



2022 is St Pete Pride's 20th Anniversary. In celebration of how far we have come, and in recognition of how far we have to go, St Pete Pride will honor 20 Grand Marshals. This year's Grand Marshals will represent the past, present, and future of the LGBTQ+ community in Tampa Bay. Nominees should be selected based on their outstanding contributions to the Tampa Bay LGBTQ Community. Whether their work is in social justice, health & wellness, education, civil rights, economic equality, or community-building, we want to honor those who are seen as role models in the community. The 20 Grand Marshals will be chosen in combination by the Board of Directors and the community.

Individuals and organizations may be nominated for Grand Marshal. **Individual Grand Marshal Nominees** need to have their main residence within the seven counties of Tampa Bay and self-identify as a LGBTQ or ally who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Tampa Bay LGBTQ Community. **Organization Grand Marshal Nominees** need to be headquartered within the seven counties of Tampa Bay and provide equal access to services to members within the LGBTQ Community. This organization must be active in the community with a current board of directors or membership. Only those organizations who are non-profit or not-for-profit are eligible.

#### **Why is contact info for the nominee required?**

Although everyone loves surprises, this unfortunately cannot be one. All individuals and groups must be notified of their nomination in advance by the person(s) nominating them and then given the right to deny or accept the nomination.

#### **What happens once I nominate someone?**

Nominations will be reviewed by the St Pete Pride Board of Directors for eligibility. If a nominee is determined to be eligible they will be voted on by the community.

**What's required of the nominee?**

Once selected as a candidate for a Grand Marshal Category, each candidate is strongly encouraged to attend the St Pete Pride Kick Off event on June 1st. Candidates are also responsible for urging their friends, family and the LGBTQ community to vote.

**How is voting handled?**

Voting is only conducted on the St. Pete Pride website. One vote entry per person and that person is responsible for entering their vote online. Votes may not be collected on paper and hand entered at a later date.

**What is required of the selected Grand Marshal?**

Once selected as an official Grand Marshal, each Grand Marshal will need to provide a headshot and bio for St Pete Pride website and related social media, promote St Pete Pride and its official events; and be available on June 25th to ride in the St Pete Pride Parade and participate in the day's festivities. Grand Marshals may be asked to represent St Pete Pride in an official capacity to media at various times.