



QUEST 2017

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 2016

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. Throughout the years, we have been lucky to have found many strong candidates who were true leaders in the quest for freedom, equity, and public awareness on issues such as HIV/AIDS and transgender equality.

We encourage you to apply to be a candidate for **QUEST 2017** and join our efforts to build a future of acceptance and awareness for transgender individuals everywhere.

Thank you for your continued support.

QUEST 2017 Committee

Terri Jay and Peter Cruz
Committee Co-Chairs

Jazzmun Crayton, Destin Cortez, Maritza Marquina, Ron Cortes, Jaden Fields, Claire Romillo,
Yun-Sook Navarre, Leticia Nichols
Committee Members



All interested applicants must submit the following by **October 24, 2016** 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 that has had a profound impact on your life.
 2. Describe how you have been of service to empower 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 reviewing process.

A copy of the photograph may also be e-mailed to Jaden Fields, jadenf@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 dropped off or postmarked no later than

October 24, 2016 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 jadenf@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:

Primary phone number:

Secondary phone number:

Email Address:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Phone Number:

Will you be needing an interpreter? YES NO (Circle One)

If yes, what language:

Do you have reliable transportation to get to and from event venues?

Dietary needs/restrictions:



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

1. Write about a personal accomplishment that has had a profound impact on your life.
2. Describe how you have been of service to empower the transgender community.



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

- ◆ I have provided valid contact information.
- ◆ Priority will be given to applicants **currently/ previously** involved with APAIT's programs.
- ◆ This application does not guarantee my participation as a QUEST candidate in the pageant process.
- ◆ Contest results will be final and cannot be used in any litigation purposes.
- ◆ The QUEST committee reserves the right to decline any submitted applications.
- ◆ If I am selected to participate in QUEST, I will be notified by the QUEST committee no later than **Friday, October 28, 2016**.
- ◆ All selected QUEST candidates are **required** to attend the following QUEST activities:
 1. QUEST Candidate Orientation: Saturday, November 5, 2016
 2. QUEST Media Day and 1st Rehearsal: Saturday, November 19, 2016
 3. QUEST 2nd Rehearsal: Saturday, December 10, 2016
 4. QUEST Dress Rehearsal and Preliminaries: Friday, December 16, 2016
 5. QUEST 2017: Saturday, December 17, 2016

Failure to attend required activities will result in an immediate disqualification from QUEST 2017.

- ◆ 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: _____



1. All candidates (applicants) must self-identify as trans.
2. All candidates (applicants) must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the event. (Age verification required.)
3. All selected candidates will be notified NO LATER THAN Friday, October 28, 2016.
4. **ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION BY Monday, October 24, 2016.**
5. **CANDIDATES MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING (MANDATORY):**

Day 1: Candidate Orientation — Saturday, November 5, 2016 (12pm—4pm)

- Candidate Reception (No scoring)
- Overview of Pageant process
- Media training
- Headshots (must arrive camera ready, no prep time)

Day 2: Media Day and 1st Rehearsal — Saturday, November 19, 2016 (12pm—7pm)

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

Day 3: Preliminaries and 2nd Rehearsal — Saturday, December 10, 2016 (11pm—7pm)

- **Judging:** Q&A, Preliminary Interview (50% of cumulative scores)
- People's Choice Award—scored
- QUEST Production Run Through

Day 4: QUEST Dress Rehearsal — Friday, December 16, 2016 (3pm—6pm)

- Venue Rehearsal

Day 5: QUEST 2017 — Saturday, December 17, 2016 (2pm—9pm)

- Finals Rehearsals
- Call time and Event Night (significant point reduction up to disqualification if late)

Failure to attend any of the aforementioned dates results in immediate disqualification.



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

Day 5: Saturday, December 17, 2016

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 event [20 points]
- ◆ **Evening Gown** — Any type of evening gown that a candidate would wear for a formal event [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 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 future **QUEST** pageants 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 spokesmodel contract, plus additional prizes from sponsors (prizes dependent on event sponsors).

1st 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 spokesmodel contract (if QUEST titleholder is unable to fulfill the obligations), plus additional prizes from sponsors (prizes dependent on event sponsors).

2nd Runner-Up: \$300 prize (payment to be given within one month of the event, plus additional prizes from sponsors (prizes dependent on event sponsors).

I, _____ authorize that I have read and understand the rules and 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.

PRINT NAME

Signature _____

Date: _____