

***MGNJ Association, Inc.
Official State Pageant
Contestant Packet***



Peaches Blaze – Miss Gay NJ Newcomer 2018



Official Pageant Packet for the 2019 Miss Newcomer Contest

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WELCOME!

Miss Gay New Jersey Association Inc. (MGNJA, Inc.) wishes to welcome and thank you for your interest in this year's newly created Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer Pageant Contest. It has been an exciting year with many new accomplishments including watching new relationships blossom within the realm of female impersonation entertainment. We have lots of enthusiasm to change turn things up a bit compared to last year including righting what may have been done wrong. We hope to see both old and new faces in the upcoming pageant season.

This year contestants will be judged in the following categories: presentation, evening attire, question & answer and talent. The winners will not only be beautiful, hot and sexy, but must also have an eye for talent, be intelligent, exhibit a good sense fashion, professionalism, demonstrate leadership, and have impeccable administrative skills.

As a contestant you have the opportunity to experience the rewarding aspects of presenting quality pageants and entertainment to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and even straight communities within the Tri State area (New York, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania).

Once again, thank you for being here, without you there would not be this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in asking one of the current and board member or me:

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MGNJA, Inc. Official
Mission Statement Disclaimer

Mission Statement

Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc. (MGNJA) was incorporated in 2000 with the desire to help bring small financial relief to the poor, distressed, or underprivileged individuals who have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. To achieve our mission, Beacon Light Fund was created to assist in the non-medical needs of low-income individuals and families preventing personal hardship brought by the onset of HIV/AIDS. All members of the HIV/AIDS community are eligible for direct benefits provided they meet eligibility requirements. The MGNJA Board of Directors firmly believe that with Beacon Light Fund, along with their organizational purposes, can bring upon some elimination of prejudice and discrimination, lessen neighborhood tensions, and defend human, civil rights as protected by the law. In compliance with IRC 501(c)(3), MGNJA will in no part of its net earnings be inured to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. In doing so, therefore, MGNJA Board of Directors has unanimously agreed that the official programs of Miss Gay New Jersey State Pageant and Mr. Gay New Jersey USA State Contest, Miss Gay NJ Latina and Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer will be programs seeking and selecting honorary titleholder for Beacon Light Fund and MGNJA, Inc. (Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc.)

Code of Ethics

Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer must and will abide by the following code of ethics when representing MGNJA and Beacon Light Fund:

- *Will* be of legal minimum age, 21, at the time of production.
- *Will not ever* dispense any type of illegal drugs.
- *Must not ever* become publicly intoxicated with a 2 drink maximum.
- *Will and must* be cooperative and never make confrontations (in person or online including social media including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc.).
- *Will* be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses (Restrictions may apply - Communicate with board.)
- *Must and will* be committed to making all arranged public appearances including benefits and preliminary pageants deemed necessary by the board.
- *Must and will* comply with this code of ethics, other rules and regulations within this pageant packet, and/or other verbal prerequisites instructed by any of the MGNJA board members.
- Necessary to find reliable transportation to and from events and meetings.
- Must make all positive effort to defend organization or discussion issue with board
- All media or flyers should have your title.
- All flyers should be approved by the board prior to posting.

Failure to comply *will* result in your immediate removal from the title by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Attributes

All spokespeople should exhibit the following attributes: intelligence, social and political awareness, effective communication skill, and ability to entertain audiences. The chosen representatives are to be positive role models with involvement in a local HIV/AIDS or other similar organizations. At all times, Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer will uphold with integrity Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc. (MGNJA) and Beacon Light Fund purposes and objectives and will also be a positive image to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, Inter-sexed Community. Former winners have come from various racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, with each one contributing personal strengths and individuality to the title.

MGNJA, Inc. Official Pageant Prize Information
ALL SYSTEMS

The MGNJA, Inc. Prize Package consists of the following:

Winner:

A TOTAL prize package worth \$1000.00 upon successful completion of said position and dispensed accordingly:

An official pageant crown

Newcomer sash

\$250 Honorarium* upon winning (Providing all pageant requirements have been fulfilled) **

Thank you Dinner with the board of MGNJA, Inc.

\$250 Honorarium* upon relinquishing the title in 2019 (Providing all obligations have been met during reign including on benefit for Beacon Light)

Paid Booking – Date to be announced in a later point in time

First runner up:

- \$75 Honorarium

Honorariums will not be paid if individuals did not fulfill their obligations of selling the minimum number of tickets.

