

Miss Cape Coral Pride Pageant 2026

Contestant Handbook

There is no entrance fee. The contest is open to any female impersonator over the age of 21. It is limited to only residents of Florida.

Prizes

The winner will be awarded \$ 250.00 Cash. Paid out upon crowning the night of the Pageant.

The winner will also receive a Miss Cape Coral Pride Crown and Sash, as well as be invited to perform for the Cape Coral Pride weekend events on March 7 and 8, 2026.

Admission

Admission to the pageant is \$5.00. All proceeds benefit Cape Coral Pride.

All attendees will be given a ballot upon entry upon which they can vote for their favorite contestant. Additional ballots can be purchased for an additional

\$5.00 by both contestants and attendees to add additional points to their favorite contestant.

Ballot points will be added to the final score of each contestant at the end of the contest, before final tabulation.

Dressers/Dancers

Contestants and one dresser are allowed in dressing room.

all other dressers, dancers, hair and make-up artist, prop people will have to file in one at a time as space is limited and are only allowed in the dressing room 15 minutes prior to your performance.

Registration

Registration deadline is February 13, 2026 at midnight. Contestants may register at any time prior to the deadline by emailing the contestant information sheet to CruisersLoungeCC@Gmail.com.

The Miss Cape Coral Pride Pageant Director is Andy Spaulding/Alyssa Lemay, and he may at his discretion accept late entry registrations up to 12 noon on day of contest.

Meetings and Rehearsals

Contestants are expected to arrive for all meetings and rehearsals approximately 10 minutes before the scheduled time. Orientation will be at 12 noon on February 15, 2026 in the showroom at Cruisers. At this meeting contestants will draw a number for placement, turn in their entry form and contestant information sheet with a short biography. Each contestant will turn in music/video for presentation and talent at this time. Contestants will have a sound check to verify all music/video files work correctly at this time. Video files should be in MP4 format, and at 720 resolution (anything higher will lag). We recommend that you bring a back up copy of your music and bring it to the contest as a precautionary measure. Music must be loaded on a flash drive and clearly marked with your name and category. We will not play any music from any other source.

Categories

PRESENTATION

This category is open to each contestant's interpretation. Presentation is a chance for contestants to present "what makes them proud" or "their idea of what pride is." Be Creative!

It may be delivered in the form of a clothing/modeling category, as a "mini-talent", or any other creative performance or form of pride.

Props are allowed, but no set up time is permitted.

Contestants must provide their own music. There will be a brief section allowed to the contestants to do a speech to introduce themselves to the judges, and expand on their presentation. Presentation cannot exceed three (3) minutes Overall (with speech included). Violating the time requirements will result in an automatic five (5) point deduction from each judge's score.

- Substance, relevance, relates subject to Pride. 1-5 points
- Delivery & Speech (Artistic) -Creativity, stage presence, execution, voice tone. 1-5 points
- Appearance-Costuming, hair/makeup, accessories. 1-5 points
- Overall Impression-Rated recommendation. 1-5 points

Total of 20 points

ON STAGE QUESTION (presentation introduction)

On stage question will be answered with your presentation introduction. "*What does pride mean to you?*"

The question may be answered as a separate question from your introduction or it may be written into your introduction.

Scoring for On Stage Question is as follows

- Appearance, Presentation, Self Confidence 1-5 points
- Answer Content, Ability to Communicate 1-5 points

Possible Points -10

EVENINGWEAR

Evening wear may be of any color or style and should display creativity, Imagination, and Individuality on the part of the contestant. In the Evening Wear category we are looking for a total evening wear look from head to toe and the proper display of that look. This should not be a costume. No outfit commentary cards will be read during this portion of the contest. It is free form modeling to soft music. NO PROPS OR SET-UP TIME ALLOWED FOR THIS CATEGORY

Scoring for Creative Evening Wear is as follows

- Presentation, Poise, Hair and Make up 1-5 points
- Fit and Coordination 1-5 points
- General Appearance 1-20 points
- Creativity 1-20 points

Possible Points - 50

TALENT

Talent may be any type of entertainment as long as it is legal and does not create any danger of injury to either the contestant or anyone else. Talent presentations are limited to seven (7) minute in length. Prop set up and breakdown time is limited to 4 minutes total. There is no restriction on the number of persons who may be involved in the talent presentation.

Scoring for Talent is as follows

- Costume 1-5 points
- Hair and makeup 1-5 points
- Precision of medium used 1-40 points
- Entertainment Value 1-50 points

Possible Points -100

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS- ALL CATEGORIES 180