

Creative Presentation, Personal Interview, Creative Fashion & Talent

Registration Fee: \$120

Prize Package: 1st Place-\$500 cash, Crown, Sash & Jewelry Set 2nd Place-\$200 cash 3rd Place-\$100 cash 4th Place \$50 cash

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Contestant Handbook

Dear Contestant,

Welcome to our First Annual California's Bearded Queen Preliminary Pageant. To those that have competed in any preliminary before welcome back! For those joining an America's Bearded Queen Pageant for the first time, welcome to the family.

The California's Bearded Queen Pageant will be held on Saturday April 30, 2022 starting at 9pm and will be held at Ginger's Bar in San Francisco, CA.

Registration is open and we look forward to having you come be a part of this prelim and of the California's Bearded Queen Family.

If you have any questions that you don't find answered here please email us at beardedgueenca@gmail.com or call (408)644-1710.

Best of Luck to you!

America's Bearded Queen Rules & Regulations

- Contestants must be at least 21 years of age by registration of the National Pageant and must be able to show proof of age. You must be able to travel freely throughout the United States of America. If you do not have a valid ID or passport you will not be allowed to enter.
- 2. You must maintain a beard (facial hair) throughout the entire length of your reign.
- 3. Judging for America's Bearded Queen will be on a points accumulated system. Any ties will be broken by the contestant with the highest talent score.
- 4. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:
 - a. Creative Presentation
 - b. Personal Interview
 - c. Creative Fashion
 - d. Talent
 - e. Top 5 On stage Question and Answer (at national level ONLY)
- 5. Talent presentation is limited to 7 minutes. Prop setup and take down time will be limited to 5 of those 7 minutes. Talent Presentations will be timed at rehearsals and anyone going over the 7 minutes will have administrative points deducted (1 point per minute).
- 6. Any type of talent presentation is acceptable. Except any that may cause injury to the audience or any other person, including yourself. No excessive body or facial glitter, fire of any kind, water or liquids or confetti (including small confetti cannons) may be used in your talent presentations. No live animals or reptiles may be used in your talent presentations.
- 7. The use of dispensing of any illegal drugs or marijuana will not be tolerated while participating in the America's Bearded Queen Pageant. Immediate disqualification could result for those that break this rule.

- 8. Any contestants, contestant's dancers, helpers, etc. who are caught stealing or tampering with another person's possessions will be immediately disqualified and removed from the location of the pageant.
- 9. Bearded Pageantry Inc and America's Bearded Queen Pageant does not discriminate against contestants with silicone and/or hormones.
- 10. Bearded Pageantry Inc reserves the right to make any decisions concerning any matter not covered by these rules and regulations.
- 11. America's Bearded Queen along with California's Bearded Queen will be required to sign a contract before any prizes and/or prize money is paid out. Failure to sign the contract will mean forfeiture of your title. You can find a copy of the contract in the official handbook. Please review it so you are familiar with it.
- 12. Any contestants in the Top 5 not staying on stage for the entire crowning and picture will forfeit their placement and prizes.
- 13. Within 7 days of winning the pageant, America's Bearded Queen along with California's Bearded Queen must have and maintain a social media page, email address and cell phone for the entire length of their reign.

California's Bearded Queen Additions to Rules & Regulations

- 1. California's Bearded Queen and 1st Alternate will have NO public opinion to any political or social issue that may be looked at as controversial and not publicly endorse any candidate or political cause via their social media.
- 2. California's Bearded Queen will be responsible for finding any GLBTQ Non Profit Organization that they will fundraise for. A minimum of 3 fundraisers must be held throughout their reign. The proceeds of these fundraisers will be split in the following way:
 - a. 50% to their organization
 - b. 25% to California's Bearded Queen
 - c. 25% for the Title Holders Pageant related expenses

- 3. California's Bearded Queen must be available to step down, attend, perform and help out with the following year's prelim. The date for the following prelim will be set after the National Competition.
- 4. Any bookings offered to California's Bearded Queen must be disclosed to the State promoter and approved prior to you accepting the booking. The **ONLY** reason a booking will not be approved is if it conflicts with any other California or America's Bearded Queen Event.
- 5. Any behavior that California's Bearded Queen and 1st Alternate engage in that may cause the reputation of the system to look bad will be grounds for disqualification. This includes but not limited to any social media outbursts, not complying with the State Promoters Requests for preparation to the National Competition, bullying or sexual harrassment of any kind.
- 6. Booking fee for California's Bearded Queen will be set at \$200 plus travel expenses if traveling over 100 miles. Local booking fees will be set at \$150 without travel expenses. (Local means any travel under 100 miles).

