Dear Applicant,

APAIT is proud to announce the return of our transgender advocacy pageant, QUEST. The goal of QUEST has always been to uplift and develop leaders and advocates within the transgender community. Throughout the years, we have been lucky to have found many strong candidates who were profound 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 2019 and join our efforts to build a future of acceptance and freedom for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals everywhere. In our efforts to better reflect the diversity of the communities we serve, candidates will have the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss or Mx. QUEST.

Thank you for your continued support.

QUEST 2019 Committee

Jazzmun Crayton, Destin Cortez, Jaden Fields
Committee Co-Chairs

Santino Lojero, Daisy Kawa, Addison Rose Vincent, Zulma Velasquez, Jesse Medina
Committee Members
All interested applicants must submit the following by October 12, 2018 by 12 noon, 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 an obstacle that you have overcome and how the lessons you’ve learned made you stronger.
     2. What would transgender freedom and liberation look like for you?
   - **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-2019.
   - **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
     If accepted, candidates will receive a small scholarship to assist with the costs of competing in the pageant.
   - **PHOTOGRAPH**
     Please submit one color photo, no smaller than 4”x6”. 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 12, 2018 by 12 noon and mailed to:

APAIT
Attn: QUEST
3055 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90010
### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING:

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<td>Do you have reliable transportation to get to and from event venues?</td>
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On one page, write an essay on **ONE** of following topics:

1. Write about an obstacle that you have overcome and how the lessons you’ve learned made you stronger.

2. What would transgender freedom and liberation look like for you?
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/previous 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 19, 2018 by 12:00 PM.
- All selected QUEST candidates are required to attend the following QUEST activities:
  1. QUEST Candidate Orientation: Saturday, October 27, 2018
  2. HalloQueer QUEST 2019 Fundraiser: Wednesday, October 31, 2018
  3. QUEST Media Day and 1st Rehearsal: Saturday, November 10, 2018
  4. QUEST Candidate Community Day: Saturday, November 17, 2018
  5. QUEST Preliminaries and 2nd Rehearsal: Saturday, December 8, 2018
  6. QUEST Dress Rehearsal: Friday, December 14, 2018
  7. QUEST 2019: Saturday, December 15, 2018

Failure to attend required activities will result in an immediate disqualification from QUEST 2019.

- 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.
- There will be a 10 minute grace period allowed, as long as candidates notify Candidate Coordinators, Jaden Fields and/or Destin Cortez.
- 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.
- I agree to be sober for all QUEST activities.

Signature: _________________________________         Date: _____________________

Printed Name: _______________________________
**CANDIDATE RULES AND Regulations**

1. All candidates (applicants) must self-identify as trans or gender non-conforming.
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 by noon Friday, October 19, 2018.

4. **ALL CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION BY Friday, October 12, 2018 by 12 noon.**

5. **CANDIDATES MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING (MANDATORY):**
   
   **Day 1: Candidate Orientation — Saturday, October 27, 2018 (12pm—3pm)**
   - Dress in Business Professional Attire
   - Candidate Reception (No scoring)
   - Overview of Pageant process
   - Headshots
   - Media training
   - Pageant 101 (optional, RSVP required)

   **Day 2: HalloQueer QUEST 2019 Fundraiser — Wednesday, October 31, 2018 (5pm—9pm)**
   - Candidate Announcement
   - Meet and Greet with the candidates

   **Day 3: Media Day and 1st Rehearsal — Saturday, November 10, 2018 (12pm—7pm)**
   - Dress in Business Professional attire.
   - Film Media Advocacy video at APAIT (to be played and scored during the pageant)
   - Film People’s Choice Award videos (shared on Facebook)
   - Rehearsal at APAIT

   **Day 4: QUEST Candidate Community Day — Saturday, November 17, 2018 (11am—5pm)**
   - Community building excursion.

   **Day 5: Preliminaries and 2nd Rehearsal — Saturday, December 8, 2018 (11am—7pm)**
   - **Judging:** Q&A, Preliminary Interview (50% of cumulative scores)
   - QUEST Production Run Through

   **Day 6: QUEST Dress Rehearsal — Friday, December 14, 2018 (3pm—6pm)**
   - Venue Rehearsal
   - People’s Choice Award competition ends

   **Day 7: QUEST 2017 — Saturday, December 15, 2018 (2:30pm—10pm)**
   - 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.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: _____________________________

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

**Day 7: Saturday, December 15, 2018**

Runway Categories = 50% of cumulative scores

- **Personal Style** — Any type of outfit of the candidate’s choosing. **MUST BE IN BLACK.** [15 points]
- **Media Advocacy** — Any type of business wear outfit that a candidate would wear for a professional event [20 points]
- **Evening Attire** — 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)
- Congeniality Award (Chosen by QUEST 2019 candidates)

Points will be deducted for tardiness in required categories. Tardiness for the Finals curtain call causes immediate disqualification from winning the Quest title. In the event of emergency, please notify Jaden Fields and/or Destin Cortez.

◊ 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

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<td><strong>Quest Titleholder:</strong> $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/Mx. QUEST crown and sash, 12-month QUEST spokesmodel contract, plus additional prizes from sponsors (prizes dependent on event sponsors).</td>
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<td><strong>1st Runner-Up:</strong> $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).</td>
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<td><strong>2nd Runner-Up:</strong> $300 prize (payment to be given within one month of the event, plus additional prizes from sponsors (prizes dependent on event sponsors).</td>
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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.

Signature ______________________________________ Date: ____________________