



Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf Contest Contestant Application

Section A

You're entering: Mr. RAD Ms. RAD Miss RAD Mister Drag King

Name¥: _____ Age: _____

Stage Name: _____

Address¥: _____

City/State/Zip¥: _____ Country: _____

Phone/Fax/Email¥: _____

Please note marked " ¥ " shown above will be kept confidential and will not give out to public.

Section B

(Please print or type clearly and legible)

In 50 words or less, describe your educational background, employment and hobbies:

List any club/organization affiliations you are currently and active member:

List your current/past community/charity involvement:

Do you have a sponsor? If yes, who and what is their phone number or email address?

Do you have financial support? If not, how will you pay for your travel expenses?

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Section C

(Please print or type clearly and legible)

Why would you like to be Mr. RAD / Ms. RAD / Miss RAD / Mister Drag King?

If you become Mr. RAD / Ms. RAD / Miss RAD / Mister Drag King, you will be required to promote RAD and represent the Deaf & Deaf/Blind & hearing leather communities, including personal appearances at contests, support or involve charities, etc. What ideas or suggestions do you have for your role as Pageant titleholder?

Write a short biography (approximately one paragraph) to be read to the audience during the contest:

RAD Pageant Contestants' Requirements

You as a contestant...

1. Is a deaf or hard of hearing or deaf/blind and at least 18 years of age.
2. Is a member of the chapter or associate member with RAD.
3. Is active and known in Deaf Gay/Lesbian/Transgender community.
4. Own outfits/attires you will wear in the contest.
5. Must submit your recent photo with the Contestant Application Form. Your Photo of 5x7 black/white or color must show at least your face clearly and is not returnable.
6. Enter into an agreement with the RAD Pageant and meet with contestant coordinator to plan your reign's two-year activities, and promote RAD. Also, you agree to pay the \$65.00 contestant's entry fee.
7. Assume full responsibility for the financing of his/her transportation and lodging. This includes to having contest chaperone/sponsors to cover your finance needs.
8. Must be present on time and participate in all contest – related events:
 - Orientation Session
 - Meet & Greet
 - Personal Interview (Private)
 - Contest Rehearsal
 - Pageant / Banquet Night
 - Victory Brunch

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Rink at pageant@rad.org. **The deadline to submit application materials is on June 1, 2011.** Please return applications to:

David Rink
RAD Pageant
9329 Cottage St., Apt. 1 Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19114

I have understood and agree to all requirements in this contestant application.

Full legal name (print only): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signed Photo Release Form

The deadline to submit application materials is May 1, 2011

Note: (We need time to prepare for the program book)

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ THIS SECTION

I wish to enter the Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (RAD) Contest. I have read and agree to abide by the rules for the contestants. I declare that I am over 18 years of age and I am, otherwise, eligible to enter the contest.

I hereby waive all rights to photos, negatives, videotapes, and other images taken of me during the contest, including rehearsals, receptions and associated activities before and after the contest pre se. These photos may be printed, reprinted, published or reproduced in any way or context as RAD wishes.

I release all claims for compensation for any injury, accident or theft from the sponsor of the Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf, Inc., its officers, owners, agents, operators, or any other subsidiaries or affiliates.

I attest that the data given with this form is accurate and I authorize use of this information in news articles about me. My legal name, address, telephone numbers and email information will not be divulged. If so indicated, nor will any other information marked confidential “¥”.

I have enclosed the \$65.00 entry fee and a black and white or color photo that shows my face clearly. This photo is for identification purposes and will be published in the event program.

Please submit the entire following list:

- Completed Contestant Entry Form
- Clear 5x7 Black & White or Color Portrait for event program and Judges
- \$65 entry fee (check or money order payable to RAD)
- This photo release form

Signature: _____

Date: _____

RAD Contest Information

Contest

The objective of the Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf Contest is to choose a winner who are deaf or deaf/blind or hard of hearing to represent RAD.

The titleholders of RAD will represent the Deaf, Deaf/Blind, Hearing of GLBT Community and will be expected to make periodic appearances at Events during the time they hold the title. They also will be Ambassadors for the Deaf and Deaf/Blind and Hearing of GLBT Communities.

We are looking for individuals who are intelligent, articulate and able to participate in both the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender communities. These persons must have a good knowledge in GLBT communities, although they are not required to be actively involved in any one organization.

The RAD Contest is sponsored by Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf, Inc.

Sponsors

RAD Contest does not require sponsors for contestants, nor is there any limit on how many sponsors a contestant may have. A sponsor are welcome to serve in any capacity – such as validating a contestant' entry, lending a sponsorship name, providing financial assistance for the contest, and making a donation to the travel fund should their contestant win.

Scoring Information

There will be five (5) to seven (7) judges judging the contestants. To ensure fairness and to prevent bias for or against any contestants, we will use the Olympic scoring system: your highest and lowest scores in each category will be eliminated and remaining scores added to form your total score for that category. You have the potential of scoring 100 points per judge, divided among the following six categories:

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Personal Interview	25 points
Opening Walk-in	15 points
Talent Performance	25 points
Evening Attire/Gown	15 points
Interactive Participation	10 points
On-stage Interview	10 points

Judged Categories

➤ **Personal Interview (pre-contest)**

You will be interviewed by a panel of five (5) to seven (7) judges regarding your knowledge, ideas and experiences in Deaf culture, fund-raising, and anything about yourself. The objective of this category is for the Judges to get to know the contestant in-depth. This category is crucial since it is worth the most points. Personal interviews takes place during the day prior the contest. The time allotted for each interview will depend upon the number of contestants.

➤ **Opening Walk-in**

Each contestant is to show how graceful he/she walks down the stage observed as well as graciousness in movement.

➤ **Talent Performance**

Each contestant is required to show his/her talent performance category. A short performance (maximum 8 minutes) depicting your favorite talent. Music, dance, spoken word, movement and mime as well as costumes and manageable props are allowed.

➤ **Evening Attire/Gown**

The purpose of this judging category is to give the Judges a chance to view the contestants in their best and hottest evening attire/gown outfit.

➤ **Interactive Participation**

Each contestant's attitude and personality will be judged throughout the entire contest. A social interaction during the conference is also included in this category.

➤ **On-Stage Interview**

The on-stage Interview category affords the Judges an opportunity to observe the contestants deliver a prepared answer on a topic of the contestant's choice. Judges will be watching for stage presence and ease in public speaking. You should fluently sign this part.

FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES

Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf contestants shall be prohibited from having private meetings or engaging in sexual activity with the judges at any time during the contest and prior to the announcement of the results. Any behaviors that might create the appearance of "favoritism" will be brought to the attention of the full judging panel and RAD Pageant Director, and a decision will be made if the disqualification of the judge and/or contestant is warranted. Judges cannot be sponsors or share accommodations with the contestants during the contest. To avoid accidental violation of this policy, all contestants and judges should display their identification badges at all contest events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Rink, RAD Pageant Director at pageant@rad.org.

I have read and agree to abide by the rules of "Fraternization with Judges".

Full Name (print only): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Refund Policy

The registration fee is \$65.00. There will be \$35.00 penalty fee if you decide to cancel your participation before the deadline, and the \$30.00 will be refunded to you. The penalty fee will cover the cost of the paper work. After the deadline, there will be absolutely no refund with the exception of death of immediate family member or partner/spouse. (Definition of immediate family member: son, daughter, grandchild, mother, father, brother, or sister.) Proof of death of an immediate family member or partner/spouse will be request.

I have read and agree to abide by the "Refund Policy".

Full Name (print only): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____