**Mr. Maryland Leather Contest, presented by C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC ----- Rules and Requirements**

Congratulations --- we hope you are excited about competing, and we are glad you will be part of Mr. Maryland Leather (MML). Please read this application carefully, provide all the information requested, sign where indicated, attach the requested documents, and mail the original, completed, and signed application to C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC at the address shown below.

C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC

PO Box 22415

Baltimore, MD 21203-2415

**Application Deadline: 72 Hours prior to MML Contest. Thursday, November 3, 2016, at 2PM.**

**NOTE**: The information you provide on the first two pages is for administrative purposes; the ONLY pages the judges will see are the third and fourth pages.

1. The Contestant Registration Fee is $ 25 (non-refundable), payable to COMMAND MC, must accompany this Contestants Application. This title is anticipated to be for a 1-year term, but in any case will end upon the completion of the next MML contest.
2. To compete at Mr. Maryland Leather, contestants must be 21 years of age or older as of November 1st the year of the contest, contestants must be male as shown on legal identification and a resident of Maryland. In order to verify your eligibility to compete, please attach a copy of your legal photo ID (driver’s license, start ID, or passport) to this Contestant Application. NOTE: Residency exceptions may be made for contestants who reside in the District of Columbia or in one of the surrounding states: Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Delaware.
3. Contestant Applications should be received by COMMAND MC as soon as possible, but not earlier than September 15th the year of the contest and no later than the Friday night before the contest. COMMAND will send a confirmation advising you when to register with the MML officials. It will give detailed information about the weekend, when to meet the officials and the weekend detailed Contestants Schedule.
4. MML Contestants are required to provide all the information requested and sign both the Contestant agreement and the Contestant Photo Release. You agree to appear at all official MML Contest events, Including but not limited too, the contestant Orientation, Meet and greet, Interview, rehearsals, Pecs & Personality (jock strap – NOTE: Maryland Law requires a minimum of one inch covering the crack…you will not be permitted on stage if not compliant!), the MML Contest, and the victory party on Saturday. Failure to appear as scheduled may result in disqualification. COMMAND, MC, reserves the right to remove a Contestant from the competition at any time, for cause.
5. COMMAND, MC reserves the right to remove the title from the titleholder at any time, for causes including but not limited to:
   1. Causing embarrassment or dishonor to COMMAND, MC or the Mr. Maryland title;
   2. Non-fulfillment of duties
   3. Unauthorized use of the name COMMAND, MC in such a manner as to represent that the titleholder’s personal opinion is that of the membership of COMMAND, MC; and
   4. Or failure to compete at the IML following the contest
6. The titleholder will receive use of the official MML Stole during his title year. If the MML Stole is not returned in good condition, the titleholder will be responsible for repair or for the cost of replacement. The titleholder will receive a MML back-patch with year of title and MML medallion. If the titleholder resigns or is stripped of his title, the MML Stole, MML back-patch, and MML Medallion will need be to returned to COMMAND, MD and they will be awarded to the next-highest score earner.
7. The scoring criteria for the contest are subject to change at anytime, but is general involve the following criteria and scoring weight; interview 30%, physique 15%, leather image 15%, speech 20%, and community service 20% (with an emphasis on the MD gay & leather communities).
8. In order for your application to be complete, you MUST:
   1. Fill in all blanks (for example, if you have not held any other title, please mark “N/A” on that line)
   2. Attach your registration fee or required proof for waiver;
   3. Attach a copy of your legal ID
   4. Sign where indicated

Please remember the following items for a complete application:

1. The Contestant Agreement and Contestant Photo Release MUST be signed.
2. Enclose your fee.
3. Attach a copy of your legal photo ID (driver’s license, state ID, or passport)

*The absolute deadline for applications to be received in the COMMAND Post Office Box is November 3rd by noon.*

OFFICE USE ONLY: received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ application complete\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confirmation sent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ data proofed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Contact Information

*PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION*

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**Contestant Agreement**

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry as a Mr. Maryland Leather Contestant, 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 Mr. Maryland Leather, or against COMMAND, MC, its members, or affiliates thereof. I release all claims to the use of my name, likeness or photograph in connection with the Mr. Maryland Leather Contest. In addition, if I am declared the recipient of the Mr. Maryland Leather title, I hereby agree that no commercial use may be made by me or of my Mr. Maryland Leather title without the prior permission of COMMAND, MC. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Rules and Requirements governing the Mr. Maryland Leather contest and that, should I be selected as Mr. Maryland Leather, failure to abide by those Rules and Requirements may constitute cause for forfeiture of the title.

