



## **Mr. / Ms. / Critter Contest Application**



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Before signing this application, please read entirety and speak with the Contest Owner if you have any questions. Thank you.

### **Introduction**

The Mr. / Ms. / Critter Florida Leather & Fetish Pride (FLFP) contest is an ‘educational and learning’ contest and the titles are working titles that continue to focus on educating the communities in Florida. This contest is open to anyone, regardless of sex, race, orientation, who considers themselves to be into the leather, fetish, kink, BDSM lifestyle(s). This can include, but is not limited to *identifying* as: Sir, Ma’am, boy/boi, girl, mommy, daddy, puppy & other critters, furies, bootblacks, etc. Contestants should apply for the Mr. / Ms. / Critter Contests based upon how they identify (male/female) as opposed to their birth gender. Should contestants’ identity as gender neutral / fluid, they may choose either contest to enter, but not both.

In addition to signing the following application, you consent that this is a binding agreement governing your relationship with the Florida Leather & Fetish Pride, Inc. event and contest, as said title holder.

### **Conduct**

The foremost duties of the winners are to promote the goals and interests of the FLFP event in a positive light. This includes, but is not limited to, encouraging those the Titleholder interacts with to attend future FLFP events and enter the Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP contest when appropriate. The Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP titles are a representative of FLFP and the Titleholders will, at all times, conductive themselves in a manner that is respectful and act with appropriate decorum (please refer to ‘Tips for Titleholders’) while attending gatherings or events as the Titleholder. Behavior that is disruptive or would bring the reputation of FLFP and contest into dispute, or which may place you in a conflict or perceived conflict of interest of FLFP is a violation of this agreement and may result in the forfeiture of said titles.

### **Fraternization with FLFP Officials & Judges**

If a contestant may have had or has any type of relationship, be it friend or otherwise, with event organization, judges, judges assistants, or tally master, they must immediately disclose and inform the Contest owner and producer. Any prior relationship that might appear to show bias of judging panel or staff will be evaluated by the contest owner and producer who will have final say of the disqualification of contestant is warranted.

However, contestants are encouraged to interact with the judges in public areas at the FLFP event. Contestants are prohibited from having private meetings, engaging in any sexual activity or scene play with the judges, judge’s assistants, or tally master until the end of the event. *To prevent any accidental violation of this policy and possible removal from the contest, all aforementioned parties must display their event identification badges at **all** times during the event.*

## Contestant Qualifications

1. Contestants must be twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of contest and provide photo identification.
2. Must be a resident of the State of Florida for a minimum of eight (8) months a year and notify the Contest owner of the months they will be absent from the State of Florida and contestant's alternative address in another state.
3. Not hold a current title. This includes, but is not limited to: leather, bootblack, power exchange, rubber, fetish, etc.
4. Agree to represent the title, if wins, throughout the title year and refrain from competing in any other title contest in the State of Florida during your title year.
5. Not have any outstanding warrants, (state, national, or international). Additionally, all felony arrests and convictions within the last seven (7) years must be disclosed to the contest owner of the FLFP event. Information regarding any felony will be kept confidential and used to determine contestant eligibility to compete will be decided by the event owner on a case-by-case basis.

## Contestant Responsibilities

1. Donate one (1) but not more than three (3) auction baskets, retail value no less than forty dollars (\$40), to be auctioned to raise funds toward contestant's travel fund.
2. Contestants will provide a personal bio (not more than 500 words) to accompany their application.
3. Except for props used during the Class category of the contest, contestants must own all gear or items to be worn while competing in the FLFP contest. While it is not necessary to own specific gear or items to enter the contest, what is put forth as your leather, fetish, kink, BDSM, persona should be who you are and an indication of how you will represent the Mr. / Ms. / Critter Title throughout the title year.
4. Must appear onstage and compete in all judging categories while abiding by the nudity and obscenity laws of the State of Florida and the event location city and county. To avoid violation of said laws, contestants shall ensure, while in public, the genital area remains covered, a one inch (1") piece of material covers the anus at all times, and women shall cover their areola and nipple.
5. Agree to permit event photographs, and release rights of said photographs to FLFP, for the use of promoting the FLFP event. Including use on, but not limited to, website, social media, mailing lists, posters, etc. Any hood, mask, or facial coverings will be honored when in conjunction with presenting your leather, fetish, kink, BDSM, etc. persona.

## Titleholder & 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up Responsibilities

1. Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP Titleholder and First Runner-Ups agree to return to the FLFP event the following year to step aside from their title and participate in judging the contestants for the following year's title.
2. Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP Titleholder and First Runner-Ups agree to attend a minimum of three (3) leather and/or fetish events within the first six months of their title year to represent FLFP.
3. Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP Titleholder will agree to electronically **submit a monthly report** to the owner of FLFP detailing their progress as the FLFP Titleholder. This report will include, but is not limited to, travel, events attended, upcoming events, fundraiser & funds raised, and other situations where the Titleholder is a representative of FLFP.
4. Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP Titleholder will host two (2) or more fundraising events for the following FLFP event weekend. A percentage of funds raised will go toward winner's individual travel fund (see # 1 'Travel Fund'.) **Or** the winner has the option to attend and assist in two (2) FLFP major fundraising events. The winner may choose to do one of each. However, this requirement must be fulfilled before May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Contest Entry

