# **Registration for Trans USA 2025**

#### **General Information**

Applications for registration will comprise (1) a basic information section; (2) a required section of openresponse questions; and (3) an optional section in which candidates may submit supplementary materials such as resumes, platform proposals, and endorsements from their partner charities.

Applications will undergo double-anonymized review by a panel of community leaders, which will not overlap with the national judges panel for the competition, and contingent offers will be extended to the candidates selected no later than the close of the registration period.

Contingent offers must be accepted, with full payment of the registration fee of \$300, within 1 week of receipt. The full Class of 2025 will be announced on **March 31, 2025**, in conjunction with International Trans Day of Visibility.

The registration schedule for Trans USA 2025 will be as follows:

Pre-registration	December 9 to December 19, 2024
<b>Public Registration</b>	December 20, 2024, to March 1, 2025
Application Review	March 1 to March 7, 2025
Acceptance Window	March 7 to March 14, 2025
Public Announcement	March 31, 2025

**Note**: Pre-registration will only be available to members of the Trans USA Class of 2024 who participated in the national competition. No applications will be required from pre-registered contestants.

#### **Application Process**

Applications will be made available on the website at **12:00 AM EST on December 20, 2024**. The application questions will be posted at least one week in advance to allow time for preparation.

Contingent offers will be made no later than **March 7, 2024**.

Upon acceptance of a contingent offer, representatives must submit the following no later than **March 14,2025**. Lack of submission will result in forfeiture of the offer without exception:

- High-resolution (300 DPI minimum), waist-up photo against a solid background.
- o Registration fee of \$300.

A confirmation email with further instructions will be sent following official acceptance and receipt of both the announcement photo and registration fee.

 Contestants <u>MAY NOT</u> announce their titles until the official announcement made by Trans USA on Trans Day of Visibility 2025 (March 31). Contestants may announce that they have <u>applied</u> to begin fundraising work for themselves and their organizations. <u>Announcing acceptance of the</u> <u>title before the official Trans USA announcement will also result in forfeiture of the offer.</u>

### **Trans USA 2025 Application Questions**

Contestants will be required to answer the following listed questions to apply for a Trans USA State/Regional Title.

Personal identifying information will not be sent to the application judging panel; applications will be judged solely on the answers to these questions and supplementary material provided, if any.

Applicants seeking clarification on any of these questions or the application process itself should reach out to Board Member **NV Gay** (<u>natashagay09@gmail.com</u>) or **@nv.gay** on Instagram.

- What communities/social groups are you actively involved in?
- **♣** What volunteer/community work are you involved in, and/or what organizations do you currently partner with?
- What drives and motivates you to be involved with your community?
- **Why do you want to represent Trans USA, your local community, and the trans community across the nation?**

### **After Acceptance**

- **Within 30 days of receiving the state sash**, the representative must submit an introduction video announcing their name, state title, charity organization, and their goals or motivations for their reign. Videos should be submitted to <a href="mailto:admin@transusanationalpageantry.com">admin@transusanationalpageantry.com</a>.
- **Within 60 days of confirmation**, the representative must schedule an interview with the reigning national titleholder.
- **Within 90 days of confirmation,** the representative must have completed or scheduled one (1) official event with their local charity partner.
- At any time before the national competition begins, the representative must hold one (1) fundraiser for the Trans USA 501(c)(3), with 50% of the proceeds going towards Trans USA and 50% to their individual expenses related to preparations for the national competition.

## **Optional Professional Registration Package**

Representatives will have the option to purchase an add-on professional package with their registration, which includes the following:

- Trans USA business cards (\$25 value)
- Trans USA parade banner (\$85 value)
- Starter Set of Trans USA promo booklets and personalized promo cards (\$125 value)
- Trans USA photo shoot at nationals with renowned photographer NV Gay (\$300+ value)
- Dresser Pass for Nationals (\$25)
- Dresser Brunch Meal at Nationals (\$25)
- Practice Panel Interview and Video Feedback Session with Trans USA Formers/Board Members (\$150+ value)

**TOTAL COST:** \$800 (\$300 registration plus \$500 package rate)