



2009 Grand Marshal Nomination

This publication is intended to inform you on the process that the Board of Directors of Twin Cities Pride, the nonprofit organizer of the annual Twin Cities Pride Celebration, will use in the selection of the 2009 Pride Grand Marshal. It also serves as the form that provides us with important information should you choose to make a nomination.

Who should I nominate to be the 2009 Grand Marshal?

A Grand Marshal, as defined by Pride policy, “shall be an individual that has made a considerable positive impact on the Twin Cities’ Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community.” Individuals may have made this impact at the local, national or international level. The Grand Marshal is expected to attend the Grand Marshal’s Ball, to be held in the Spring of 2009, the Ashley Rukes GLBT Pride Parade, and other Pride events as available.

How do I nominate someone to be the 2009 Grand Marshal?

Nominations will be accepted from members of the public, including Pride personnel. The nominating period will begin on Monday, October 6, 2008 and will close at the Board of Directors’ first public meeting in December (Monday, December 1, 2008). The location of this meeting will be posted on Pride’s website, tcpride.org. The first round of Grand Marshal Selection will take place at that meeting.

All nominations for Grand Marshal must include a written submission that details a nominee’s contributions to the community and related pertinent information. Such submission may be submitted in person to a member of Pride, via postal mail or via electronic mail. Submissions would not necessarily require this form being attached as long as all requested information is provided. Email submissions should be sent to volunteer@tcpride.org. The Volunteer Director is in charge of maintaining all nominations received.

If being sent via postal mail, nominations should be sent to:

**Twin Cities Pride
Attention: Grand Marshal Nominations
P.O. Box 2104, Loop Station
Minneapolis, MN 55402**

Nominators will be provided an opportunity to address the Board of Directors for up to five minutes in order to make a case for their nominee. This will occur at the December meeting of the Pride Board and, if their nominee is a finalist for selection, its January 2009 public meeting.

How will the 2009 Grand Marshal be selected?

After presentations by the nominators or their representatives, each nominee must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in order to be further considered as a candidate to be Grand Marshal.

The Awards and Community Recognition Committee of the Board of Directors will then work with the nominators and their nominees to gather additional information for the creation of a candidate dossier which would be presented to the Board of Directors at its January 2009 public meeting (Monday, January 5, 2009). The location of this meeting will be posted on Pride’s website, tcpride.org. The selection of the Grand Marshal will take place at the January public Board meeting.

Upon the conclusion of presentations at the January 2009 public Board meeting, the assembled officers, directors, coordinators and agents of the Board of Directors will then vote on the nominees to perform the final selection.

How will the 2009 Grand Marshal be selected? (continued)

Each voter will rank the nominees in their order of preference. The numerical weight of the rankings submitted will then be totaled. The nominee with the lowest total score is selected as the Grand Marshal. In cases of a tie, a run-off selection process, using the above-mentioned ranking system, will be performed until the tie is resolved.

Nomination Instructions

Please provide the requested contact information about yourself and your nominee. This will make it easier for us to contact you or your nominee should it become necessary.

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, state your reason(s) for putting forth your nominee as a candidate to be the 2009 Grand Marshal. You may attach supplemental information (newspaper articles, documents, etc.) that you feel support your nomination. *Please type or clearly print your information.*

All materials submitted will become the property of Twin Cities Pride and will not be returned.

I hereby certify that the information presented in this nomination is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator Signature	Date of Nomination
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Nominator			
Mailing Address	Street Address		
	City	State	ZIP Code
Contact Information	Daytime Phone Number	Email Address	
	Evening Phone Number	Fax Number	

Grand Marshal Nominee			
Mailing Address	Street Address		
	City	State	ZIP Code
Contact Information	Daytime Phone Number	Email Address	
	Evening Phone Number	Fax Number	