

THE IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN ROSE COURT

PO BOX 4864 PORTLAND, OR 97208



Gay Portland Application 2023

I am applying for the title of Mr, Miss, Ms, Mx
(circle one)

Your Legal Name _____ Stage Name _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Address _____ City _____, Oregon ZIP _____

Email Address _____ Birth Month _____ Birth Year _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

What other titles have you held and in what city? _____

- Be sure to read the requirements of the Gay Portland titles in the current ISRC Operations Manual and Bylaws documents. These are available on the ISRC web site at www.rosecourt.org
- Please read, complete, and initial each requirement below and sign the application before mailing.
- Make sure the application is mailed in time to be postmarked on or before the deadline of Monday, July 31, 2023. All Applications must be mailed. Applications postmarked after Monday, July 31, 2023, will not be accepted.
- Be sure to include your application fee of \$20 or your application will not be accepted.
- Send to: ISRC Applications, PO Box 4864, Portland, OR 97208.
- Be sure to have valid State of Oregon identification when you come to interviews.
- Qualified applicants will be invited to the Interviews which will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023, at Darcelle XV Showplace after the regularly scheduled BOD meeting.

____ If selected for the position for which I am applying, I will maintain my Oregon residency within the Quad County Area (Clackamas, Washington, Columbia, or Multnomah County) for the length of my term.

____ I have been a continuous resident of the State of Oregon for at least one (1) year preceding the date of application.

___ I understand that applications postmarked after Monday, July 1, 2023, will not be accepted.

___ I understand that during my year I must attend 6 of 12 Court meetings. (non-consecutive absences)

___ I understand that during my year I must attend 9 of 12 Board meetings. (non-consecutive absences)

___ I understand I must become a Sustaining Member of the ISRC during my year

___ I am at least 21 years of age and have valid identification issued by the State of Oregon. *Please be sure to bring valid, State of Oregon issued photo ID to the interviews meeting*

___ I understand that Interviews will be held on Monday, August 7, 2023 at Darcelle XV Showplace. Location: 208 NW Third Ave. Portland, Oregon, after the scheduled BOD meeting.

___ I have read, fully understand, and agree to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the Imperial Sovereign

___ Rose Court titles of Mr., Miss, Ms. Or Mx Gay Portland as documented in the current Bylaws and Operations Manual documents. Full documents are available in the documents section of the ISRC web site at www.rosecourt.org

___ I have not been convicted of any sex crimes against minors.

Conflicts of interest statement: Do you sit on a board or act as an agent for any other organization? No

Yes. If yes, please list organizations and describe duties:

Legal Signature _____ **Date** _____

For official ISRC use only:

Application received by _____ Fee Received by _____

1. Eligibility and Qualifications

- a. All applicants must present valid, state-issued identification that shows proof of Quad- County residency for a period of at least one year immediately preceding date of application for candidacy.
- b. Applicants must become a Sustaining Member of the ISRC for their term of as a Gay Portland titleholder. Winners must submit their membership application and dues at or before the Board of Directors meeting following the Gay Portland Pageant.
- c. Applicants shall submit an application fee, as determined by the Board of Directors, with their application and said fee may be non-refundable upon acceptance as a candidate for said position.
- d. All applicants must be at least 21 years of age.

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- e. All applicants must have attended at least one (1) regularly scheduled monthly Board of Directors meetings within the last twelve (12) months prior to applying for this title. Written proof of attendance from meeting sign-in sheets, not hearsay, will be required.
- f. Applicants must be financially, morally and socially responsible.
- g. Applicants may not have prior convictions of sex crimes against minors.

2. Application

- a. All applicants shall complete and submit the application provided by the Board of Directors within the time prescribed.
- b. Upon approval each candidate must take a number. This number will be considered their position on ballot. Postmark date will not be considered for the order of interview or position on ballot.

3. Interviews

- a. All applicants shall be interviewed by the Board of Directors in person, or through the use of audio/visual electronic resources that have been approved in advance.
- b. The members of the Advisory Council, the current titleholders of the ISRC and past Gay Portland titleholders have the right to attend and be present for the interview process. The ISRC Board of Directors and members of the Advisory Council have voting rights; the current ISRC titleholders and past Gay Portland titleholders have no voting/approval privileges.
- c. Questions must be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the start of interviews.
- d. Applicants shall become a candidate upon approval by the Board of Directors; Withdrawal from candidacy shall be in writing to the Board of Directors and is irrevocable.
- e. Applicant cannot be considered an official candidate until he/she is introduced at the Announcement of Candidates Show.

4. Disqualification

- a. The Board of Directors may disqualify any applicant who does not meet the qualifications as set out in this document, or whom the Board of Directors feels is not capable of responsibly carrying out the duty of the Gay Portland titles.