*** The Pageant Executive Producer reserves the right to award or not award honorariums.**

**** Honorariums are not paid after the pageant, but at the following executive board meeting.**

Meetings are the first Sunday of every month.

Check with the pageant promoter or the Beacon Light Facebook page for meeting date\location information.

Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer Pageant Rules and Regulations

1. All Contestants must have reached the age of 21 no later than the day of the Pageant and must show proof of age. Proof of age includes a valid state driver's license, state identification card, or valid passport.
2. Any contestant who is caught in the act of stealing, in possession of illegal drugs, or acting in a manner demeaning to any Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc., and/or Beacon Light Fund and their officials will be immediately disqualified and removed from the host club or venue.
3. Contestants are not allowed to change their package after music has been collected.
4. Only the contestant's dresser will be allowed in the dressing area at any given time. Dancers will be allowed backstage prior to Talent and will be notified when they are allowed back. Please make sure the Dresser is aware they will not see the pageant.
5. All contestants must follow the agenda for the weekend to arrive on time for scheduled events.
6. There will be no painting props or costumes inside any MGJNA Inc. event venue (this includes use of fire, water, spray paint or spray glitter including confetti and live animals).
7. All contestants are required to read and complete the application, sign a release form, code of ethics form, and a pre-contract.
8. MGNJA State Pageants are open to all Male / Female Impersonators who qualify via a County, Bar Preliminary Pageant or purchased entry into the system. Our Newcomer Pageant is open to contestants that currently do not have any titles.
9. In the event of a tie a decision a Question and Answer will be given and judged on-stage.
10. In the event you are asked to leave a pageant or disqualified by breaking a rule you will be barred from County and State Pageants for a period to be decided by board of directors of Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc.
11. Absolutely no fire / pyrotechnics / water or live animals are allowed in any portion of the Pageant, this includes excess glitter and powder. Violation of this rule results in automatic 50-point deduction from talent score or removal from the contest.
12. All dancers, assistants, etc., must have name badges for each event of the pageant or will be removed for payment into the pageant. Dressers are not required to purchase tickets. Dancers must purchase tickets if they plan on sitting in the audience unless they are helping the board with specific positions before talent. (e.g. ticket takers, door ushers etc.). If not, no ticket is necessary.
13. All contestants must be able to prove positive identification and sign statements to hold the promoter, host club/venue, Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc. and/or Beacon Light Fund harmless in any and all accidents that may occur during the pageant. If you lose your identification, you have 1 month to obtain new one or potentially forfeit remaining reign.
14. MGNJA Inc. reserves the right to make any other decisions concerning any official matter not covered in the rules and regulations.
15. If you are performing and require last minute props you are required to return them to the location, you found them after your performance. If you need assistance it is suggested that you obtain enough help to coordinate such props.
16. NO person is authorized to solicit donations fraudulently by deceiving donors that their donations will be donated to MGNJA, Inc. / Beacon Light Fund. Any individual who solicits donations must submit them to the organization at once or face legal actions allowed by law to include but not limited to fraud, theft, and theft by deception, unauthorized solicitation, etc.
17. All benefits completed for Beacon Light must be first discussed then approved and advertised correctly and appropriately PRIOR to any notification on social media or flyers.

Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer Category Descriptions
ALL CONTESTANTS

PRESENTATION (NOT JUDGED)

The Presentation category is where the audience gets the first opportunity to meet you and learn who you are. In this category, contestants will come out in a Black Cocktail Dress of their choice. This should not be a category which considered a deduction.

Talent 150 points (EACH JUDGE)

Talent may be of any form of entertainment as long as it does not create any danger to the contestants, the staff, or audience members. The time limit for all talent presentations is seven (7) minutes. This time includes prop set up and tear down.

Music must be recorded on a CD only. It must be properly cued. Please label your music appropriately with you name. High quality CD's are highly recommended as well as a backup CD. **If you would like your CD returned, please see President or VP during the next board meeting or the DJ after the event completes.** The CD should have on it your talent number only. **Absolutely NO** fire, water, nudity, pyrotechnics, excessive glitter/powder, animals are allowed during the contest. Administrative points will be deducted to any contestant whose talent presentation goes over the seven (7) minute time limit. If there is a problem with the length, please contact the President of MGNJA, Inc. to discuss.

