

Black Gay Weddings Feature Submission Policy

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Premium Subscription Requirement

- To submit a feature, you must be an **Instagram premium subscriber** to Black Gay Weddings or a BGW Elevate Paid subscriber. Premium subscriptions can be activated for \$2.99/month through our Instagram page.

2. Photographer and Videographer Releases

- All submitted photos and videos must have a signed **Photo/Video Release Form** from the photographer and/or videographer granting Black Gay Weddings the rights to use their work across our platforms (website, social media, magazine, etc.).
- Releases may be completed at the following link: [BMG Media Release](#)
The photographer/videographer must complete release(s) **before** submitting your feature.

3. Content Criteria

- Submissions must reflect authentic love stories, celebrations, and milestones from LGBTQIA+ couples of color.
- Content must align with our values of diversity, representation, and inclusion.
- We welcome weddings, engagements, anniversaries, commitment ceremonies, and community news/Interest stories.

4. File Requirements

- Photos: High-resolution JPEG or PNG files only.
- Videos: MP4 format, no longer than 5 minutes in length.
- Submissions must include captions with vendor credits and a brief description of the event/story. NOTE: Other than videographers and photographers, If vendors are not members of the LGBTQBizList, **they will not** be mentioned in the feature.

Our Submission Process:

1. Step 1: Subscription Verification

- Confirm your **Instagram premium subscriber status** by uploading a screenshot of your active subscription.

2. Step 2: Complete Online Submission Form

- Visit our [BGW Submission Form](#) on our website, using the Instagram link in bio to complete the form.

3. **Step 3: Upload Required Documents and Media**
 - Attach high-resolution photos/videos.
4. Step 4: Pay Express Submission Fee
 - While basic submissions are included with the premium subscription, expedited reviews are available for a **\$25 rush fee** to prioritize review within 7 business days.
5. **Step 5: Confirmation Email**
 - After submission, you will receive an **email confirmation**

Our Review and Approval Process:

1. **Initial Screening (3–5 Business Days)**
 - Submissions are reviewed for completeness, eligibility, and alignment with our guidelines.
2. **Editorial Review (7–10 Business Days)**
 - Our team evaluates content for quality, storytelling, and representation.
3. **Final Approval and Scheduling**
 - Approved features are scheduled for publication based on editorial timelines.
 - Contributors will receive a **release date notification** via email.
4. **Revisions or Rejections**
 - If revisions are needed, submitters will be notified with specific feedback.
 - Rejected submissions will receive no further actions.

Rights and Usage Agreement

- By submitting, you grant Black Gay Weddings the **non-exclusive rights** to publish and promote your content across our platforms.
- You acknowledge that submitted materials may be edited for clarity, formatting, and promotional purposes.
- Black Gay Weddings reserves the right to decline any submission that does not meet quality or content standards.

Contact Information

For questions about the submission process, email:
submissions@blackgayweddings.com

This policy ensures fairness, professionalism, and proper rights management while elevating the voices and stories of LGBTQIA+ couples of color.