

# MOB 2018 Contestant Application Form

Deadline: January 20, 2018

## Mr. Ottawa Bear 2018

Please complete pages 1 & 2 of this form, sign, scan, and email it to **mob.coordinator@gmail.com** or hand deliver it to an Ours Ottawa Bears member. Pages 3 and 4 may be kept for your information.

Privacy: All fields must be completed. Information marked with an asterisk (\*) will be kept completely confidential. Any additional information may be used by the judging panel, the production team, in media news releases, and/or in promotional materials related to the Mr Ottawa Bear contest.

First Name:	Last Name:
Street Address*:	
City:	Province:
Phone*:	Date of birth*:
Email*:	
Previous Community Titles:	Community Involvement:

I hereby apply to compete in the Mr. Ottawa Bear contest and agree to abide by all the rules, regulations and guidelines established and contained herein.

I will not hold the Ours Ottawa Bears or any affiliates liable for any injury to my property, person or reputation that may occur during, or as a result of, my participation in the contest.

I agree to be photographed and recorded throughout the contest weekend, and that these photos and videos may be posted to various websites and released to the media, along with my name and contestant number.

I understand that I must be available from 6PM, Saturday, January 27 until the contest is over.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Printed

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You may write your answers on this form, or attach them on a separate sheet.

Briefly explain why you wish to compete for the Mr. Ottawa Bear title:
Describe what the bear community means to you:
What you would do with the title of Mr. Ottawa Bear:

On or before **January 20, 2018** we will require a typed personal biography and a recent photo (high-resolution JPG) clearly showing your face to be used in the program and promotional material (bios may be edited for length and clarity). This should be emailed to **mob.coordinator@gmail.com**.

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## **MOB Contestant Eligibility Criteria & Duties**

Applications are open to anyone 18 years of age and over at the time of application, who identifies as a man and agrees to respect the diversity of the MOB title.

### **All competitors must:**

- Reside in the National Capital Region
- Complete this MOB application form in full before the given deadline
- Agree to permit photographs or video to be taken and grant contest officials and sponsors permission to allow any such photos to be published along with the competitor's name in all promotional material

THE CONTEST COORDINATORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PRE-SCREEN AND/OR REJECT ANY APPLICATION.

The main responsibilities of Mr. Ottawa Bear are to 1) participate and represent the Ours Ottawa Bears at Capital Pride events, and 2) attend the following MOB as the out-going Mr. Ottawa Bear. However, it is encouraged that Mr. Ottawa Bear participate and help with events put on by Ours Ottawa Bears, which include regular brunches and coffees, and other events put on from time to time. These are not compulsory.

IF THE TITLE HOLDER IS UNABLE TO FULFILL HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO TRANSFER THE TITLE, PRIZES, AND DUTIES TO THE FIRST RUNNER-UP, OR ANOTHER CONTESTANT.

### **Important Dates:**

Saturday, January 20: Deadline to apply to contest and provide typed bio and high-resolution photo

Saturday, January 27: 6pm private interviews with judges

Saturday, January 27: 7pm MOB contest

Sunday, January 28: Survivors' brunch

### **Sample Interview Questions**

Judges may choose to use these questions directly or may use them only as a guide to types of questions to ask

1. The contest is sometimes about defining the bear community. What stereotypes do you think exist about bears? In what way do you relate to some of these stereotypes or not?
2. What do you know about the history of the bear community? Of MOB?
3. What does the term "Bear" mean to you?
4. If you win Mr Ottawa Bear tonight, what are your plans? What will you do during your title year?
5. If you do not win tonight, what are your plans to stay involved in the bear community?
6. How do you explain bear culture to people?
7. Tell us what your best/worst feature is and why you chose it.
8. What ONE word would you come up with to explain each person of our judging panel?
9. What role do think MOB and Ours Ottawa Bears play in the broader Ottawa LGBTQ community?

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10. If you could have a "do-over" and take back one thing you said or did in this interview, what would it be?

### **Important Notes**

The MOB contest exists to choose our next community ambassador - as such it is expected that all contestants behave in a professional manner throughout the weekend. You will be under public scrutiny at all times, so be careful of remarks, jokes, or comments which may not be appropriate. Contestants are expected to be sober at all times during the MOB contest events. Anyone visibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol may be removed from the contest if the coordinators feel he cannot conduct himself appropriately in public. In addition, there are safety considerations during the contest: coordinators may remove anyone who is intoxicated or whose behaviour may pose a safety hazard. Any such decision shall be final.

Competing at MOB should be a fun and rewarding experience for all competitors. We understand that it can also be stressful. Please take full advantage of the help that is available in finding clothing, in creating your "looks", and preparing for the interviews. Also, feel free to ask any questions you might have, rely on the support of the MOB coordinators and Ours Ottawa Bears board, and work with the other contestants.

Your comments and feedback describing your experience at the event are appreciated.

Mr. Ottawa Bear could not exist without contestants like you. You have the appreciation and respect of the MOB coordinators, the Ours Ottawa Bears board, and our sponsors.