

MOB 2026 Contestant Application Form

Deadline: October 5, 2026

Mr. Ottawa Bear 2026

Please complete pages 1 & 2 of this form, sign, scan, and email it to **oursottawabears@gmail.com** or hand deliver it to an Ottawa Bears committee 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 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, Sunday, October 11, 2026 until the contest is over.

By signing I attest that I am at least 18 years old and reside within the Ottawa/Gatineau region.

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:

Along with this application form we will require a typed personal biography (approx. 30 seconds to read out loud) and a recent photo (high-resolution JPG) clearly showing your face to be posted on our social media (bios may be edited for length and clarity). This should be emailed to oursottawabears@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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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 member of the bear community 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 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 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 ANOTHER CONTESTANT.

Important Dates:

October 5: Deadline to apply to contest and provide typed bio and high-resolution photo

Friday, October 9: 3pm Meet and Greet

Saturday, October 10: Private interviews with judges (time TBA)

Sunday, October 11: 9pm MOB contest

Monday, October 12: 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 role do think MOB and Ours Ottawa Bears play in the broader Ottawa LGBTQ community?

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9. 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 coordinator and 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 Ottawa Bears board, and our sponsors.