



Blackout Leather Productions of Oregon, Inc.

Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather 2009

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PRODUCED BY BLACKOUT LEATHER PRODUCTIONS OF OREGON, INC.

Dear Contestant,

On behalf of the entire board, thank you for your interest in competing for the Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather titles. Here is some information about Blackout Leather Productions.

Blackout Leather Productions of Oregon, Inc. (BLP) is registered with the State of Oregon Justice Department, and is an approved 501(c) 3 with the IRS. We are comprised of volunteers from Oregon and S.W. Washington's Leather community. Formed in 1997 by a prominent group of Portland's Leather community, BLP is honored to own and produce the Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather titles and co-produce Oregon Leather Pride Week. With the revival of the Oregon State Leather titles, BLP returns to a community tradition of the winning titleholders serving and supporting Oregon's expanding leather communities through fundraising and other events. In addition, the winners will have the opportunity and choice to go on to represent the state of Oregon at the following competitions:

International Mr. Leather
American Leather Woman/ Leather Man/Leather Girl/Leather Boy
Mr. or Ms. World Leather
International Ms. Leather

Again, thank you for your interest. Please read this packet carefully before filling out your application. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. You can reach me at PresidentBLP@yahoo.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thom", written in a cursive style.

Thom Butts
President, Board of Directors
Blackout Leather Productions of Oregon, Inc.

Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather 2009 **CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS**

- Each contestant must be at least 21 years of age. A copy of your legal picture ID is required and your signature on the application form certifies that you are 21 years of age or older.
- Each contestant must live in the State of Oregon or Southwest Washington and have resided in this area for at least 6 months prior to the date of the application.
- All applicants must be financially and morally responsible. All applicants must be ready to provide employment history for the preceding one (1) year, with proof required upon request by the Board of Directors. The same rules apply for an individual who desires to declare financial independence, such as someone who is self employed.
- Each contestant must be available to participate fully in ALL contest-related events, including prescreening, judges' interviews, rehearsals and meetings with contest officials.
- Each contestant must be willing to sign a Code of Conduct Statement prior to the Contest.
- Applications must be received by midnight July 18, 2009. Applications may be mailed via the USPS or handed directly to a BLP Board member. For further information, please contact Thom at PresidentBLP@yahoo.com.

LEATHER PRIDE WEEK ATTENDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Weekend of 25-26 July, 2007: Contestant Screening Interview and Orientation

You will be contacted by BLP about the location and time for qualifying contestants to be interviewed. You will receive a copy of the title-holder's contract for review during the Contestant Screening Interview and Orientation. A valid photo ID will be required at this time.

Friday, 7 August, 2009: Leather Vegas and Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather Meet & Greet 6-10pm

Contestants will be presented to the community at the Embers Avenue from 8- 9:30 PM, during Leather Vegas.

Saturday, 8 August, 2009: Contest Day!

- ***Judges Interview:*** You will be informed of the location and time (approx 10am) to arrive for the interviews. Come prepared to not go home before the contest that night.
- ***Contest Rehearsal:*** After your interview, you will go directly to check in with the Production Manager of the contest. Be prepared to do a full dress rehearsal of your numbers- along with the other participants in your fantasy number.
- ***Night of the Contest:*** Each contestant will appear 5 times during the contest, but not necessarily in this order:
 - Opening production number.
 - Formal look & Speech (1 minute).
 - Street/Bar look & pop question.
 - Contestants' Fantasy or Entertainment number (5 minute max.)
 - Final Parade and Announcement of Mr. and Ms. Oregon State Leather 2009.

Sunday, 9 August, 2009: Victory Brunch and Rose & Thorn Awards Presentation

Winners of the contest are required; however, *all* contestants are strongly encouraged to attend and support the new title holders.

REQUIREMENTS OF MR. & MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER

These are the major requirements of Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather 2009.
Failure to perform any of the requirements may result in forfeiture of the title.