Register to Compete

Registration is open for a fee of \$120 until March 30, 2022. Any one wishing to register as of April 1, 2022 will be charged a \$20 late registration fee on top of the \$120. Please visit www.beardedpageantryinc.com/california to download a copy of the application or email beardedqueenca@gmail.com to request one. We will email you an invoice for the registration fee upon receipt of your completed application or If you would like to mail your completed application along with a money order to register send it to: Robert Casillas at 2925 Atwood Dr., San Jose, CA 95122 also please make money orders payable to Robert Casillas and write California's Bearded Queen on the memo line.

Accommodations

Accommodations have been made at The Comfort Inn & Suites San Francisco Airport North, 121 E Grand St., South San Francisco, CA 94080 PH. (650)589-7100

Group Booking Rate Valid thru 4/9/2022

Group Name: CBQ Group Booking Code: BL71N1

Room Types Available:

4- King Bed \$131.28

8- 2 King Beds \$135.53

**** There is a \$100 Security Deposit due at Check In****

Parking is \$6.84 per day

Book at www.choicehotels.com

All Contestants including local Contestants are required to use the host hotel.

Admissions

Contestants do not have to pay for admission to California's Bearded Queen Preliminary Pageant on April 30, 2022. All Dressing Room Assistants, Dressers, Dancers, Prop Personnel, managers, lovers, etc MUST PAY admission at full price. The price for admission will be \$10 if prepaid at registration on the day of the prelim. Cash ONLY. At the registration for California's Bearded Queen on April 30, 2022 there will be a Dancers Pass available for \$5. These passes will ONLY be sold at the registration. You may only purchase one for your dresser/backstage

assistant and for each dancer as indicated on your application. We will ONLY accept cash for these passes. **NO REFUNDS!**

Prize Package

1st Place - \$500 in cash, crown, sash and a spot in Nationals

2nd Place - \$250 in cash and a spot in Nationals

3rd Place - \$100 in cash

4th Place - \$50 cash

Sponsors



We are still looking for more sponsors if you know of any please have them email beardedqueenca@gmail.com

Meetings and Rehearsals

Every contestant is required to attend all scheduled meetings and rehearsals. Those not present will lose administrative points. Please see the schedule of events in this handbook for the times of those rehearsals.

Creative Presentation

Contestants may model, perform or lip sync their Creative Presentations. No props or dancers (additional individuals) will be allowed on stage during your Creative Presentation. Contestants will introduce yourselves during this category. Time limit of 3 minutes is allowed for this category.

SCORING- This category is worth 1-10 points

Personal Interview

Contestants will meet individually with the panel of judges who will question them on anything from personal issues to their professional life. Nothing religious or political will be allowed in a Personal Interview unless a contestant brings it up first. This is a timed category of 10 minutes per contestant.

SCORING- This category is worth 1-10 points

Creative Fashion

Creative Fashion is open to full length evening gowns, traditional "suites" or anything fashion forward. Judges will be current with fashion and open to all kinds of creative fashions.

SCORING- This category is worth 1-10 points

Talent

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SCORING- This category is worth 1-40 points

Scoring

Creative Presentation - 10 points

Personal Interview - 10 points

Creative Fashion - 10 points

Talent - 40 points

Total - 70 points x 5 **(350 points)**

(Any ties will be broken by whoever scores highest in Talent)

Contestant Coordinator

California's Bearded Queen will be providing a contestant coordinator to assist you during the Pageant. Her job is to help ensure that you have a positive and enjoyable time during the pageant. While at the pageant he will be your point of contact. He will be available to all contestants. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please direct them to him first.

Contact Info:

Name: Robert Casillas Phone No: (408)644-1710

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Schedule of Events

PLEASE BE ON TIME!! Administrative Points will be deducted for tardiness.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
4/1/2022	Contestant Zoom Meeting	7:00pm PST
4/30/2022	Registration	12:00pm PST
4/30/2022	Rehearsals	12:30pm PST
4/30/2022	Personal Interviews	4:00pm PST
4/30/2022	Doors Open	7:00pm PST
4/30/2022	Call Time	7:30pm PST

Going to Nationals

The only contestants going to Nationals are 1st and 2nd Place. You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to Texas. If you do not attend you forfeit your title and/or placement and will be required to pay back all prizes.

