



MS. SAN FRANCISCO LEATHER 2019 CONTEST APPLICATION PACKET

On behalf of the entire committee, we welcome you as a contestant to the 2019 Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest. We hope that you are excited about competing and that the experience will be rewarding and memorable for you.

Please review the application materials carefully and provide **ALL** the information requested. Remember to sign where indicated, attach the requested documents and MAIL the original of the fully completed and signed application to the address listed below on or before **December 29, 2018**. (Please also email a copy of your application to the Producer, Daddy Sal Hopkins at: DaddySal@MsSFLeather.org)

CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Resident of Northern California, willing and able to represent the San Francisco Bay Area.
- 21 years of age or over.
- Must identify as a leather woman regardless of sexual orientation or social label.
- Must attend all 2019-2020 Ms. San Francisco Leather events listed on the Contestant Agreement.
- Provide at least one basket of items to be auctioned at the contest in support of the Ms. San Francisco Leather Titleholder Fund.

Contestants for the 2019 Ms. San Francisco Leather contest **must** provide all of the information requested, sign the Contestant Agreement Form and sign the Ms. San Francisco Leather Code of Conduct Agreement.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Read and sign the **2019 Ms. SFL Contestant Agreement**.
- Complete the **2019 Ms. SFL Contestant Data Sheet**.
- Read and sign the **2019 Ms. SFL Code of Conduct Agreement**.
- Provide a photo [face shot] (minimum 3"X5")
- Provide a photocopy of legal identification used as PROOF OF AGE.
- Include a check for **\$40.00**, made out to "**Ms. San Francisco Leather**"
- Mail to:

Ms. San Francisco Leather
2261 Market Street #435
San Francisco, CA 94114

- Email a copy of your application to the Producer, DaddySal@MsSFLeather.org
- If you have any questions about the application, please contact the Producer, DaddySal@MsSFLeather.org



JUDGING METHOD:

The judges are prominent members of the leather/fetish/kink community whom we feel best represent the ideals and character traits that we would like to see in our titleholder. Each represents a different portion of the local, national or international community. All exhibit the sense of citizenship, community work ethic and independent character that we feel makes a strong titleholder.

Each judge will give each contestant a score up to the maximum amount in each category. These scores will then be averaged together to form the final score in each category. Final category scores for each contestant will be added together and the individual with the highest total will be declared "Ms. San Francisco Leather 2019."

Contest Categories:

Interview in Street/Casual Wear (75 points): Contestants will be interviewed by the judging panel prior to the evening portions of the contest. These interviews will be open to the public. Contestants will be judged on their ability to think on their feet, their knowledge of leather lifestyle-related issues and history, and how they respond to the questions asked of them. The appropriate dress for this section is "street legal" leather/fetish/kink wear.

Speech and Formal Wear (45 points): Contestants will each be given 90 seconds to speak on a topic of their choice related to the Leather/Fetish/Kink community. Contestants will be judged on the delivery of their speech as well as on their formal wear (what you would wear to a formal leather/fetish/kink event or banquet).

Fantasy (35 points): Each contestant will be given 5 minutes to perform a fantasy on stage. Contestants will be scored on the creativity they use in the fantasy portion and how well they engage the audience.

On Stage Pop Question and Cruise/Bar Wear (20 points): Each contestant will be asked a question to answer on stage. Questions will be submitted by the Contest staff. The appropriate dress for this section is your sexy best.

Comportment (25 points): Judges will observe each contestant throughout the Meet and Greet and the contest and judge each contestant on their comportment during the weekend.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

No later than **December 29, 2018**, mail your completed 2019 Ms. SFL Application Packet including all forms, photos and fees to:

**Ms. San Francisco Leather
2261 Market Street #435
San Francisco, CA 94112**

Email a copy of your completed 2019 Ms. SFL Application Packet including all forms and photos to the Producer DaddySa@MsSFLeather.org

Upon receipt of your application, the contest Producer will contact you with further instructions. If you need further information, please contact: DaddySal@MsSFLeather.org



2019 MS. SAN FRANCISCO LEATHER CONTESTANT AGREEMENT

GENERAL TERMS

I wish to enter the 2019 Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest (hereinafter known as Ms. SFL Contest) to compete for the title of Ms. San Francisco Leather 2019. I affirm that I am over 21 years of age and otherwise meet the eligibility requirements to enter this contest. I will attach with this application, a photocopy of my legal Photo ID (Driver's License, Passport, or State I.D.).

