



Cosplayers and casual costumers alike are invited to participate in this all-ages cosplay contest. Registration is free and open to all, but space is limited. Participants should apply in advance by completing the online registration form or completing and scanning/emailing a paper form to [aparker@hancock.lib.ms.us](mailto:aparker@hancock.lib.ms.us).

Registration should be submitted by **Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 8:00 AM for priority consideration**. Library staff will notify you of your admission into the contest. If all slots fill before sign-ups close, entries received after hitting the entry cap will go on a waitlist. If confirmed entries drop, Library staff will offer spots to those on the waitlist in order of sign-up. **Remaining slots will be available for sign up on the day of the event at the welcome table.**

Please remember we do not supply any costume supplies or make-up. Please bring everything you will need to complete and repair your cosplay.

**All parade participants must visit the HCLS welcome table to check in. Contestants will meet for pre-judging at 3:00 PM in the PANEL ROOM.** Contestants will participate in an on-stage parade at 4:00 PM and winners will be announced after the parade. The cosplay parade will take place in the Expo Hall on the stage and is open to the public.

Hancock County Library System may take photos, videos, and audio recordings during Library events and activities to use in its promotional and marketing materials, on its website, and social media platforms. Any individual that does not wish the Library to use a photograph or video of themselves or their child should inform Library staff before such photographs or videos are taken.

### Contest Rules

- 1) One entry per person (if entering as a group, cannot be judged in a singles category).
- 2) Costumes must be a majority handmade by the contestant -- no purchased, professionally commissioned, or rented costumes are eligible. Paid professional costumers are restricted to the Exhibition Only category.
- 3) There will be a limit of 50 participants for judging. Applicants on the waitlist may be included in the Exhibition Only category but will not participate in the cosplay parade. Waitlist and exhibition cosplayers should come in costume or prepared to participate if a slot opens.
- 4) Competitors in the contest will abide by guidelines and rules set forth by the facility and the Library. Failure to follow rules and guidelines may result in disqualification from the contest and forfeit of prizes.
- 5) This is a family-friendly, all-ages event. No nudity, obscene, or graphic content. Cosplay elements deemed inappropriate to the spirit of the competition may be disqualified by Library staff.
- 6) Props and replica weapons cannot pose a threat to anyone's well-being and must be made of lightweight materials. Projectiles, thrown objects, confetti or glitter cannons, explosive devices, and the like are prohibited. All weapons are subject to a safety inspection.
- 7) All children under age 11 must be accompanied by a guardian at the event. Children needing help may have a guardian accompany them on stage.
- 8) We cannot hold personal items while you are on stage for the parade.
- 9) Be respectful of others and follow the directions of Library staff and volunteers.



# Cosplay Contest



## HCLS FAN★FEST 2024 • Cosplay Contest Application Form

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Applicant Name (First, Middle, Last)

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Parent/Guardian Name (if under age 18)

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Contact Phone

Home

Cell

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Email Address

Category:  Child (0-11)    Teen (12-18)    Adult (19+)    Group    Exhibition Only

Character Name(s), please include all group names with their cosplay character:

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Source Material (Name of show, comic, anime, fandom universe, etc.)

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Please write a brief statement about your cosplay process that the judges can read aloud if you win. You can talk about why you picked your character, how you put the costume together, what you like about cosplay, or whatever you would like to share about the character.

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By signing this application, I affirm that I have read and agree to abide by the contest rules and regulations.

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Applicant or Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date