

Mr. & Miss Bluebonnet Pageantry

All proceeds going to the chosen charities of the TGRA Austin Chapter



The Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) is one of 27 associations across the United States and Canada known as **The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA)** and one of its four founding associations. TGRA is comprised of the five Chapters of Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston & San Antonio.

TGRA is a Texas non-profit corporation with 501C3 status. Our purposes are to promote and stage an annual rodeo in Texas and to encourage the participation of its members in western-related events and to engage in charitable activities. Thus, we are dedicated to elevating the image of women and men in the field of rodeo. **TGRA** is proud of its thirty year history of gay rodeo and its record of donating more than \$2,500,000 to Texas charities during that time. We are

Here in Austin we also take pride in a number of yearly events that we produce. These yearly events; Chili Cook Off, Gumbo Night, Underwear Auction and newly added The Bluebonnet Pageant, help us generate thousands of dollars per year.

TGRA, Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

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Basic Bluebonnet 2018 Pageant Information

DATE : - - - - - August 18th, 2018

LOCATION: - - - - - Bout Time 2, Austin, Tx

TIME: - - - - - 7: 00 pm

LINE UP - - - - - 6:00 pm

RECIEPT OF PRE MONEY- - - - - 6:00 pm

Bluebonnet 2018 Pageant Producer

Kelsey ONeil

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NOTE # 1: Contestants must confirm entry with the event producer

TGRA Austin Chapter Board Members

President Jonathan Suder - jonathan.suder@outlook.com

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Treasurer Randy Edlin - rse1963@gmail.com

State Rep Jeanne McLeod - jeanneaustin@aol.com

NOTE # 2: Contestants must contact Board of Director member(s) to book all pre-fundraiser shows AND to confirm that one of them will be present at said shows to collect all monies to be applied toward their bid for a title. (see PLEDGES on page 5)

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Contestant Application

(Please Type or Print)

STAGE NAME: _____

LEGAL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PHONE #: _____ AGE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Why do you feel you would make a great representative for Bluebonnet & TGRA?

What inspires you?

What are your plans to further the Bluebonnet Title?

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Categories

PRESENTATION 0-20 points.

Your first appearance on stage, Presentation is when you introduce yourself to the Judges and the audience. This is the first look at your character for the evening. Present yourself as you would want to be known if you were to win the title. Please prepare a TYPED description of your persona to be read by the emcee and turn this in to the show coordinator upon arrival.

WESTERN WEAR 0-30 points

The attire in which you choose to wear for Western Wear should be one that compliments not only yourself, but also the Title of Mr/Miss Bluebonnet. You can be as simple or as creative as your mood and character strike. Just remember the title you are competing for and what you will be representing in Your Community. This can run the gamut from Casual like may be found in your local Western Wear Store, You may resemble the style of a western wear entertainer (this would allow for a bit more bling if you wish) I could also be in the vein of the old western town style. (Card Shark, Saloon Girl, Sheriff, Store Keeper, Cow hand etc.) Please prepare a TYPED description of your persona to be read by the emcee and turn this in to the show coordinator upon arrival.

ENTERTAINMENT 0-50 points

Do what you do best! In the past, the Talent segment has included comedy, serious and some very questionable drag. Depending on your character anything could be successful. While in theory, the audience response should not affect the judges; we all know that it does. Do what you do best and you will be judged accordingly! (Please remember talent is limited to 5 minutes including set-up and break down of props.) Turn in your music into the show coordinator upon arrival.

PLEDGES

Pre- Money

1 point for each \$5.00

During Pageant

1 point for each \$10.00

The purpose of the Bluebonnet Pageantry is to raise money for those in need within our community. TGRA is a 501.C3 organization so all pledges are tax deductible. **Events publicly produced by or for the contestants of Bluebonnet need approval by the Austin TGRA Board of Directors AND are required to have at least one board member present at each event to count and collect the money THAT NIGHT. (but will not be made public knowledge until the night of the pageant)** Private pledges received before the pageant AND money raised at publicly promoted events for the competitors, count for more points due the initiative the contestants take to raise them ahead of time. These funds raised early are known as Pre-money. Privately contributed Pre Money is to be turned in no later than the one hour call the night of the pageant. Pledges and tips raised during pageant categories are also counted towards your score. Both specifics of point values are laid out in the above description. So invite your mother, father, brothers, sisters, neighbors, ex-tricks, co-workers, etc to both, pre-pageant benefits and the pageant to support you.

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Rules and Regulations

1. The Mr./Miss Bluebonnet Pageant is an annual event.
2. Anyone may represent Bluebonnet Pageantry; you do not have to be a TGRA member to enter the pageant.
3. The proceeds will benefit TGRA Austin Chapter and its designated charities that year.
4. The pageant will start and end according to posted times. Any contestant who has not checked in when the pageant begins will be disqualified.
5. Contestants are expected to collect pledges. Flat amount donations are usually the best. Checks must be made out to TGRA. All private pledges must be turned in the day of the pageant.
6. A member of the pageant committee will collect pledges.
7. Drug use, misuse of alcohol, abusive or foul language will not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate disqualification and removal from the premises.
8. You will be allowed one dresser in the dressing room. Dressing room area is to be kept clean and used only by entertainers and contestants. If you have backup dancers for your talent, they will be allowed in the dressing room for costume change 2 numbers before you go on for entertainment.
9. Use of fire or flammable products is NOT permitted on stage, and is grounds for immediate disqualification.
10. All entertainers and contestants must be 21 years of age or older and must be prepared to show a valid ID.
11. TGRA is NOT responsible for lost, stolen, or broken personal items. All entertainers and contestants must abide by TABC rules and regulations.
12. Winners must be available to perform for TGRA and other charitable organizations as requested.

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Title Holder Responsibilities

The winners of the Bluebonnet pageant will be required to participate in:

1. Responsible for hosting a minimum of 1 charity fundraising show to benefit TGRA Austin Chapter.
2. The 2019 Bluebonnet Pageant to pass on the title the following year (Date TBA)
3. The winner and first runner up will be eligible to compete in the Mr. / Miss Charity America Pageant following the receipt of their title.

If for any reason the winner(s) cannot fulfill his/her responsibilities as Mr. / Miss Bluebonnet, they will immediately turn possession of the crown, sash, and any other winnings over to the pageant promoter, and the first runner up will take the title and responsibilities.

I hereby agree to hold TGRA; its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any damages, liabilities, costs, judgments, and expenses that result from participation in or application to participate in this event.

Signed,

Contestants Legal Name

Date

Witness Signature

Date

Thank you for your support of TGRA and its beneficiaries.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact producer.

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Photo Release

I, _____, hereby give TGRA and it's representatives permission to use any or all photos taken of me during any TGRA Event for whatever purpose they feel will assist in helping to promote TGRA and it's charities.

Signed,

Contestants Legal Name

Date

Witness Signature

Date