I acknowledge that my participation in the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest is entirely voluntary and that such participation may subject me to risks relating to my personal health, safety, property and reputation. I further acknowledge that I am participating at my own risk and will take all precautions that I deem necessary for my safety and well-being.

I affirm that I am a resident of Northern California and that I am ready, willing and able to represent the San Francisco Bay Area. I understand this includes numerous personal appearances in San Francisco and surrounding counties.

As a contestant, I agree to appear at all official events relating to the 2019 Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest, including but not limited to:

- **Contestant Meeting:** Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. (location TBD)
- **Contest Rehearsal:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 7 p.m. at (SOMArts Cultural Center)
- **Meet and Greet:** Friday, February 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. (Location TBD)
- **Formal Contest:** Saturday, February 9, 2019, from noon at (SOMArts Cultural Center)
- **Victory Brunch:** Sunday, February 10, 2019, beginning at 11:00 a.m. (Location TBD)

I understand that failure to appear as scheduled may result in disqualification. I further understand and agree that the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest has the right to remove me as a contestant at any time, for any cause.

I understand that I may bring one person to the contest to assist me backstage with wardrobe. I agree that my assistant will stay back stage at ALL times.

I enclose the non-refundable entrance fee of \$40.00 by check made payable to: "Ms. San Francisco Leather". I also attach/enclose a recent photo that shows my face clearly. **This will be used both for identification purposes and for publication in the contest program booklet.**



If I am selected as Ms. San Francisco Leather 2019, I agree to the following:

- 1) I will be a role model and representative as well as a visible member of the SF Leather/Fetish/Kink Community and agree to attend a minimum of 10 Bay Area Leather/Fetish/Kink events or meetings during the course of my title year, *volunteering to help* wherever possible.
- 2) In addition to the above, I will attend at least five of the major events held in the Bay Area during my title year which may include Leather Alley at Pride, Dore Alley, Folsom, Folsom Fringe, the Leather Alliance Weekend (including the Mr. San Francisco Leather Contest), IMsL, The Northwest Leather Celebration, and Alameda County Leather Contest.
- 3) I agree to choose a charity or cause that will be my focus during my Title Year. This should be a specific organization, club or group. It can be a part of the leather or LGBTQ communities, or the larger local community. It should be related to your interests, your passions or your leather life in some way. I also agree to seek out other Bay Area titleholders to collaborate with for fundraisers and events. A fundraiser for the travel fund is acceptable only after the first charity fundraiser is completed.
- 4) During my title year, I will represent Ms. SF Leather in the San Francisco Pride Parade by riding in a car or truck alone, with Mr. SF Leather, or with a group of titleholders.
- 5) I will maintain contact with the contest producers throughout my title year on a *twice monthly basis* with a brief phone call, unless and until other methods are agreed upon, to keep them informed of my titleholder activities. I will maintain an online blog of my title events and appearances. The event producers will help with the blog if needed.
- 6) I understand that I may not run for another title in the leather community during my title year as Ms. SF Leather 2019 from February 9, 2019 to January 31, 2020.
- 7) I will assist with contest publicity as well as the publicity for any events associated with the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest throughout my title year.
- 8) I will show support and encouragement to future Ms. San Francisco Leather titleholders and understand that I am invited to assist my successor as a part of her support team for the following title year in an offering of continuity and camaraderie.
- 9) I understand if I am unable or unwilling to complete the expectations of my title year, the producers, at their discretion, may require me to step down and pass the title to the Ms. San Francisco Leather 2018 First Runner-up.
- 10) I understand that no commercial use may be made by me, or anyone, of my Ms. San Francisco Leather 2019 title without the prior written permission of the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest owner.

If I am selected as the First Runner-up, I agree to step in and assume the responsibilities of the titleholder should the current titleholder be unable to continue. I understand that in such case, a ceremony will take place to install me as the new Ms. San Francisco Leather titleholder.

I affirm that the information given on my 2019 Ms. San Francisco Leather Contestant Application is accurate, and I authorize the use of this information.



