



## **CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

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## **Mr. Michigan Leather ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS**

All contestants of the Mr. Michigan Leather Contest must meet and agree to the following requirements upon entering the contest:

1. The contestant must be at least 21 years of age. For age verification, please provide a photocopy of a government issued photo ID with the application.
2. The contestant must be male gendered or identify as male.
3. Contestants will be required to sign a model release.
4. You are not eligible to compete if you have previously won the Mr. Michigan Leather title.
5. There is a contestant registration fee of \$30. This fee must be paid by September 15. Contestants who are not able to pay or do not pay will not be able to participate in the Mr. Michigan Leather Contest.
6. Each contestant agrees to participate in all fundraisers during the contest weekend, which benefit the Mr. Michigan Leather Weekend Charity.
7. The contestant agrees to arrive at all events on time and follow the instructions provided by MML Staff.
8. Each contestant agrees to participate in all of the categories of the Mr. Michigan Leather Contest during the weekend.
9. Each contestant agrees to represent the Mr. Michigan Leather title during the full year of their title should they win.
10. Each contestant agrees to hold blameless, The Mr. Michigan Leather Weekend organization, producer, title owner, weekend volunteers, personnel and/or any sponsors for injuries, economic loss, or any liability; and to pay all court costs in any litigation that may arise from any legal action taken by the contestant against the aforementioned.
11. The contestant who is named the first runner-up agrees to assume the Mr. Michigan Leather title, privileges, and responsibilities of the winner, if the winner resigns or has his title removed. The title year is defined as beginning when a contestant is named the winner of the Mr. Michigan Leather contest until the following year's contest, when a new winner is announced.
12. All contestants agree to refrain from excessive drinking, taking of illegal substances, or having direct relations with judges, or any staff of the Mr. Michigan Leather Contest weekend. This is to discourage any illegal or inappropriate behavior and avoid potential issues and conflicts of interest between the judges, and staff. Any contestant deemed incapable of abiding by this rule will be removed from the competition.
13. All contestants (and Judges) are required to wear their badges during the weekend. The badge should be prominently displayed on their person at all times in order to guarantee that they are aware of each other at events.
14. The contestant who wins the Mr. Michigan Leather contest agrees to the "MR. MICHIGAN LEATHER TITLEHOLDERS RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT." Please see a sample of this document, which follows.



## Mr. Michigan Leather CONTEST FORMAT & SCORING

The judges' scoring will determine the winner of the contest. The winner will be announced on stage at the end of the contest.

NO PERSONS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CONTESTANT CHANGING AREA EXCEPT FOR MML STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS.

Contestants will be judged based on the following:

### **INTERVIEW** (100 Points)

The interview is held in private on Saturday afternoon. The goal of the interview is for the Judges to get to know you, your personality, experience level, communication skills, community involvement, etc. It allows the Judges to determine who would best represent Michigan's Leather Community and the potential to be a leader in the community.

The following takes place during the MML contest on Saturday night:

### **BAR / CRUISE WEAR** (40 Points)

This is the contestant's introduction to the audience. Your style of dress is you wearing an outfit that you would wear when going out to a bar or fundraising event. This "casual dress" MUST include Leather.

### **PHYSIQUE & PERSONALITY** (60 Points)

Each contestant will have an opportunity to show off their "best assets." Expressing their individuality is as important as body type. LEGAL STREETWEAR is required due to Michigan State Law: Genitals should be covered and a 1" strap up the back.

You will be asked a light-hearted question for you to show your personality and to illustrate how you act on stage.

### **FULL LEATHER & 90 SECOND SPEECH** (100 Points)

This should include your most Formal Leather attire. Contestants will be judged on their overall appearance in Leather on stage. You will be judged on your look and how you articulate your thoughts in front of a crowd. The speech content is entirely up to the contestant. Speech length: 90 Seconds maximum.

NOTE: In the event there is only one (1) contestant competing at MML, that contestant must earn a minimum of 80% of the total available points from all the Judges to be awarded the title.

The Mr. Michigan Leather organization believes firmly in being welcoming and inclusive. As such, if anyone has a disability for which they feel they need accommodations, please bring it to the attention of your den daddy or the producers. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your needs.



# CONTESTANT APPLICATION PART 1

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 15.

You will receive a FREE weekend pass and MML Tee for being a contestant. You are responsible for your own accommodations. *Please Print Clearly!*

Full legal name (confidential) \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_ Stage Name (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Legal address per government ID: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ T Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Club or Organization affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Who are you? Please describe yourself in 30 words or less.

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Why are you competing for the Mr. Michigan Leather Title?

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Please describe what you would like to do with the title:

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Previously held titles:

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# CONTESTANT APPLICATION PART 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? What was the nature of the offence?:

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- Non-Michigan residents are required to:**
- 1. Have close ties to Michigan's community**
  - 2. Be able to create a visible and active presence within Michigan**
  - 3. Be able to fulfill all the other requirements listed in the Titleholders Responsibilities Agreement**

**IF YOU ARE NOT A RESIDENT OF MICHIGAN, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

Please describe your close ties/connection to Michigan's Leather Community.

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Should you win Mr. Michigan Leather, how will you maintain a visible and active presence in Michigan?

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# CONTESTANT APPLICATION PART 3

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Name

What three words best describe you? \_\_\_\_\_

Body Modifications (piercings, tattoos, etc).

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Tell us more about your favorite kinks / fetish(s):

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Special interests / community involvement:

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I agree that I am a male/identify as male, I am of 21 years of age or older.

I will send a high-resolution digital color or black and white photograph of yourself (.jpg or .tif file preferred) AND a copy of my government issued photo identification (for age verification only). Government ID numbers – i.e Driver’s license number – should be blacked out when you provide the copy of the ID to [bryon@mmlweekend.com](mailto:bryon@mmlweekend.com).

