



Drag Laureate of San Francisco



On behalf of the Office of Mayor London Breed and the City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) and the Human Rights Commission (HRC) are proud to share with the community, the official application and selection criteria for the position of **Drag Laureate of San Francisco**.

Application Timeline

- Application released: **November 17, 2022**
- Submissions due: **FEBRUARY 16, 2023, by 6:00 p.m. PST (Note New Deadline)**
- Email application questions and submission to: hrc-lgbtqi+ac@sfgov.org

If selected as San Francisco's first Drag Laureate, you will lead the way for revolutionary new representation that uplifts and highlights the storied drag history of the City and County of San Francisco and the significant contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Two-Spirit + (LGBTQIA2S+) community.

The inaugural Drag Laureate will receive an honorarium of **\$55,000** to carry out **18 months** of service in this role.

San Francisco Public Library and the Human Rights Commission will administer the selection process in collaboration with a review committee comprised of representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Human Rights Commission's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex + Advisory Committee, the Office of Transgender Initiatives, the Arts Commission, the Entertainment Commission, the Transgender District of San Francisco, the LGBTQ Center of San Francisco, and community representatives from the Imperial Council of San Francisco, the Grand Ducal Council of San Francisco, and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

Background

The idea for a Drag Laureate program stemmed from [San Francisco's LGBTQ+ Cultural Heritage Strategy](#), a community-driven effort to honor the legacy, nurture the well-being, promote economic opportunity, and ensure the longevity of San Francisco's LGBTQ+ community.

In 2015, then Supervisor and now California Senator, Scott Wiener, sponsored an ordinance to create the LGBTQ+ Cultural Heritage Task Force, who worked to identify the needs and concerns of the LGBTQ+ community and released a report in August 2020. Among the suggestions included in the report included a call for "the creation and funding of LGBTQ+ artist residency opportunities or the development of a City Drag Laureate position to recognize the significant longstanding and ongoing



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contribution of drag artists to San Francisco’s culture.” In 2022, Grants for the Arts awarded the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence a funding award to support their efforts, marking the first time the organization has received a grant from GFTA.

Responsibilities

San Francisco’s Drag Laureate will embody our diverse and inclusive drag culture, elevating our entire community on the national and international stage.

Responsibilities of the Drag Laureate of San Francisco include, but are not limited to:

- Help develop and promote the role of the Drag Laureate.
- Serve as spokesperson for the LGBTQIA+ Community of San Francisco.
- Participate in community-based Drag programs and events that reflect and honor the diversity of San Francisco.
- Partner in an official capacity with various city agencies and community organizations throughout the full 18-month term, including during Pride Month.
- Produce Drag-centered events and programming centered on celebrating and supporting San Francisco’s dynamic and diverse LGBTQ+ community in collaboration with San Francisco Public Library, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the San Francisco Arts Commission and community partners.
- Ensure San Francisco's rich drag history is shared, honored, and preserved.
- Help promote and select the next Drag Laureate towards the completion of your 18-month term.

Qualifications & Criteria

A successful applicant will be able to demonstrate and meet the following requirements:

- Be a full-time resident of the City and County of San Francisco
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age by the application deadline
- Have fundamental knowledge of San Francisco Drag History
- Show enthusiasm and love for San Francisco and demonstrate the ability to serve as its ambassador
- Have a background in Community Activism, Engagement, and Philanthropy
- Ability to work collaboratively with wide range of people from various backgrounds
- Able to organize, produce and manage events/projects from start to finish



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Application Process

The application review committee will pre-screen and evaluate all submitted applications based on your response/submission of the following application components:

- Complete Written Application
- Three (3) Minute Introductory Video

Written answers for each question should not exceed noted word limit. Video submissions should not exceed the time limit. Incomplete applications and/or applications submitted after the deadline date and time will not be accepted.

The application review committee will present a group of 3-5 finalists for consideration to the Mayor for final review and selection of San Francisco’s Drag Laureate.

Submit application to: hrc-lgbtqi+ac@sfgov.org

Written Application

Name:

Home Address:

Email:

Phone Number:

Why is San Francisco the perfect place for the first official government Drag Laureate position in the nation? (50-word limit)

Empty text area for the written application response.



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If selected, what do you hope to accomplish as the City's first Drag Laureate? (100-word limit)

How many years have you been doing Drag and how have you been involved or supportive of this community? (50-word limit)
Who in San Francisco Drag history inspires you? (100-word limit)
How do you intend to center racial, gender, and queer equity during your time as Drag Laureate? (100-word limit)
How have you used your platform as a Drag Persona/Performer in San Francisco to promote community service, philanthropy, or activism? (100-word limit)



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Share with us some of your favorite moments, milestones, and/or accomplishments in your career as a Drag performer. (100-word limit)

How do you navigate community conflict? Feel free to use examples from your Drag experience. (100-word limit)

Three (3) Minute Video Submission

Please record a video to introduce yourself to the selection committee up to three minutes in total length.

The video will be evaluated on your overall presence and not production value.

Your video may be a brief performance, demonstration of your unique talents or spoken word. During this time, you may consider sharing how you became involved in the art of drag, what drag means to you, the history of your drag stage name, how you believe drag has impacted San Francisco or how you have used your drag to support and uplift the LGBTQI+ community.

Your video must be no longer three minutes in length or it will not be accepted.

Please share your video link here _____