1. All contestants must pay the contestant application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25). Deadline for applications fees (including a copy of photo ID), signed agreements, bio (see #2 under Contestant 'Responsibilities') is on, or before, **October 13, 2018**.
2. Contestants may register in advance for the Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP contest by paying the application fee online and emailing the required documentation to [owner@FLaFP.com](mailto:owner@FLaFP.com) . Emailed forms requiring signature may be signed at onsite event registration.
3. Contestants may also register early by paying their application fee online through PayPal ([ownerflfp@gmail.com](mailto:ownerflfp@gmail.com)) or mailing a money order. Mailed forms should be sent to Florida Leather & Fetish Pride, Inc. c/o Brenda Cothorn, 136 E. 145<sup>th</sup> Ave. Tampa, FL 33613 postmarked no later than **October 13, 2018**.
4. Florida Leather & Fetish Pride, Inc. will not accept checks for entry fee payment.

## Backstage Assistants

Contestants are permitted one (1) backstage assistant to assist in any contestant needs such as wardrobe changes. One (1) additional assistant shall be allowed for contestants who require an interpreter for language or hearing. Contestants must register their assistants via email ([owner@FLaFP.com](mailto:owner@FLaFP.com)) prior to FLFP contest check-in. Assistants are required to wear their badge at all times during the FLFP event weekend. Interpreters will be issued a badge that authorizes admittance to Contestants' required activities during the FLFP contest. All assistants must show photographic proof that they are at least twenty-one (21) years of age and they must sign the "Photograph Release Form." All assistants are also bound by the "Fraternization with FLFP Officials & Judges" policy and must adhere to the same nudity clause as the contestant.

## Travel Fund

1. All funds raised by the Titleholders' required fundraisers (#4 Titleholder & 1st Runner-Up Responsibilities) must be turned into FLFP no later than one (1) week after fundraising event. Contestant shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of money raised after total funds are turned in to be applied to their individual travel fund to assist with the expenses incurred for the fundraising event.
2. Funds raised for FLFP and subsequently donated to the Titleholders' individual travel fund will require a signed receipt from the Titleholder(s).
3. Funds that are secured by donation from a Sponsor require a signed, written agreement between the Titleholder and the Sponsor.
4. Funds donated to the Titleholder **may not** be used for purchase of drugs or alcohol, or for tips to wait staff, bartenders, or entertainers.
5. Funds donated to the Titleholder **may not** be used for purchase of "gear", clothing, toys, auction basket items, or gifts.
6. Funds donated to the Titleholder are to be strictly used for travel (specifically: tolls, gasoline, airfare, train fare, and cab fare), accommodations (when private accommodations are not available), meals and non-alcoholic beverages, and emergency expenditures. Meals shall be considered a dining expense (casual dining or moderately priced restaurants). Meals **do not** include: snacks or junk food.
7. Emergency expenditures are those funds needed to secure the repair of the Titleholder's vehicle if it becomes **temporarily** inoperable when on the road for a sanctioned event or contest. Receipts for emergency expenditures must be submitted to the owner of the FLFP event as a security interest until the funds are replenished by the Titleholder. It is the Titleholder's responsibility to reimburse any funds used for emergency expenditures.
8. Not all funds raised by FLFP will be immediately available to the Titleholder.

## **Judging & Scoring System**

A panel of five (5) judges representing the different aspects of the community will score four (4) categories using the Olympic scoring system (the highest and lowest scores are discarded in each scoring category.) The remaining scores are totaled for each contestant and the highest scored contestant shall be declared the winner. The second highest score shall be declared the runner-up. In the event there is a tie under the Olympic scoring system for the winner or the runner-up, the high and low score shall be added back to the contestants' scores in each category. In the event of any dispute regarding the tallying of the contest, the FLFP owner reserves the right to determine the winner and / or the first runner-up.

Each contestant agrees to be at the contest location no less than thirty (30) minutes prior to participate in that category of the contest. Showing up late to participate in any category will result in a loss of ten percent (10%) of the score after Olympic scoring has been applied for the specific category.

### **Interview** – (Maximum 150 points, up to 50 points per judge, Olympic scoring):

Each contestant will meet with the judging panel offstage in private to answer questions about the contestant's interest and knowledge of leather and fetish topics, as well as, their willingness and ability to represent the title. Interviews will last no longer than fifteen (15) minutes each. Photography will not be taken during the interview process. Judges are not allowed to touch the contestant in any manner during the interview. Shall a judge ask a question that is inappropriate, the Head Judge, Contestant Educator, or event producer can and will stop the question with no penalty to the contestant's points.

### **Fifteen (15) minute Educational Class** - (Maximum 150 points, up to 50 points per judge, Olympic scoring):

Contestant will present an educational class that is representative of their leather or fetish persona. This category will be open to attendees of the FLFP event and judges shall score based on presentation. The educational class will last no longer than fifteen (15) minutes. Photography may be taken during the category. Judges are not allowed to touch or interact with the contestant in any manner during this category.