Nationals will be Nov 9 & 10, 2022 in the Rose Room @S4 in Dallas, Texas

Fundraising

We recommend that ALL contestants engage in some type of fundraising to help with your costs. You are all responsible for your own fundraising.

Ticket Sales

Each contestant will be given 8 paper tickets upon registering that we would like for you to sell. It is not mandatory to do so and not selling the tickets will not disqualify you or affect your scores in any way HOWEVER the revenue brought in from these ticket sales can help pay for travel arrangements, accommodations at Nationals, Prize Money, etc.... As an incentive whichever contestant sells the most tickets with a minimum of at least 8 tickets sold will win a \$100 cash prize.

Promotion of Event:

Each contestant is expected to promote the event via their social media accounts.

Covid:

Each contestant, backstage helper, dancer, judge, entertainer and anyone in the audience will be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative covid test that was taken no more than 3 days prior to the prelim. Failure to do so will result in not being allowed to enter the venue. Contestants can email a copy of their proof of vaccination to beardedqueenCA@gmail.com any time prior to the prelim date or bring proof with them to registration. Masks will also be required to enter and may be taken off once inside the dressing area.

Sample Contract:

TITLEHOLDER AGREEMENT AMERICA'S BEARDED QUEEN Bearded Pageantry Inc THIS AGREEMENT MADE BETWEEN BEARDED PAGEANTRY INC (hereinafter referred to as "Promoter") AND			
(hereinafter referred to as "Titleholder"), whose personal mailing address is			
Telephone number	, e-mail address		
hereby covenant and agree as	follows: 1. Titleholders obligations: Titleholder shall		
attend and participate in, as a	representative of Bearded Pageantry Inc, all State		
and Regional Preliminary page	eants held during the year of Titleholders reign at		
such time and place as may be	e set forth by Bearded Pageantry Inc, the "Promoter".		
All expenses of the titleholder,	as set forth in the Promoters Rules and Regulations,		
shall be at the expense of the	State or Regional Preliminary Promoter. These		
expenses are, but not limited t	o, titleholders transportation, lodging and		
performance fee of \$250.00 pe	er night of entertaining. The State or Regional		
Preliminary Promoter is require	ed to use the services of titleholder only one night		

during their pageant (if a multi-night preliminary). 2. Bookings: All entertaining and/or appearances of an official nature by titleholder shall be cleared and approved at least ten (10) business days in advance by "Promoter" whose approval shall not unreasonably be withheld. Entertaining and/or appearances of an official nature shall be construed as those, but not limited to those, in which the titleholder is appearing mainly due to their title and therefore is representing America's Bearded Queen, the "Promoter" and Bearded Pageantry Inc. 3. Titleholders responsibilities: Titleholder agrees to hold the title, Bearded Pageantry Inc and the "Promoter", it's State and Regional Preliminary Promoters and franchisees in the highest esteem. Titleholder agrees that while appearing, entertaining or representing the title during the year of his/her reign to the following: a. Not to be drunk in a public place; b. Not to commit the acts of a sexual nature in a public place; c. Not to commit acts of a violent nature in a public place; d. Not to use illegal drugs; e. Not to commit the act of stealing; f. Not to have a sex change or gender reassignment surgery; g. Not to participate in malicious gossip; h. To attend and participate in the 2022 America's Bearded Queen Pageant at such time and place as set forth by Bearded Pageantry Inc; i. Not to be deemed guilty of any other unreasonable act that is considered demeaning to the title by the "Promoter"; j. To perform at least two (2) times during a State or Regional Preliminary pageant unless otherwise instructed by that State or Regional Preliminary Promoter; k. Titleholder agrees to provide a satisfactory publicity photograph with the crown within thirty (30) days of assuming the title for use by the "Promoter"; I. Not to perform nude; m. Titleholder agrees to keep a valid cellular telephone number in service during the year of his reign; n. Titleholder agrees to have a valid e-mail address and Social Media page (with crown photo) within seven (7) days of winning and keep it active and only used in a positive manner during his entire reign; o. Titleholder agrees to receive permission from the "Promoter" before appearing at a pageant or contest in any other pageant system; p. Titleholder may not enter any pageant during his reign. And most importantly; q. Titleholder must maintain a beard (facial hair) during his entire reign! 4. Promoters