Dancer \ Assistants

Your dancers are required to purchase a ticket since they are not doing anything most of the pageant contest time besides watching the show. We are not responsible in locating your dancers in the audience. Dressers will not be charged for a ticket since they will not be able to see the pageant. **You are to only have one dresser in the dressing room.** If your dresser is found watching the show and not watching your stuff, they will be required to pay full admission. Dancers can choice to help volunteer before and during the pageant (expect before your number) and will not be charged. Please speak to Bill regarding this.

ANY CONTESTANT WHO HAS MORE THAN ONE DRESSER BACK STAGE AT ANY PORTION OF THE PAGEANT WILL RECEIVE A **50 POINT ADMINSTRATIVE DEDUCTION** FOR EACH PERSON OVER THE ONE ALLOTTED. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE WHATSOEVER!!!!**

IF YOU ARE MISSING STUFF, THEN BLAME YOUR DRESSER. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WATCHING YOUR BELONGINGS AND MAKING SURE YOUR THINGS ARE PUT AWAY.

ALL CONTESTANTS

EVENING ATTIRE 100 points (EACH JUDGE)

Your attire should complement your figure and be a statement of your style, taste, and persona. The outfit and accessories should be in perfect condition. No strings should be found anywhere (this includes sleeves, neckline, hem, along the zipper, or at any seam). There shouldn't be any tears in any part of the fabric. The outfit should be stain free and wrinkle free. It is the contestant's responsibility to take care of the attire and keep it in perfect condition for the duration of the pageant. The hem should be even, unless the style calls for it to be that way. The judges should not be able to see through any part of the outfit unless the style of the outfit calls for such. A V-neck is fine, but if it is cut to low, it looks manly. The attire you choose should NOT hinder your abilities to model and work the Runway. Your presentation should be clean and presentable. Your choice of attire is STRICTLY your choice.

For Miss Contestants, Jewelry should accessorize and not be over powering. A beaded outfit doesn't need anything more than earrings to complete a look. Shoes should match the outfit and complement it. Shoes should not be scuffed, worn at the toe or heels, and not seen to bend under the weight of the contestant. Do not point out accessories or features of the gown while the platform statement is being read. Practice turning and walking in the shoes you will be wearing during this presentation. Hair should be appropriate for evening wear and go along with the style of the gown. Hair should not be unkempt, and should not be frizzy unless style warrants. Hair that is put up looks neater if long tendrils of hair are not going down the back of the neck, but if no hairline is showing this is acceptable.

QUESTION & ANSWER 75 points (EACH JUDGE)

Once you finish modeling onstage during the Evening Attire category we will go directly into Q&A for each contestant. The ability to answer the question asked to the fullest extent possible. Clear and concise is always appreciated and admired. Try to be honest and aspiring when answering the question.

Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer Category Descriptions

ALL CONTESTANTS (Continued)

Deductions \ Lateness

<i>First Offense</i>	<i>25 Points</i>
 <i>Second Offense</i>	 <i>50 Points, plus point previously assessed.</i>
 <i>Third Offense and all remaining</i>	 <i>75 Points, plus points assessed from the first and second offences.</i>

This starts with any and all required meetings and start times.

Music

You have a total of seven (7) minutes to use in any which way or form. This time will include music, props etc.

All time starts from the moment your name is announced to the end when you are thanked by the announcer. Please keep in mind any setup, breakdown and cleanup which may be required.

Any time over this amount will be an automatic 25-point deduction for every minute over the 7 (seven) minute time allotment. After 7 minutes, the contestant can become disqualified, especially if the President was unaware of the timing.

The day of the Pageant

The day of the pageant is very fast paced and the day usually escapes us because time moves rather quickly. We ask everyone, board members, assistance, contestant, and any and all other pageant personnel. Please refrain from talking during any scheduled check points, meeting, etc., as you may miss something. It is important to be on time during scheduled checkpoints because announcements will be made on time. If you are late and miss an announcement you have no one else to blame but yourself. Please be mindful of the board's attentiveness to making the pageant a great success for each contestant, the people in the audience, and of course the organization itself. If you do not understand an announcement or a change ask one of the executive board members for clarification. Do not take it upon yourself to assume the inevitable. Remember, everything you do does reflect on your image.

Make it easier on yourself and be on time and don't rely on others!

Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer State Pageant Contest

Contestant Application Form (to be handed in)

Legal Name: _____

Stage Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age at Sept 2016: _____

Name of the contest that made you qualified (if any): _____

Dressing Assistant: _____

Talent Selections – CD ONLY, must be track one [NO CELL PHONES].

