**GeekCon Virtual Cosplay Contest Rules**

**How the Cosplay Contest works**

* The competition is open to cosplayers of all skill levels; cosplayers should select the appropriate age category:
  + Child (0-11)
  + Teen (12-17)
  + Adult (18+)
* There will be 15 spots available in each age category. If all spots are claimed (in each age category) before the stated registration end date, we will close registration and a waitlist will be opened.
* You must register on the library’s event page and fill out the official entry form located at metrolibrary.org/geekcon.
* Registration will be open from April 26, 2021 until May 31, 2021.
* The following information will need to be provided on the online entry form:
  + Contact information (legal name, email), Cosplay name (if applicable) and information about your cosplay.
  + Four (4) photographs of the completed costume (should have minimal editing and should show front, back and sides).
  + Short description about your costume to inform the judges about how it was made and what you enjoyed about your costume creation process.
* A panel of judges from **Nerd Alert Contest Connection** will assess all entries and the winners will be announced virtually Sunday, June 6th @ 3PM on the Metropolitan Library Systems’ Facebook page.
* There will be one (1) winner from each age category and a Best in Show winner.
* Only individual entries, no groups.

**Acceptable Costumes**

* All costumes must observe a PG-rating, kid-friendly, no nudity, profanity, anything deemed racially or culturally offensive will not be allowed. No politically charged or discriminatory cosplays will be allowed.
* If you have a purchased costume and you want to enter, we will not discourage you from entering, just be aware that you it could put you at a disadvantage when it comes to judging. For a better chance of winning at least 50% (or more) of your costume should be created or heavily altered by you.
* You can have someone model your costume, but you, the craftsman, must register for the Cosplay Contest. If the costume receives a prize, the prize recipient will be the craftsman, not the model.