Mr. Maryland Leather is sponsored by COMMAND, MC and is required to participate at the next International Mr. Leather (IML) contest, following the Mr. Maryland Leather Contest, Held in Chicago over Memorial Day weekend. The titleholder receives $ 1000 (plus any funds raised at the IML sendoff bar night) towards travel to IML, food, and lodging, as well as other prizes. The titleholder also agrees to:

1. Judge the next Mr. Maryland Leather Contest;
2. Participate in his IML Sendoff bar night;
3. Work with COMMAND MC in a fundraiser for a community base organization selected by the titleholder during his title year:
4. Represent his title during the Baltimore Pride Weekend Event (i.e.) Parade and Festival, etc.);
5. Represent the Maryland Leather Community at various events throughout his title year including, but not limited to: Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend (MAL), American Brotherhood Weekend (ABW), Maryland Leather Sir/boy Contest, Mid-Atlantic Leather Sir/boy contest, Baltimore Eagle Contest, and other regional & local contests and events.

The contestant selected by the Mr. Maryland Leather Judges to be the new Mr. Maryland Leather will receive use of the official MML Stole during his title year. If the MML Stole is not returned in good condition, the titleholder will be responsible for repair or cost for replacement.

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| *CONTESTANT’S LEGAL NAME (PRINT)* |  | *CONTESTANT’S SIGNATURE* |  | *DATE* |

**Contestant Photo Release**

For and in consideration of my being allowed to pose, perform, and/or appear on the stage as a contestant during the Mr. Maryland Leather contest weekend, I hereby give COMMAND, MC, their legal representatives, assigns, photographers, or persons for whom they are working, the right and permission to copyright and/or use, reuse, broadcast, and/or publish and republish photographic reproductions thereof, in color or black and white, made through any medium at any studio, for any purpose whatsoever, including the use of any printed matter in conjunction therewith.

I hereby waive any rights to inspect or approve the finished photograph or advertising copy or printed matter that may be used in conjunction therewith, or to the eventual use that I might be applied.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to save harmless COMMAND, MC, their photographers, representatives assigns, members or any person(s), corporation(s) for who MML might be acting, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability as a result of said publication, or from any distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion, or its composite form, wither intentionally or otherwise, that may occur of be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the finished product its, publication or distribution of the same.

I hereby warrant that I am over twenty-one years of age, male gender from birth, reside in Maryland or one of the residency exception areas mentioned above, and competent to contract in my own name.

I have read the foregoing release, authorization and agreement before signing my name blow, and warrant that I fully understand the contents thereof.

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| *CONTESTANT’S LEGAL NAME (PRINT)* |  | *CONTESTANT’S SIGNATURE* |  | *DATE* |

Personal Information for Judges and Emcee ---- Page 1

**NOTE:** Please Type! This is the ONLY sheet the judges will be given; so do not use “see attached” If you want to provide the judges with additional information, you must bring NINE COPIES of your handout to MML and give them to the Judges’ Coordinator during your registration/orientation meeting.

Name: First Last (any pronunciation hints)

Other titles held (title and year)

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| Current City, State of Residence | Date of Birth | Current Age |

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| Current Profession | Height | Weight | Hair/Eye Color |

**Community Involvement (past 3 years) include locations:**

**Club Memberships/Affiliations:**

**Hobbies/Skills/Interests:**

**Issues:**

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**Something most people do not know about you:**

**You Hanky Colors:**

**Fetish Interests:**

**Body Modifications:**

**Anything else you want to share with us:**