



Blackout Leather Productions of Oregon, Inc.
Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather 2018
Oregon State Bootblack 2018 Oregon State
Puppy 2018

Contestant Information & Application Packet

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- Mailed to PO Box 3134, Portland, OR 97208
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For additional questions, please contact Bill at
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Dear Contestant,

On behalf of the entire board, thank you for your interest in competing for the Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather, Oregon State Bootblack, and Oregon State Puppy titles! Over the past 22 years, our titles have raised thousands of dollars for charities and have touched and inspired many people within the Portland area and beyond.

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, Oregon State Bootblack, and Oregon State Puppy titles, and co-produce Oregon Leather Pride Week as well as other events in the area. With the revival of the Oregon State Leather titles – and the creation of the Oregon State Bootblack and Oregon State Puppy 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 / International Mr.Bootblack
International Ms. Leather / International Ms. Bootblack
American Leather Woman/ Leather Man/ Leather Boy
NW Puppy & Handler

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.

Bill Westervelt

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

**Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather 2018, Oregon State Bootblack 2018, and Oregon State
Puppy 2018**
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 Clark County, Washington and have continuous residency within this area for the six months preceding the date of this application.
- All applicants must be financially and morally responsible.
- Each contestant must be available to participate fully in ALL contest-related events, judges' interviews, rehearsals and meetings with contest officials.
- Each contestant must be willing to sign a Contestant Ethics Agreement prior to the Contest.
- Applications must be received by 11:59pm July 27th, 2018. Applications may be mailed via USPS, given to a BLP Board member, or emailed to PresidentBLP@yahoo.com. For further information, or any questions, please contact Bill at the above email.

**LEATHER PRIDE WEEK ATTENDENCE REQUIREMENTS
(ALL EVENTS HELD IN PORTLAND, OR)**

Friday, August 10th 2018: Leather Vegas and Oregon State Leather, Bootblack, & Puppy Meet & Greet 6-10pm

All contestants will be presented to the community at The Sanctuary from 7 - 9:30 PM, during Leather Vegas. Bootblack contestants will be given their technical boots at this time.

Saturday, August 11th 2018: 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. Arrive at The Star Theater prepared and with the understanding that you will not be able to go home until the contests have ended that night.
- ***Night of the Contest:*** Each Oregon State Leather contestant will appear on-stage 5 times during the contest, but not necessarily in this order:

- Opening production number.
- Formal look & Speech (3 minute max.)
- Street/Bar look & pop question.
- Contestants' Fantasy or Entertainment number (5 minute max.)
- Final Parade of Contestants and Announcement of Mr. and Ms. Oregon State Leather 2018, Oregon State Bootblack 2018, and Oregon State Puppy 2018.

Each Oregon State Bootblack contestant will appear on-stage 3 times during the contest:

- Opening production number.
- Formal look & Speech (3 minute max.)
- Final Parade of Contestants and Announcement of Mr. and Ms. Oregon State Leather 2018, Oregon State Bootblack 2018, and Oregon State Puppy 2018.

Each Oregon State Puppy contestant will appear on-stage 4 times during the contest:

- Opening production number.
- Formal look & Speech (3 minute max.)
- Fantasy (5 minute max.)

- Final Parade of Contestants and Announcement of Mr. and Ms. Oregon State Leather 2018, Oregon State Bootblack 2018, and Oregon State Puppy 2018.

Sunday, August 12th, 2018: Victory Brunch and Rose & Thorn Awards Presentation

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

REQUIREMENTS OF MR. & MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER, OREGON STATE BOOTBLACK, & OREGON STATE PUPPY

These are the major requirements of Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather, Oregon State Bootblack, & Oregon State Puppy 2018

Failure to perform any of the requirements may result in forfeiture of the title. Failure to maintain residency in Oregon or SW Washington during title year will result in forfeiture of the title.

FUNDRAISING:

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB/OSP 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. The Titleholders 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/OSB/OSP are each required to produce one educational event.

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB/OSP are each required to produce one individual and one joint fundraising event during their title year, with net proceeds, minus 10%, going to title-holder's charity of choice.

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB/OSP shall each be responsible to sell advertisements for the annual Contest Program. Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB/OSP will act as the primary sellers. Board assistance will be provided upon request.

APPEARANCES:

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB/OSP 2018 will each be required to make appearances at the following community events:

Imperial Sovereign Rose Court's Coronation (October 2018)

The "Valentines from Hell" annual fundraising show (February 2019)

Portland's annual Pride Parade -you are required to march with BLP (June 2019)

Oregon Leather Pride and Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB/OSP contest - (August 2019)

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, OSB, OSP 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 up to a maximum of \$1000 total per titleholder):

International Mr. Leather / International Mr. Bootblack

International Ms. Leather / International Ms.Bootblack

American Leather Woman/ Leather Man/ Leather Boy

NW Puppy & Handler

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

CONTRACT AND CODE OF CONDUCT:

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

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

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

MR. & MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER 2018, OREGON STATE BOOTBLACK 2018, & OREGON STATE PUPPY 2018 CONTEST SCORING INFORMATION

The 2018 Oregon State Leather, Oregon State Bootblack, and Oregon State Puppy contests 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 FOR JUDGING MR & MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER:

PRE-CONTEST 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, Bootblackening and anything else the judges deem interesting.

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.