FUNDRAISING:

- Mr. & Ms. OSL** are each required to choose one primary charity for their fundraising during their title year. Please be thinking about your charity of choice prior to the contest. Title Holders are required to contact and maintain a working relationship with their charity. The charity must be an IRS approved 501(c)3, as well as get BLP Board approval.
- Mr. & Ms. OSL** are required to produce one educational event.
- Mr. & Ms. OSL** are required to produce one individual and one joint fundraising event during his/her title year, with net proceeds minus 10% going to title-holder's charity of choice.
- Mr. & Ms. OSL** shall continue the tradition of contributing to the title-holder patch fund. This fund assists in the purchase of the Title Holder Patch.
- Mr. & Ms. OSL** shall be responsible to sell advertisements for the Annual Contest Program. Mr. & Ms. OSL will act as the primary sellers. Board assistance will be provided upon request.

APPEARANCES:

- Mr. & Ms. OSL 2009 will be required to make appearances at the following community events:
- Imperial Sovereign Rose Court's Coronation** (October 17 2009)
 - The "Valentines from Hell" annual fundraising show** (February 2010)
 - Sash Bash** (March 2010)
 - Portland's annual Pride Parade** -you are required to march with BLP (June 2010)
 - OR Leather Pride and Mr. & Ms. OSL contest 2010** -where you will be a judge. (August 2010)
- There are many other worthy events in Portland, in the Northwest and beyond. You are encouraged to attend as many as you are able. All other appearances are by your choice.

INTERNATIONAL/ NATIONAL COMPETITION:

Mr. & Ms. OSL have the option of competing at the following competitions if all title-holder requirements are met (BLP shall pay for airfare and (1/2) hotel costs):

International Mr. Leather

American Leather Woman/ Leather Man/Leather Girl/Leather Boy

Mr. or Ms. World Leather

International Ms. Leather

Or any other International or National competition upon approval of the BLP Board.

CONTRACT AND CODE OF CONDUCT:

Title Holders will be required to sign the Title Holder Contract and adhere to the Code of Conduct as set forth by the organization.

MR. & MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER 2009 CONTEST SCORING INFORMATION

The 2009 Oregon State Leather contest shall use Olympic Scoring, whereby the high and low scores from each category are dropped and the remaining scores are summed. 8 Judges have been selected. In the event that there is more than one contestant, the contestant with the highest score (and the score is more than 4200 points), will be determined the winner. In the event that there is only one contestant, that contestant must receive a minimum of 4200 points (70% of possible total) or more to be declared the winner.

BREAKDOWN OF POINTS SYSTEM FOR JUDGING:

INTERVIEW: 400 points maximum

Each contestant is interviewed by the Judges regarding their knowledge, ideas and experiences in the areas of leather history, fundraising, SM and anything else deemed interesting by the Judges.

FORMAL LOOK & SPEECH: 150 points maximum

This category will be scored on stage presence and ease in public speaking while the contestant delivers a prepared speech (1 minute in length & it must be memorized – DO NOT READ YOUR SPEECH FROM PAPER) on his/her subject of choice while appearing in their interpretation of a formal leather look.

STREET/BAR LOOK & POP QUESTION: 150 points maximum

Judges will score on the contestants' casual leather look and their response to an impromptu question.

FANTASY OR ENTERTAINMENT: 150 points maximum

This category scores on the contestants ability to be creative, organize, and execute a performance piece and their stage presence. (5 minute maximum)

SOCIAL INTERACTION 150 points maximum

Scored from the meet & greet until the beginning of the contest, this category scores the contestants ability to conduct themselves in a social situation.

FINAL PARADE AND SASHING OF NEW TITLE HOLDERS:

All contestants are required to return to the stage and each contestant is introduced to the audience one more time. The winner will then be announced.

QUESTIONS???? Please contact us at PresidentBLP@yahoo.com (Subject: Contestant Questions).

