds from the Pageant will go to Tech Gender & Sexuality Association, a student-led LGBTQIA and allies organization striving to make Texas Tech and the Lubbock community a safe and welcoming place for all students.

The overall Pageant theme for 2021 is “Pride Across the Americas.” This theme is inspired by our special guest, former Miss Florida FI and Miss Continental (2017) Shantell D’Marco, who has drawn from her Cuban and American roots in pageants all across the world. Drawing from their own roots, contestants should incorporate “Hometown Pride” into the packages they present. Please read through these guidelines and direct any questions to Stephen Chao at stchao@ttu.edu.

The winner of the Glamour & Fame Pageant will be crowned Ms. Glamour & Fame 2021. The winner’s prize package includes:
- Crown and sash
- Opportunities to perform at Office of LGBTQIA Education & Engagement events, including the Big 12 LGBTQIA & Allies Summit and the 6th annual Glamour & Fame Pageant in 2022
- … and more!

Registration Process

All students and community members are welcome to compete in the Pageant. To register, complete the following steps by Thursday, October 9:
- Read the contestant guidelines.
- Complete the online registration form: https://techconnect.dsa.ttu.edu/submitter/form/start/496709
  - Sign and upload the participant release and indemnity form as part of registration.
  - Submit a high resolution headshot as part of registration.
- Submit the registration fee ($15 for students, $25 for non-students).
  - You can submit the registration deposit by cash or check. If you use cash, put the cash in an envelope labeled with your name. If you use a check or money order, make it out to "Tech Gender & Sexuality Association."
  - Submit the cash or check to the Office in-person or by mail to this address:

  Office of LGBTQIA Education & Engagement
  Student Union Building, Suite 201
  Box 45014, Texas Tech University
  Lubbock, TX 79409
**Important Dates and Times**  
(All times are in Central Time)

**Wednesday, September 15, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Q&A Sessions**  
The Office will host virtual open Q&A sessions for anybody with questions about the Pageant. Regardless of your experience level, we are happy to answer all of your questions about the process!

**Tuesday, September 28, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Deadline to register**  
To register for the Pageant, contestants must complete the online Participant Form, sign and upload the participant release and indemnity agreement, and submit a registration deposit. Contestants who register by September 30 are eligible to participate in a 20-minute Zoom consultation with Miss Black America (2019) and Miss Gay USofA (2015), Mokha Montrese.

**Thursday, October 7, 11:59 p.m.**  
**Interview**  
Contestants will participate in an in-person interview at Texas Tech University before The Boots, Bows, & Rainbow Ties Gala. Contestants may choose to wear full drag or not during the interview; that will not be scored. Each interview will be no longer than 20 minutes in length. Interview times will be assigned no later than Friday, October 8. Virtual accommodations can be made for contestants unable to attend the Gala.

**Monday, October 11, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**The Boots, Bows, & Rainbow Ties Gala**  
Contestants are expected to attend the Gala. Attire for the Gala is business professional. All contestants receive a complementary ticket to the Gala. Contestants will be recognized during the Gala.

**Monday, October 11, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Talent music, Talent logistics, and Evening Wear description submission**  
Contestants must send their Talent music (no longer than 5 minutes) to Stephen Chao at stchao@ttu.edu. Special submission arrangements may be necessary depending on file size, format, etc. Contestants should also share how many additional individuals
(e.g. backup dancers, prop assistants, etc.) they will use during their Talent performance. Finally, contestants must also send a short description of their Evening Wear outfit for the emcee to announce during the category. See category descriptions for more information.

**Friday, October 15, 5:00 p.m.**

**Dressing areas available at Club Luxor**

Contestants must check-in with pageant organizers at Club Luxor by 6:00 p.m. Contestants having not checked in by 6:15 p.m. will receive a 5-point penalty on their overall score.

**Friday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.**

**Pageant begins**
COVID-19 Safety

Contestants (and assistants) exhibiting any symptoms associated with COVID-19 should not attend the Pageant. These symptoms include: Fever or chills; Cough; Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; Fatigue; Muscle, body, or headaches, New loss of taste or smell; Sore throat; Congestion or runny nose; Nausea or vomiting; and/or Diarrhea.

Given the anticipated size of the crowd and the layout of the space, it is strongly encouraged that participants (and assistants) receive the COVID-19 vaccination prior to the Pageant.

Disposable masks and hand sanitizer will be available throughout the space.

