



**APAIT**  
A DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUPS

CANDIDATE APPLICATION

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# QUEST 2016

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

EAST WEST PLAYERS THEATRE  
120 JUDGE JOHN AISO ST.  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

*Dear Applicant,*

APAIT is proud to announce the return of our transgender advocacy pageant, **QUEST**. Unlike other pageants, the goal of **QUEST** has always been to recognize and develop leaders and advocates within the transgender community. Through the years, we have been lucky to have found many strong candidates who were true leaders in the quest for acceptance, equal rights, and public awareness on issues such as HIV/AIDS and transgender equality.

We encourage you to apply to be a candidate for **QUEST 2016** and join our efforts to build a future of acceptance and awareness for transgender individuals everywhere.

Thank you for your continued support.

***QUEST 2016 Committee***

*Destin Cortez, Jazzmun Crayton, and Robert Maullon*  
***Committee Co-Chairs***

*Ayaka Nakaji, Ericson Herbas, Jaden Fields, Jason Tran, Jonathan Ilano,*  
*Jury Candelario, Nancy Sekizawa, Peter Cruz, Sanjay Chugani, Steve Gonzalez*  
***Committee Members***



All interested applicants must submit the following by **October 30, 2015** for committee review. A submitted application does not guarantee a place in the event. Please follow all directions on the application form.

1. Complete the Application Form.
2. Sign the Consent and Release Form (see page 5); and Rules and Regulations Form (see page 6).
3. Send the following with the application form:

- **CANDIDATE ESSAY**

On one page, answer one of the following two statements: (see page 4)

1. Write about a personal accomplishment in your life that has affected you as a transgender person.
2. Describe how you been of service to the transgender community.

- **APPLICATION FEE (\$100)**

Application fee will be waived for **current and former** clients of APAIT's programs. Check and money orders, payable to **APAIT/SSG**, are accepted forms of payment. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH**. Credit card payments may be made by clicking the **BUY TICKETS** button at **www.apaitonline.org/quest-2016**.

- **PHOTOGRAPH**

Please submit one color photo, no smaller than 4"x 6". Head shot or half body are both acceptable.

Photo must be clear. Filtered or altered photographs are not acceptable.

Photograph will be used for the application review process, preliminary judging, and print/video materials related to the event.

A copy of the photograph may also be e-mailed to Destin Cortez, [destinc@apaitonline.org](mailto:destinc@apaitonline.org). E-mailed photos must be at least 300dpi resolution.

**NOTE: All photographs submitted become the property of APAIT and will not be returned. Remember, photos must be clear and not smaller than 4"x6".**

All letters, forms, payment, and photograph should be postmarked no later than **October 30, 2015** and mailed to:

APAIT  
Attn: QUEST Candidate Coordinator  
1730 West Olympic Blvd. Suite 300  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Application forms and personal statements may be sent by fax to (213) 553-1833 or e-mailed to [destinc@apaitonline.org](mailto:destinc@apaitonline.org).



**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING:**

Legal Name (as it appears on your ID or Driver's License):
Candidate Preferred Name (how you would like to be addressed during the event):
Home or mailing address:
Home number:
Work number:
Cell phone number:
Emergency contact name :
Emergency contact phone number:
Will you be needing an Interpreter?    YES            NO (Circle One)
If yes, what language:



On one page, write an essay on one of following topics:

1. Write about a personal accomplishment in your life that has affected you as a transgender person.
2. Describe how you been of service to the transgender community.



By signing this form, I have read and fully understand the **QUEST** application process.

I understand that:

- ◆ Priority will be given to applicants currently/ previously involved with APAIT’s programs.
- ◆ This application does not guarantee my participation as a candidate in the preliminary or finals event.
- ◆ Contest results will be final and cannot be used in any litigation purposes.
- ◆ The QUEST committee reserves the right to decline any submitted applications.
- ◆ Accepted applicants will be notified by the QUEST committee no later than **Friday, November 6, 2015.**
- ◆ All selected QUEST candidates are required to attend the following QUEST activities:
  - ◇ QUEST Media Day and Rehearsals: Saturday, November 14
  - ◇ QUEST Preliminary Event: Friday, December 11
  - ◇ QUEST 2016: Saturday, December 12

Failure to attend required activities will result in an immediate disqualification from QUEST 2016.