*****As reprinted from Blackout Leather Productions Operations Manual*****

The following should be submitted and are considered part of your application for Mr. or Ms. Oregon State Leather 2009.

- The next three (3) pages of this packet (pages 7-9).
- A personal bio that will be read during the contest and other events, printed in the contest program, and posted on the Blackout Leather Productions of Oregon website for public review.
- A picture (in jpeg format) should be emailed, with a copy of your attached bio, to PresidentBLP@yahoo.com within 24 hours of application submission.

PLEASE NOTE:

Applicant Ethics Statement shall be signed after completion of contestant screening interview.

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CONTESTANT APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY

TITLE APPLYING FOR: (CIRCLE ONE) Mr. Oregon State Leather 2009 / Ms. Oregon State Leather 2009

TODAY'S DATE: _____

NAME: _____ DRIVER'S LICENSE: _____

STAGE NAME (IF DIFFERENT): _____

PREVIOUS OR CURRENT TITLE (IF ANY): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELLPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

CLUB AFFILIATION(S): _____

ONLINE PROFILE(S): _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN THE LEATHER LIFE-STYLE? _____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE MR. or MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER 2009? (Attach additional pages if necessary)

ARE YOU FINANCIALLY ABLE TO TRAVEL AND REPRESENT OREGON AS NEEDED? DO YOU HAVE ANY CONFLICTS WITH YOUR JOB THAT WOULD PREVENT YOU FROM FULFILLING YOUR DUTIES? _____

DO YOU OWN A CAR? IF NOT, WHAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE YOU MADE TO ALLOW YOU TO ATTEND MEETINGS AND TRAVEL OUT OF TOWN AS NECESSARY? _____

HAVE YOU READ THE ATTACHED QUALIFICATIONS, CONTEST PROCEDURE, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES? YES NO
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THEM? YES NO

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? IF SO PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION: (YOU WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A PERSONAL BIO)

CONTESTANT AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF MY ENTRY HERewith, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURY OR DAMAGE TO MY PERSON, PROPERTY OR REPUTATION THAT MAY ARISE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE MR. & MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER CONTEST, AND AGAINST BLACKOUT LEATHER PRODUCTIONS OF OREGON, INC., AND I HEREBY RELEASE ALL CLAIMS TO THE USE OF MY NAMES, LIKENESS, OR PHOTOGRAPHS. I ALSO HEREBY AGREE THAT NO COMMERCIAL USE MAY BE MADE BY ME OF MY OREGON STATE LEATHER TITLE OR PARTICIPATION WITHOUT PERMISSION OF BLACKOUT LEATHER PRODUCTIONS OF OREGON, INC.

CONTESTANT LEGAL NAME _____

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

TWO (2) COMMUNITY REFERENCES (CANNOT BE BLP BOARD MEMBERS) WITH ALL THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION:

1. _____
2. _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION (IF YOU HAVE A SPONSOR; NOT NECESSARY)

SPONSOR NAME (BUSINESS, CLUB OR ORGANIZATION) _____

SPONSOR ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME (PRINT): _____ POSITION: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please attach a personal bio that will be read during the contest and posted on the Blackout Leather Productions of Oregon website for public review.

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Contestant Ethics Agreement

I, _____, as a contestant and possible future title holder hereby agree that:

- I will conduct myself in an honorable and trustworthy manner
- I will maintain positive communications with all board members, fellow contestants and the community at large.
- I will support my fellow contestants and I will not hinder the success of any fellow contestant.
- I will not participate in negative gossip, deceitfulness, and otherwise un-sportsmanlike behavior.
- I will conduct myself in a responsible manner at all times; and I shall be accountable for my actions at public and private events.
- I understand that any violation of this agreement may result in the withdrawal of my contestant application and/or forfeiture of the title.

To be signed after completion of contestant screening interview.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

BLP Board Member: _____ Date: _____

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