



MR. BEAR LA 2023 Contestant Application



Thank you for your interest in being a contestant for Mr. Bear LA Contest 2023!

A Contestant Application follows this letter.

We must receive your completed application no later than September 10th, 2022. Please submit all applications via email to davidmaresca10@gmail.com If you would like to submit your application by mail please send to 7037 Vassar Ave. Apt 9, Canoga Park CA 91303

Interview

When: Monday, September 19th

Time: Starting at 8:00 PM

Where: Zoom

Meet and Greet:

When: Thursday, September 22nd

Time: 9:00pm-11:00pm

Where: Eagle LA (4219 Santa Monica Blvd.)

Mr. Bear LA Contest

When: Friday, September 23rd

Time: 9:00pm – 12:00 am

Where: Eagle LA (4219 Santa Monica Blvd.)

Victory Party

TBD

MEET AND GREET- Thursday September 22nd, 2022

Contestants will be introduced to the crowd by the host, have a fun little bit of banter and then we will do a number draw to determine the order in which the contestants will compete.



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Contestants are encouraged to mingle with the crowd as much as possible, and there may be judges in the crowd so make sure to try and mingle with a wide variety of people

THE CONTEST

1. The Contest will begin with the introduction of the contestants in “**Bear Bar Wear**” (this is the time to wear what you feel your look the best in) segment, during which each contestant will be introduced and say a little bit about themselves. Think of this like an elevator speech, it should be about 30 seconds to a minute. State your name, how long you have been in the community, and why you chose to run/ what makes you the best candidate. You will also choose from a basket of questions at random to answer a silly/serious question.
2. In the next segment, the contestants will compete in the “**Bear Resort Wear**” segment, during which each contestant’s fantasy will be read out. You will also choose from a basket of questions at random to answer a silly/serious question.
3. Contestants will do a “**Bear Run**” selling raffle tickets for goodie baskets that will be announced at the end of the contest before the winner.
4. Following a break, the contestants will then appear in the “**Bear Theme**” segment. The theme is “**Return from Hibernation.**”(Think naughty nighties, sexy pjs,etc. use your imagination, but please, no genital display). This will also be where you give your 90 second speech. Use that time to talk about what being a bear means to you, how being a part of the community has affected you and helped you grow as a person, etc. just make sure it comes from the heart.



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Remember, participation in the competition is mostly about having a great time and promoting the bear movement.

If you have any questions regarding the contest or the application, please feel free to email the producer David Maresca at davidmaresca10@gmail.com

Sincerely yours,
David Maresca
Mr. Bear LA 2020

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Requirements of Mr. Bear LA:



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- Mr. Bear LA will be required to attend **Long Beach Pride** as well as **Los Angeles Pride**.
- You will be required to host a minimum of **3 Events** for **Bears LA**.
- You will be required to help out at **Bears LA Hosted Events**.
- You will be required to attend at least **5 Bears LA Board Meetings**.

Code of Conduct:

As Mr. Bear LA, you represent our organization. So please conduct yourself accordingly:

- No excessive drinking while representing Bears LA.
- Please refrain from using drugs in public.
- Please be discreet in your public sexual escapades.

Title Desired: Mr. Bear LA _____

If Mr. Bear LA cannot fulfill his obligation the 1st Runner will assume the position of **Mr. Bear LA 2023**

Type or print clearly and complete both pages, including the signature on the following page.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country (if not USA): _____

Email, if any: _____ Phone: _____

Club Affiliation(s), if any: _____

Sponsors, if any: _____

Title(s), if any: _____

Nickname (if any): _____

Please describe yourself:



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Please list your three (3) most important contributions to the Bear and/or Gay Communities. Limit your response to 100 words total.

Write a Personal Advertisement / Fantasy (150 words or less). This will be read for you from the stage during the “fantasy” or “bear resort wear” segment of the competition, so make it hot! (Remember this is a fantasy scene and should have a beginning, middle, and ending or get from point A-B)



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By signing below, I certify that I have read, understood, and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I am at least 21 years of age.
2. I understand that any genital display or blatant commercialism during any phase of the competition will be grounds for my immediate disqualification.
3. I understand that if I am chosen to be Mr. Bear LA, I will represent **Bears LA** and should therefore have sufficient flexibility for occasional travel. I understand that **Bears LA** is custodian of the travel fund for Mr. Bear LA to help defray the cost of transportation to events, subject to the guidelines established for the fund. I



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understand that I will be expected to conduct fundraisers or otherwise assist in raising funds to replenish and augment the travel fund.

4. I hereby authorize **Bears LA** to use my name, likeness, or photographic reproductions of myself for any publicity and/or publication in various media including print, video, film and online. I further understand that any such items will remain the sole property of **Bears LA**.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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