- ◆ Candidates are required to arrive on-time for all scheduled activities. Failure to arrive by the designated call times will result in a significant reduction of points from the candidate’s overall score.
- ◆ I release all film, news, and publicity rights to APAIT and its authorized collaborators. I release APAIT of any and all liability in the case of any personal injury, or lost/stolen personal property during any QUEST related activities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# CANDIDATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

All candidates (applicants) must self-identify as trans\*.  
All candidates (applicants) must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the event. (Age verification required.)  
All selected candidates will be notified NO LATER THAN Friday, November 6, 2015.  
**ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION BY Friday, October 30, 2015.**

## CANDIDATES MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### Day 1, Saturday, November 14, 2015 (12pm-7pm)

- Filming of Media Advocacy video at APAIT (Scored category)
- Photo shoot
- Rehearsal at APAIT

### Day 2, Friday, December 11, 2015 (3pm call time)

- Candidate Reception and Group Session (No scoring)
- Venue Rehearsal
- **Judging:** Q&A, Preliminary Interview (Scored categories)

### Day 3, Saturday, December 12, 2015 (3pm call time)

- Finals Rehearsals
- Call time and Event Night (immediate disqualification in winning the Quest title if late)

**CATEGORIES:** All candidates must participate in the following categories and receive scores to determine the three (3) grand finalists:

### Day 1, Saturday, November 14, 2015

- Filming of Media Advocacy (to be played and scored during the pageant) and People's Choice Award videos.

### Day 2, Friday, December 11, 2015

- Preliminary Interview = 50% of cumulative scores
- Photogenic Category = Special award decided by a separate group of judges

### Day 3, Saturday, December 12, 2015

- Runway Categories = 50% of cumulative scores
  - Personal Style (Any type of outfit of the candidate's choosing: **MUST BE IN BLACK**) [15 points]
  - Community Empowerment (Any type of business wear outfit that a candidate would wear for a professional advocacy event/presentation) [20 points]
  - Evening Gown (Any type of formal evening gown that a candidate would wear for formal events) [15 points]

**Three highest scoring candidates (grand-finalists)** from the total cumulative score will participate in the **FINAL INTERVIEW** to determine the final ranking based on overall presentation and content of answer.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:** Selected by a separate and select panel of judges:

- The Connie Norman Advocacy Award (Best in Preliminary Interview)
- Best in Style Award (Best in Personal Style)
- Community Empowerment Award (Best in Business Wear)
- Most Elegant (Best in Evening Gown)
- People's Choice Award (Most votes via social media)

**Points will be deducted for tardiness or absence in required categories.** Tardiness for the Finals curtain call causes immediate disqualification from winning the Quest title.

- ◇ First and second runner-ups are allowed to enter **QUEST** the year after they win the runner-up title.
- ◇ The title winner is prohibited from competing in future **QUEST** pageants.
- ◇ Failure to fulfill that which is stated in any of the winner's agreements will result in the cancellation of the (remaining) award, the title, and all that are associated with the title.
- ◇ The winning candidates must be available for publicity purposes immediately after the end of the pageant.
- ◇ The producers reserve the right to refuse admission of any applicant into the pageant.
- ◇ The producers reserve the right to add, delete, or alter these rules at any time with proper notice to those bound by these rules.



**PRIZES**

**QUEST FINALISTS**

**Quest Titleholder:** \$1,250 grand prize (First \$625 payment to be given within one month of the event. Second \$625 payment will be given 12 months from award date or upon completion of contract appearances), Miss QUEST crown and sash, 12-month QUEST spokes model contract, plus additional prizes from sponsors (prizes dependent on event sponsors).

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up:** \$600 prize (First payment of \$300 to be given within one month of the event. Second payment of \$300 will be given no later than 12 months from initial award date), 12-month Quest spokes model contract (if QUEST titleholder is unable to fulfill her obligations), plus additional prizes from sponsors (prizes dependent on event sponsors).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up:** \$300 prize (First payment of \$150 to be given within one month of the event. Second payment of \$150 will be given no later than 12 months from initial award date), plus additional prizes from sponsors (prizes dependent on event sponsors).

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize that I have read and understand the rules and  
PRINT NAME  
 conditions of my participation in QUEST. I hereby hold harmless and waive all rights of any type of lawsuits against the judges, the venue(s), APAIT, or any individual who may be involved with QUEST. I understand that any person or sponsor assisting me in any way is also bound by the same rules and conditions stated in this application.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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