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 (3 minutes or less in length and should be memorized) on their 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)

FINAL PARADE AND ANNOUNCEMENT 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.

BREAKDOWN OF POINTS FOR JUDGING OREGON STATE BOOTBLACK:

PRE-CONTEST 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, Bootblackening and anything else the judges deem interesting.

BOOTBLACK TECHNICAL PRESENTATION: 300 points maximum

In this category, each contestant will be given a pair of boots during Meet & Greet. They are to polish ONE of the boots to a high shine and present it to the judges during Pre-Contest Interviews. Each pair of boots (one polished, one not) will also be displayed during the contest.

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.

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 (3 minutes or less in length and should be memorized) on their subject of choice while appearing in their interpretation of a formal leather look.

FINAL PARADE AND ANNOUNCEMENT 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.

BREAKDOWN OF POINTS FOR JUDGING OREGON STATE PUPPY:

PRE-CONTEST 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, Bootblacking and anything else the judges deem interesting.

PUPPY FANTASY: 300 points maximum

This category scores on the contestants' ability to be creative, organize, and execute a performance piece and their stage presence as a puppy. (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.

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 (3 minutes or less in length and should be memorized) on their subject of choice while appearing in their interpretation of a formal leather look.

FINAL PARADE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW TITLE HOLDERS:

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

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Oregon State Leather 2018, Oregon State Bootblack
2018, Oregon State Puppy 2018:**

- The next five (5) pages of this packet
Including: OSL/OSB/OSP 2018 Application
OSL/OSB/OSP 2018 Supplemental Questions
Contestant Ethics Agreement
- A personal bio (max 150 words) that will be read during the contest, printed in the contest program, and posted on the Blackout Leather Productions 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.

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**BLACKOUT LEATHER PRODUCTIONS OF OREGON,
INC. MR. & MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER 2018
OREGON STATE BOOTBLACK 2018 OREGON STATE
PUPPY 2018 CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY

PLEASE CIRCLE THE TITLE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

MR. OREGON STATE LEATHER 2018

MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER 2018

OREGON STATE BOOTBLACK 2018

OREGON STATE PUPPY 2018

LEGAL NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SCENE/COMMUNITY NAME: _____

NAME TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC ANNOUNCMENTS? LEGAL SCENE/COMMUNITY

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: _____

SECONDARY PHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL): _____

PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SECONDARY EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE # AND STATE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

PREVIOUS OR CURRENT TITLE(S) HELD: _____

CLUB AFFILIATION(S): _____

ONLINE PROFILES (INCLUDE USERNAMES): _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: _____

DESCRIBE HOW YOU WOULD FULFILL THE TRAVEL AND TIME COMMITMENTS EXPECTED OF THE TITLEHOLDER:

DESCRIBE ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH YOUR EMPLOYMENT MIGHT PREVENT YOU FROM FULFILLING YOUR DUTIES:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

BLACKOUT LEATHER PRODUCTIONS WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC RECORDS SEARCH ON EVERY APPLICANT. APPLICANTS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO PROCEED AS A CONTESTANT IF THE APPLICANTS' RECORDS SEARCH REVEALS THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY FELONIES AND THAT THERE ARE NO MISDEMEANORS OR WARRANTS CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING AGAINST THEM WITHIN THE STATE OF OREGON, AS WELL AS THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. TRAFFIC AND PARKING INFRACTIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE MISDEMEANORS IN EITHER STATE UNLESS SOME DEGREE OF PHYSICAL OR BODILY INJURY OCCURRED.

PLEASE PROVIDE THREE (3) COMMUNITY REFERENCES WITH CONTACT INFORMATION. TO ENSURE BOARD NEUTRALITY, BLACKOUT LEATHER PRODUCTIONS BOARD MEMBERS CANNOT BE LISTED.

NAME	STREET ADDRESS + EMAIL + PHONE NUMBER	YEARS KNOWN

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IF YOU ARE BEING SPONSORED, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SPONSOR'S INFORMATION:

SPONSOR NAME (BUSINESS, CLUB OR ORGANIZATION): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

SPONSOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NAME OF SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVE: _____ POSITION: _____

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, OREGON STATE BOOTBLACK, OREGON STATE PUPPY 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 OR BOOTBLACK TITLE OR OREGON STATE PUPPY OR PARTICIPATION WITHOUT PERMISSION OF BLACKOUT LEATHER PRODUCTIONS OF OREGON, INC.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CONTESTANT PRINTED NAME: _____

PLEASE INITIAL BELOW TO INDICATE YOU'VE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ATTACHED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS.

_____ CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS

_____ CONTEST SCORING INFORMATION

_____ REQUIREMENTS OF MR./MS. OREGON STATE LEATHER OR OREGON STATE BOOTBLACK OR OREGON STATE PUPPY

To be considered complete this application must also include:

- Your answers to the supplemental questions*
- A photo of yourself*
- A personal biography*

These will be reviewed by the contest judges, used in the contest program, read aloud during the contest, and may posted on the blackoutleather.org website for public review.

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SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

1. How long have you been involved in the leather/bootblack/puppy lifestyle and how did you become involved? _____

2. Should you win, what are your title year goals? _____

3. Describe a time when your integrity was challenged and how you responded.

4. Who is your role model and why? _____

BOOTBLACK CONTESTANTS ONLY MUST ALSO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Have you blacked in public? If so, where? _____