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW**

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby waive any and all claims for injury to myself, damage or loss of personal property or damage to my reputation that may arise from any cause whatsoever, due to my participation in Mr. Michigan Leather Competition, against The Dunes Resort, its owners or employees or MML organizers. I also agree to release all claims to use of my name, photographs or likeness of myself which could be used in the promotion of this or future Mr. Michigan Leather/MML events.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

MML IS A PRELIMINARY FOR:

**Application must be received by September 15.**

**RETURN APPLICATION TO:** Mr. Michigan Leather, 1544 Hall St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 or email to [bryon@mmlweekend.com](mailto:bryon@mmlweekend.com).

**\$30.00 application fee.** Make check payable to: Mr Michigan Leather or contact the Den Daddy for electronic options.





**Mr. Michigan Leather  
MODEL CONSENT FORM**

I, the undersigned, do hereby consent and agree that Mr. Michigan Leather, its producer, title owner, members, staff, or agents have the right to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of me beginning on September 22, 2023 and ending on September 22, 2024. They may also freely use these in any and all media, now or hereafter known exclusively for the purpose of Mr. Michigan Leather. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary. If privacy and or safety issues are a concern, discuss them with the owner/producer, title owner, or designate.

I do hereby release to Mr. Michigan Leather, its producer, title owner, members, staff and employees all rights to exhibit this work in print and/or electronic form publicly or privately. I waive any rights, claims, or interest I may have to control the use of my identity or likeness in whatever media chosen. Unless otherwise arranged with Producer/owner, title owner, or designate.

I understand that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording me, either for initial or subsequent transmission or playback. I also understand that Mr. Michigan Leather is not responsible for any expense or liability incurred as a direct result of my participation in any recording, including medical expenses due to any sickness or injury incurred as a result.

I represent that I am at least 21 years of age, of male gender, and have read as well as understand the foregoing statement. I am competent to execute this agreement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **Mr. Michigan Leather TITLEHOLDERS RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT**

*Below is a copy of the Mr. Michigan Leather Responsibilities Agreement that the winner will be responsible to sign and will be reviewed with the producer and owner.*

I, the undersigned, do hereby consent and agree to always represent Mr. Michigan Leather (MML) and the associated contest or activities related to the title in a professional manner to all parties within and outside the leather communities. I consent and agree to be polite, courteous, and respectful of community members, other titleholders, and business owners.

I understand that as a representative of MML, excessive drinking and/or the taking of illegal substances at events and activities related to or sponsored by MML may result in my removal from the title.

I agree to the following:

1. To represent the title at International Mr. Leather (IML) held in Chicago, IL
2. Participate in the next year's Mr. Michigan Leather Weekend activities, including, but not limited to, being a judge, giving a step-down/step-aside speech during the contest, and write a letter for the MML weekend program.
3. Participate in Buns & Baskets, fundraiser held at the Dunes Resort in March.
4. Develop, attend, and complete a travel fund fundraiser event within 90 days of winning the title.
5. Develop attend, and complete travel fund fundraiser event within 90 days after competing at IML.

The aforementioned travel fundraiser events must be preapproved by the producer/owner.

At times, community members, business owners may approach the titleholder about activities/fundraisers for either their organization/cause or to support MML endeavors. The titleholder is to refer them to the owner/producer of Mr. Michigan Leather. The final details of such activities will be decided by the owner/producer of Mr. Michigan Leather in agreement with and by the business owner/community member, with feedback and input from the titleholder. No document or contracts are to be signed without the review and approval of the producer/owner.

All monies raised by or for Mr. Michigan Leather belong to Mr. Michigan Leather and its associated title. All funds collected will be turned over to the producer/owner of Mr. Michigan Leather for distribution at the appropriate times. Money should be delivered in person, or by check to: 1544 Hall Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506 or via electronic transfer (PayPal, Venmo, etc.) which will be determined by the producer/owner of Mr. Michigan Leather.

The titleholder understands that he will have full access to the MML Travel Fund during his title year.

The titleholder will be reimbursed for pre-approved expenses for Mr. Michigan Leather activities/events at the discretion of the producer and based on working available funds. There is No Guarantee that there will be 100% reimbursement for expenses.

Receipts **MUST** be received before reimbursements will be made.

I will leave the travel fund a balance of \$500 at the end of my title year, in the spirit of "paying it forward." \$500 you raise from your travel fund fundraiser events will go towards that goal.

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**Mr. Michigan Leather**  
**TITLEHOLDERS RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT** page 2

The titleholder understands that the name Mr. Michigan Leather, Mr. Michigan Leather Weekend, and MML, belong to the producer/owner and any images to be used in promoting, fundraising, or marketing must have the final approval of the producer/owner of Mr. Michigan Leather as per legal ownership and responsibility of said Mr. Michigan Leather Organization.

At the end of titleholder's title year (currently September-September), the titleholder agrees to return, in good condition, all physical property belonging to Mr. Michigan Leather, which includes the stole and any materials used for fundraising that were supplied by MML or paid by MML. In the event that the titleholder is unable to complete their title year, the titleholder agrees to return Prize monies, stole in good condition, all physical property belonging to Mr. Michigan Leather, which includes, but not limited to, the stole, medallion, or any prizes associated with the winning of the Mr. Michigan Leather.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Mr. Michigan Leather Titleholder Responsibilities Agreement. The owner/producer of Mr. Michigan Leather or the designee of the owner/ producer, reserve the right to make exceptions to these rules at any time, for any reason, with appropriate prior notification to the titleholder.