Six (6) minute time limit (Includes set up, performing time and tear down \ clean-up):

Number of People in Talent: _____ Props: Yes No

What are you doing in Talent (i.e. Live singing \ Lip Sync, Instruments etc.) _____

Estimated Total Talent Time Needed: _____

By my signature below I hereby release and hold harmless Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc., MGNJA, Inc., USA Unlimited, Beacon Light Fund, Berkeley Hotel, their agents, servants, and employees from Liability and or responsibility what so ever resulting from, associated with or arising out of my participation in this contest, including but not limited to personal injury, damage or damage to personal property regardless of whether the loss or injury occurs before, during, or after the contest at, or any related activities,. I also release myself from any rights to any video, still image, photography, sound recordings, still camera, or motion pictures of this contestant. I understand that I have no rights to any of the recordings that I may appear in the future sales thereof. I understand that If I am the winner of Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer and I do not fulfill my duties, by violation of the rules governed by MGNJA, Inc., or by behavior/actions that are consider demeaning/threatening to the title of Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer, I will be required to forfeit all my monies and prizes award to me for my participation in the National Contest. I further agree that in the event I do have to return these monies, my crown and scepter MUST be returned, at my expense, to the MGNJA, Inc. Headquarters in the condition it was received. I agree that I have read all the rules and regulations of this contest and agree to abide by the same. I further agree any items not covered in the rules and regulations can, and will, be resolved by the governing board of MGNJA, Inc. I also agree to return any un-sold tickets at the time of the pageant. Any un-returned outstanding tickets will need to be purchased at your expense.

Legal Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer State Pageant Contest Receipt

Contestant Application Form, Acknowledgment of Contract and Statement of Release Form Receipt

Official Use Only – Keep this for your records

This document serves as your understand and consenting to the Official Contract. I hereby release and hold harmless Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc., MGNJA, Inc., USA Unlimited, Beacon Light Fund, their agents, servants, and employees from Liability and or responsibility what so ever resulting from, associated with or arising out of my participation in this contest, including but not limited to personal injury, damage or damage to personal property regardless of whether the loss or injury occurs before, during, or after the contest at, or any related activities, I also release myself from any rights to any video, still image, photography, sound recordings, still camera, or motion pictures of this contestant. I understand that I have no rights to any of the recordings that I may appear in the future sales thereof. I understand that If I am the winner of Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer and I do not fulfill my duties, by violation of the rules governed by MGNJA, Inc., or by behavior/actions that are consider demeaning/threatening to the title of Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer, I will be required to forfeit all my monies and prizes award to me for my participation in the National Contest. I further agree that in the event I do have to return these monies, my crown and scepter MUST be returned, at my expense, to the MGNJA, Inc. Headquarters in the condition it was received. I agree that I have read all the rules and regulations of this contest and agree to abide by the same. I further agree any items not covered in the rules and regulations can, and will, be resolved by the governing board of MGNJA, Inc. Any un-returned outstanding tickets will need to be purchased at your expense.

OFFICIAL CONTRACT (to be handed in)

I _____, a contestant in an official event, have read and understand all the rules and regulations established by and do hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations. I do further agree that any violation of these rules and regulations may result in my disqualification. I further understand that the winner and first runner up agree to represent the title at the official Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer Pageant. Should the winner or the first runner up not fulfill their obligations to the preliminary pageant by attending the official national pageant, they understand they are required to refund all money and prizes awarded to them, and entry fees paid on their behalf.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

RELEASE
(to be handed in)

By my signature below, I hereby release myself from rights to any videotaping, photography, sound recording, still camera, or motion pictures of this pageant. I understand that I have no right to any of these recordings (sound or video) that I may appear in, or the future sales of such recordings.

I hereby release and hold harmless The Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer Pageant, Miss Gay New Jersey Association, Inc., Beacon Light Fund, it's agents, the host club, building owner, and their agents from any liability and/or responsibility whatsoever resulting from, associated with, or arising out of my participation in the pageant, including but not limited to, personal injury or loss of, or damage to, personal property, regardless of whether the loss or injury occurs before, during or after the pageant or any related activities.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Contest Night Bio For
Evening Attire**
(To be handed in at contestant check in – day of contest)

Contestant Name: _____

Astrological Sign: _____

Sponsors Tonight:

Hobbies:

What makes you the best candidate for Miss Gay New Jersey Newcomer (your inspiration):

Thank you's and shot outs