### **Speech** - (Maximum 90 points, up to 30 points per judge, Olympic scoring):

Each contestant will be given two (2) minutes onstage to give a speech. The Time Keeper will not stop you after two minutes and if you go over the allotted time, there will be a ten percent (10%) deduction from the total speech category.

### **Image & Pop Question** - (Maximum 90 points, up to 30 points per judge, Olympic scoring):

Each contestant will be asked a pop question onstage related to their respective leather / fetish persona based on the information provided on their application, in their interview, and in their educational class. Contestants will also be scored on their image in relation to their leather / fetish persona.

### **Bonus Points** - (Maximum 20 points, straight scoring):

Each contestant has the ability to score an additional twenty (20) points if they sell an ad space for the program **before** the **September 1, 2018 deadline**.

### **Prize Package**

The prize package for the Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP Titleholder will be different each year depending on donations from vendors and supporters of the contest. The final amount will be announced at the event. Monetary prize from FLFP will be issued in two (2) installments. The first installment will be issued following the contest. The second installment will be issued upon the successful completion of the title year. Travel monies raised from the auction basket items will be divided between the Mr. / Ms. / Critter FLFP Titleholder and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Ups.

### **Contestant Weekend Package**

Contestants will not be required to purchase a weekend ticket to the FLFP event or to the Saturday night event dinner. Run packages are not free for contestants. However, anyone attending the event with the contestant will be required to purchase a ticket or pay at the door. They also will be required to purchase a ticket for the Saturday night event dinner. The contestant and anyone attending the event with the contestant are responsible for their own food, drinks, hotel, and any other expenses associated with attending the event. The contestant's badge will grant them full access to FLFP weekend events with the exception being the Interview portion of the contest.

## Florida Leather & Fetish Pride 2018 Contest Contestant Registration & Application

**Deadline for Contestant Registration is October 13, 2018, 5 PM EST**

1. Please print or type clearly and complete entire application.
2. Sign completed application and Photo Release form.
3. Contestant must provide a current Government photo ID or Passport.
4. Contestant must pay the twenty-five dollar (\$25) application fee.
5. Donate one (1) but not more than three (3) auction baskets, retail value no less than forty dollars (\$40).

Name:		Community Name:	
Street Address:			
City:		State: Florida	Zip Code:
Phone Number:		Email:	
Age:	Date of Birth:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:
Body Modifications: (piercings, tattoos, brandings, etc.)			
Titles Held:			
Have you ever been <u>convicted</u> of a felony or any criminal activity?		Have you ever appeared in any pornographic photos, websites, films, or videos?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Please explain:		Please explain:	

List any clubs or organizations you are or have been involved with:

List the Fetish / BDSM activities that you have an interest in:

How long have you been into Leather and/or the Fetish lifestyle?

How did you become involved in the Leather / Fetish lifestyle?

What is your favorite piece of Leather and /or Fetish gear and why?

Please tell us why you wish to be the next Mr. / Ms. / Critter Florida Leather & Fetish Pride:

## **Photograph & Image Release Waiver**

1. I, the undersigned, hereby give Florida Leather & Fetish Pride, Inc., their photographers, legal representatives, agents or assigns, the right and permission to copyright, use, reuse, broadcast and/or publish any and all Photographic Pictures (including digital images) of me, which shall be taken during FLFP, or as a result of my preparation for FLFP, or as a result of my having Participated in FLFP, Pictures, as herein, shall include portraits or reproductions thereof, including audio and videotapes, made through any media.
2. I further assign the right to use such pictures in conjunction with my name, and through any media outlets, for any purpose deemed appropriate by the Sponsor. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finish pictures or the method of their eventual use, including any related audio, video or printed copy that may be used in conjunction therewith.
3. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to save harmless FLFP and the Sponsors, their photographers, legal representatives, agents or assigns, including those publishing and/or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability or claim as a result of the use or publication of said pictures, including from any distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the pictures, their publication or distribution.
4. I have read the foregoing Release and Waiver before signing below.
5. I warrant my full understanding of its contents, and that I am of legal age to give my consent in the State of Florida.

### **Florida Leather n Fetish Pride Indemnification**

I hereby certify that I have attained at least twenty one (21) years of age and that I, based upon mutual covenants and considerations (including granting me the privilege of attending and participating in the Florida Leather n Fetish Pride Contest Weekend) will not hold the Corporation nor the individual owner, and volunteers thereof liable for any injury to my person or property during the period of the Florida Leather n Fetish Pride Contest Weekend and I further agree to indemnify and save harmless the sponsors, the individual and collective owners, officers, agents and employees thereof from any and all liability, injury or economic loss or other damage.

### **Compliance**

By signing below I agree to comply with all rules and regulations set forth by Florida Leather n Fetish Pride, Inc. LLC and the Mr. / Ms. / Critter Florida Leather n Fetish Pride Contest.

I certify that all information provided on the accompanying forms is accurate.

I certify that I meet all qualifications specified in the Qualification Statement.

I understand that if I win the contest I will be expected to fulfill the duties of the Title as outlined.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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