Responsibilities: Promoters responsibilities to the Titleholder shall be: a. To permit the titleholder the booking rights as stated in Articles 1 and 2; b. To provide titleholder with all necessary information on a timely basis, as available, concerning all State and Regional Preliminary pageants; c. To pay all monies, awards and prizes as long as the titleholder is not in default under this agreement as follows; d. \$1000.00 and other awards as listed in the Contestant's Handbook for the pageant upon winning the title, and; e. \$1000.00 upon completion of his reign which includes being present and entertaining at the 2022 America's Bearded Queen Pageant; f. To provide at least four (4) tickets to the final night of the 2022 America's Bearded Queen Pageant. 5. Certain Rights Reserved by Titleholder: As long as the titleholder is not in default under this agreement, he shall have the following rights; a. To enjoy the rights and privileges of said title; b. To be allowed bookings, subject to Articles 1, 2 and 6 contained herein, and for such fees as stated for State and Regional Preliminary Pageants. Other private bookings, approved by the "Promoter", shall be for whatever fee as the Titleholder feels is justified, and; c. Must reside in the United States of America or be available for access to travel within the United States of America during his entire reign and immediately notify the Promoter of ANY change of address. 6. Certain Rights Reserved to Promoter: The following rights are reserved to the Promoter: a. To have and retain paramount title to the Title at all times; b. To change the title of America's Bearded Queen at its own discretion; c. To approve all bookings, subject to Articles 1, 2 and 5 contained herein, of Titleholder; d. To reasonably set forth Rules and Regulations concerning the conduct of holders of the title; e. To set the dates, times and location of all future America's Bearded Queen Pageants and to make reasonable bookings for Titleholder. Said bookings will be confirmed with Titleholder at least ten (10) days prior to said bookings and said bookings shall be made in a manner as to not cause conflict with Titleholders schedule. 7. Promoters Remedies: If Titleholder defaults under this agreement, "Promoter" may treat any one or more of the foregoing occurrences as a breach of this agreement and thereupon at its option may, without notice or demand of any kind (which

Titleholder hereby expressly waives), to Titleholder or any other person, have, but not limited to, any or all of the following remedies. a. Revoke the title from the Titleholder; b. Demand the return of all prizes, monies and awards given to Titleholder; c. Refuse entry into any franchised America's Bearded Queen Preliminary Pageants; d. Pass the title to the 1st Runner-up or any other person felt to be qualified by Promoter; e. Refuse bookings of an official nature to Titleholder; f. Assess fines for breach of any part of this agreement. Said fines shall not exceed the amount of \$250.00 per offense, but may be at a lower amount as set forth and determined by the "Promoter". 8. Notices: All notices to be given by one party to the other under this agreement shall be in writing, mailed or hand delivered as follows: If to Promoter Bearded Pageantry Inc David Bridgman 3508 Flamingo Way Mesquite, TX 75150 Or to such other person at such other address designated by notice to the Titleholder If to Titleholder At the address stated above Mailed notices shall be sent by United States Postal Service, Certified or Registered mail, postage prepaid. Such notices shall be deemed to have been given upon posting in the United States mail. 9. Miscellaneous: a. All rights and remedies of "Promoter" under this agreement shall be cumulative and none shall exclude any other rights and remedies by law. b. The word "Promoter" shall be construed to mean Promoters in all cases where there is more than one promoter and necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions hereof apply to corporations or individuals, or men, or women, shall be assumed as though in each case fully expressed. 10. Release: Titleholder agrees to release and hold harmless Bearded Pageantry Inc, the "Promoter" and the official America's Bearded Queen Pageant, their agents, servants, employees and licensees from any liability, and/or responsibility whatsoever, resulting from, associated with or arising out of Titleholders participation in the America's Bearded Queen Pageant System, in any duly franchised State or Regional Preliminary Pageant, and/or the title. Including, but not limited to, personal injury or loss of or damage to any personal property, regardless of whether the loss of or injury to occurs before, during or after the America's Bearded Queen Pageant, duly franchised Preliminary Pageants

or any related activity including but not limited to any Bearded Pageantry Inc National Pageants, State or Regional Pageant or local preliminaries and their related activities. Titleholder also herby releases himself from any and all rights to any videotaping (sound and/or video), photography, recording, still camera or motion picture of the America's Bearded Queen Pageant or any franchised America's Bearded Queen Preliminary Pageant. Titleholder also understands that he has or will have no rights to any of the recordings arising out of said pageants that Titleholder may appear in or on, or the future sales thereof.



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