5. Campaign

a. Campaign shall be limited to one (1) week prior to pageant.

b. Each Candidate shall be allowed one (1) poster, not to exceed 24" x 36" in size. The

c. following information must be on the poster: • the text "Presented by The Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Oregon"

- The correct number (roman numerals) and title the candidate is running for

- the correct date, time, location and admission cost for the pageant
 - the ISRC logo
 - clearly show the beneficiary of the event, such as “net proceeds to benefit” with the charity name or showing that the event benefits the ISRC
 - the text “Must be 21 years or older to vote the night of the pageant. Valid State of Oregon picture ID from the Quad-County area is required to vote; no other ID will be accepted.”
 - all available contact resources including the ISRC website www.rosecourt.org
- d. Each candidate shall be allowed one (1) flyer design, not to exceed 8-1/2" x 11". The following information must be included on the flyer:
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 - the correct date, time, location and admission cost for the pageant
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 - all available contact resources including the ISRC website www.rosecourt.org
 - e. Shows, functions and campaign paraphernalia, i.e., buttons, T-shirts, matches, balloons, etc., are NOT allowed.
 - f. Myspace, Facebook, Twitter and other like electronic promotion may be used by the candidates. Candidates are limited to their approved flyer design.

- 6. Selection Procedure**
- a. The Gay Portland titleholders shall be selected at a voted pageant. The Board of Directors shall oversee the procedure for the selection of the Gay Portland titleholders.
 - b. Voting shall be by secret ballot at the pageant by all those in attendance eligible to vote. All voters must be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age and residents of the Quad-County area with valid Quad-County picture identification except current Oregon titleholders, who must show valid Oregon ID. No other ID will be accepted.
 - c. All titleholders (Knight & Debutantes, Gay Portland’s, Gay Oregon’s, Imperial Prince Royale and Imperial Princess Royale, Rose Emperor and Rose Empress) of the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court who have successfully completed their respective reigns, who no longer reside in the Quad-County area and who are in attendance at the Pageant, shall be permitted to cast a ballot for Mr. /Miss/Ms. Gay Portland.
 - d. Voting procedures and tallying shall be set up by the Board of Directors.
 - e. In the event of a tie, the Board of Directors shall be responsible for the resolution of said tie. The tie shall be broken by a majority vote of those board members present.

- 7. Duties and Responsibilities**
- a. Must be an active participant at the functions of the ISRC.
 - b. Be responsible for paying own admittance to all functions of the ISRC except for their respective step down at the annual Portland pageant.
 - c. The current Gay Portland titleholders are required to attend:
 - Portland Coronation
 - Spring Ball
 - Imperial Prince and Princess Royale Ball & Investitures
 - Portland Pageant
 - Oregon Pageant
 - Knight/Debutante Ball
 - 9 of 12 Board/Court Meetings (non-consecutive absences)

- d. The Imperial Prince and Princess Royale, Gay Oregon's, Gay Portland's and Knight and Debutante shall all serve as members of the Advertising Committee as part of their title duties/responsibilities
- e. Act as a public relations agent of the ISRC, always maintaining the best possible public image.
- f. Assist in the production of the Portland Pageant
- g. Be responsible jointly with the Imperial Prince Royale and Imperial Princess Royale, Gay Oregon's and Knight and Debutante for the production of the After Voting show, if the Monarch's stepping down have chosen to have one.
- h. Hold at least one required joint function, other than the Gay Portland Pageant.
- i. All functions/shows shall have prior approval from the Board of Directors with budgets to be set by the Board of Directors. All funds received from functions/shows shall be processed through the ISRC.
- j. Receipts shall be submitted for reimbursement to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors by the following Board of Directors meeting at the latest or expenses may not be reimbursed.
- k. Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Portland titleholders must maintain Continuous Sustaining Membership during their term of office.
- l. Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Portland titleholders must maintain Quad-County residency for the length of their term.

8. Assumption of Office, Removal & Vacancy

- a. The Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Portland titleholders take office upon investment at the Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Portland pageant and shall serve until the succeeding Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Portland pageant, unless removed from office.
- b. If a Gay Portland titleholder fails to fulfill his/her responsibilities as outlined in this Operations Manual, or if his/her conduct seriously damages the ISRC, he/she shall be subject to disciplinary action or removal by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a duly convened meeting.
- c. If a titleholder misses 3 consecutive board meetings or 2 major court functions, the titleholder may have his/her title suspended for an amount of time to be determined at the discretion of the Board of Directors. For incidents above and beyond those stated above, the Board of Directors will take appropriate action.
- d. In the event of death, removal or resignation, the title shall remain vacant until the next pageant.

9. Gay Portland Pageant

- a. The Portland Pageant shall be a net profit charity function to be held in August of each year, location to be approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. At the Gay Portland Pageant, the Gay Portland titleholders shall be limited to:
 - one requested performance each
 - one last walk each not to exceed five (5) minutes
 - one production number incorporating the current Gay Portland titleholders
 - one award presentation each to be purchased by the titleholder
- c. The Gay Portland titleholders shall each be permitted complimentary admission to their respective step-down pageant.
- d. The Portland Pageant Coordinator shall be approved by the Board of Directors within six (6) months of the titleholders' elevation into office with input from the current Gay Portland titleholders
- e. Crowning shall be officiated by the reigning Rose Emperor and Rose Empress of the ISRC.
- f. All Portland titleholders shall be presented on stage for crowning by name and title. The Advisory Council shall be invited, as a whole, to witness the Crowning. This is done out of respect for the Advisory Council, but primacy on stage shall be to the Portland titleholders.
- g. All eligible decade and multi-decade (i.e., 10-year, 20-year, etc.) anniversary Mr. Gay Portland, Miss Gay Portland and Ms. Gay Portland titleholders shall be permitted complimentary general admission to the

Pageant at which their anniversary celebration will be held. If reserved seating is available and is requested, standard costs, with no discount, shall apply. Donations are encouraged and will be accepted