Dressing Area and Assistants

In-person contestants will be provided a dressing area. Attempts will be made to space these areas apart to provide for social distancing. Each dressing area will have a table and 2 chairs available. However, we recommend that contestants bring their own mirrors and battery-powered lights. We will have some access to electrical plugs, but contestants should also come prepared with extension cords and power strips. We will have bottled water available for contestants and assistants. Pageant organizers are not responsible for the damage or loss of any materials.

Each contestant is allowed one (1) dresser/assistant to accompany them.

Contestant Conduct

Glamour & Fame: Texas Tech’s Pride Week Drag Pageant strives for excellence in professionalism, philanthropy, and community engagement. Contestants who fail to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the vision set for the pageant will be warned and/or disqualified at the discretion of pageant organizers. The consumption of alcohol and/or illegal substances which present in a manner recognizable by organizers on the day of interviews and/or the Pageant will result in immediate disqualification.
**Tentative Pageant Schedule**

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<td><strong>Crowning</strong></td>
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<td>Best in Interview; Best in Presentation; Best in Talent; Best in Formal</td>
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<td>Evening Wear; 1st Alternate; and Ms. Glamour &amp; Fame (i.e. Winner)</td>
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Pageant Categories

Each contestant will be competing in four categories for the title of *Ms. Glamour and Fame*. Each contestant can earn a total of 100 points from each of the judges. The judges will score each category using whole numbers. The judges' scores will be averaged (rounded to the tenth decimal place, if necessary). Finally, any penalties will be deducted to create the final score.

**Contestants will be sent a composite of their scores**, along with any feedback from the judges, electronically following the Pageant. Contestants may inquire to view the overall composite, but that information will not be distributed publicly.

The Four categories are as follows:

**Interview:** Worth twenty (20) points, the interview will be conducted on Monday, October 11, before The Boots, Bows, & Rainbow Ties Gala. Contestants will be given a list of potential categories or topics on Friday, October 8. Each interview will last approximately 20 minutes in length and will take place in-person at Texas Tech University. Virtual accommodations can be made if necessary. The interview will consist of: welcome and introduction of the interview judges and process; contestant introduction; 3 questions; and closing comment from the contestant. Whether a contestant elects to wear full drag is up to them; that will not be scored during interview. If the contestant does not conduct the interview in full drag, then they are expected to dress in business professional attire.

**Presentation:** Worth twenty (20) points, contestants’ presentations will be judged on contestants’ creativity, poise, and effective representation of the Pageant theme. Each judge will determine if the presentation package *fits the “Hometown Pride” theme in an accurate and creative way*. You are welcome to interpret your hometown in any way that is meaningful for you. After modeling, each contestant will step to the microphone and state their name, where they are from, and what “Hometown Pride” means to them.

**Talent:** Worth thirty (30) points, each contestant will be given five (5) minutes for a lip-sync performance to the audience and judges. Each contestant will be scored on creativity, talent, and effectiveness. Each contestant will be allowed to include up to four additional individuals (i.e. backup dancers, performers, prop assistants, etc.) during the talent portion. Advance notice on the use of these additional individuals must be given to Pageant organizers by Wednesday, October 13. Contestants must also submit their talent music as an MP3 or WAV file via email to Stephen Chao at stchao@ttu.edu by Wednesday, October 13. Any part of the talent exceeding the five (5) minute time frame will result in penalties on the overall score.

**Evening Wear:** Worth thirty (30) points, each contestant will be required to model clothing suitable for formal social events, such as a gala or débutante cotillion. More specifically, contestants running for *Ms. Glamour and Fame* may wear a floor length evening gown (not a cocktail dress) or a pantsuit. Each contestant will be required to model their Formal Evening Wear on the runway. Contestants are expected to submit a short description of their Evening Wear, to be announced during the category, to Stephen Chao at stchao@ttu.edu by Wednesday, October 13.
Scoring Tabulation Example

Judge 1
Presentation (20), Interview (20), Talent (30), and Evening Wear (30) = 100 Points Possible

Judge 2
Presentation (20), Interview (20), Talent (30), and Evening Wear (30) = 100 Points Possible

Judge 3
Presentation (20), Interview (20), Talent (30), and Evening Wear (30) = 100 Points Possible

Judge 4
Presentation (20), Interview (20), Talent (30), and Evening Wear (30) = 100 Points Possible

Judge 5
Presentation (20), Interview (20), Talent (30), and Evening Wear (30) = 100 Points Possible

500 points possible divided by 5 judges, then minus any penalties = FINAL SCORE