LIKENESS RELEASE

I hereby grant the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest, its owners, producers, employees, and agents the right and permission to use my likeness in photographs, video or other forms of media in any and all of its publications, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration. This includes the right and permission to copyright, use, reuse, broadcast and/or publish any and all likenesses of me which are recorded during the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest or as a result of my preparation for the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest, or as a result of my having participated in the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest and its owners and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the Contest to edit, alter (including to distort, blur, or composite), copy, copyright, exhibit, publish, distribute or otherwise use these materials for purposes of publicizing the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears.

Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of these materials. I understand that if my name is used in conjunction with the use of my likeness, the name that will be used is the name listed as my "scene/stage name" in my Contestant Data Sheet.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY/HOLD HARMLESS

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry as a 2019 Ms. San Francisco Leather Contestant, I hereby waive any and all claims to 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 2019 Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest, or against the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest, its owners, agents and operators.

On behalf of myself, my heirs, estate, agents, assigns, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate, I hereby release, hold harmless, and forever discharge the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest, its owners, agents, operators, employees, volunteers, assigns, successors or predecessors in interest, and affiliates from and against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever including, among others, claims of injury or damage to my person, property or reputation, demands, actions, liens, rights, debts, liabilities, judgments, costs, and attorney's fees, arising out of my participation in the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest and/or my signing of this Contestant Agreement.

I further release all claims to the use of my name, likeness or photograph in connection with the 2019 Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest for compensation for injury, accident, or theft against the sponsors, owners, officers, directors, and employees of the Ms. San Francisco Leather Contest.

I have read this Contestant Agreement in its entirety before signing below. I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of its terms and agree to those terms.

Contestant's Legal Signature: _____

Date: _____



2019 MS. SAN FRANCISCO LEATHER CONTEST Code of Conduct Agreement

As a contestant and/or titleholder, I will conduct myself with a standard of behavior that includes but is not limited to proper and courteous behavior toward fellow contestants, contest staff, judges, and all present. I will not partake of drugs or excessive alcohol during the contest or while engaging in Titleholder business, or while representing the title of Ms. San Francisco Leather.

Contestants and judges may “fraternize” informally in public situations. Private meetings between individual judges and contestants during the events are **absolutely** prohibited. Any behavior which might create even the appearance of bias or favoritism will be brought to the attention of the entire judging panel and the Ms. San Francisco Leather Producers – who will decide if disqualification of a judge and/or a contestant would be prudent. (In order to avoid accidental violation of propriety, all contestants should display their identification badges prominently during all contest events.)

I will not solicit the judges or the contest staff with money or sexual favors for the benefit of scoring points in order to become the titleholder or obtain contest prizes. I will not solicit or engage in sexual behavior of any kind with fellow contestants, judges, contest staff or others related to the Ms. SFL Contest during the events listed in this document. I understand that any violation of the standard of behavior under which this contest is conducted will result in my immediate dismissal from the contest and/or forfeiture of the title.

Contestant’s Legal Signature: _____

Date: _____



2019 MS. SAN FRANCISCO LEATHER CONTEST CONTESTANT DATA SHEET

The following information is requested to assist the judges (and the MC) in getting to know the contestants.

Full Legal Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Scene/Stage Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Leather/Fetish/Kink Identity: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current and/or Previous Titles: _____

For the Program Book:

1. Please provide a short 1-2 paragraph bio. (We reserve the right to edit for length.)



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In addition to the purposes of getting to know you better, the following information may also be used by the MC to introduce you or during your non-speaking appearances.

For the Judges:

1. How have you been involved with the Leather community in San Francisco and elsewhere?
2. Please list your current club/group affiliations (please also list any offices held).
3. Why do you want to be Ms. San Francisco Leather?
4. What do you hope to do with this title?
5. What challenges do you think you might face as the Ms. San Francisco Leather title holder?
6. Please list any additional information you would like to share with the judges.

For the MC:

1. What is your favorite kink/fetish and why?
2. If you have any body art (tattoos, piercings, brandings, etc.), please describe your favorite and why.
3. Describe yourself in one sentence (as you would for a personal ad or a tweet).
4. What are your non-Leather hobbies or other outside interests?