



## *The Miss Juneteenth Pageant*

The *mission* of the Miss Juneteenth Pageant is to provide a forum for young women to enhance their self-esteem, explore self-expression and provide areas for personal development training. Our mission of excellence includes the following goals and objectives:

- I. Self-esteem enhancement through:
  - Public speaking training
  - Poise training
  - Image consulting
  - Positive reinforcement
  
- II. Self-expression development through:
  - Essay writing
  - Talent coaching
  - Public events participation
  
- III. Personal development training through:
  - Educational seminars
  - Career development opportunities
  - Opportunities for community service
  - Networking with other young woman

The *Miss Juneteenth Pageant* continues to positively and progressively impact the lives of young women. This impact is accomplished through the training and seminars provided to the contestants. Even though this is a pageant, there is a sisterhood created among the contestants, and this intangible benefit is the most impactful.

Contestants in the *Miss Juneteenth Pageant* are awarded scholarships to further their education. These scholarships greatly enhance the possibility of a young lady fulfilling her ultimate goals. Cash scholarships are awarded to the winners in the Miss Juneteenth category. Winners of the Teen and Jr. Miss categories receive savings bonds.



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### **Eligibility and Competitions**

Pageant Category	Ages
Miss Juneteenth	18 - 22
Teen Miss Juneteenth	15-17
Junior Miss Juneteenth	12-14

#### Contestants must:

- Be a student in good standing with 2.5 GPA or better
- Must be single
- Not have a criminal record
- No dependents
- Have ability and desire to represent Juneteenth throughout Tarrant County in a positive and progressive light
- Miss Teen and Miss Junior Juneteenth must have parental consent

#### Requirements of the pageant:

- Registration fee       \$ 35.00
- Availability to attend pageant meetings
- Availability to participate in Juneteenth 2018 activities

Essay Competition: The contestant will be judged on her ability to express her thoughts, clear and concise subject development, and grammar syntax. Points are also given for typing the essay, having a cover sheet, and reaching the 250 word limit.

Talent Competition: The contestant will be judged on talent and familiarity with her presentation, her ability to become completely involved in her act, the degree of difficulty of the performance, facial expressions, presence and audience appeal.



Projection Competition: The contestant will be judged on her ability to think and respond quickly.

Evening Wear Competition: The contestant will be judged on her ability to walk gracefully, to demonstrate poise, charm, personality, and confidence.

Salesmanship: The contestant will be awarded points for selling tickets to the pageant.

### **Judging Criteria**

Essay-35 points

Topics-

Teen Miss & Miss Divisions – *“12 Freedoms Gained When Juneteenth Came”*

Junior Miss Division – *“What Juneteenth Means To Me”*

- ❖ 12 pts-Clear and concise development of the subject
- ❖ 12 pts-Grammar and syntax
- ❖ 5 pts-250 words
- ❖ 5 pts-Typed Essay
- ❖ 1 pt.-Coversheet

Talent-20 points – 3 minutes

- ❖ 6 pts – Familiarity with talent performance
- ❖ 6 pts – Delivery of presentation
- ❖ 6 pts – Degree of difficulty of performance
- ❖ 1 pt –Within time parameter
- ❖ 1 pt – Audience appeal

Projection Competition-20 points

- ❖ 5 pts-Ability to think and respond quickly
- ❖ 5 pts-Ability to show confidence
- ❖ 5 pts-Ability to show poise under pressure
- ❖ 5 pts-Personality

Evening Wear Competition-15 points

- ❖ 5 pts-Poise
- ❖ 5 pts-Confidence
- ❖ 5 pts-Charm/personality

Salesmanship-10 Points

1 point for every 2 tickets sold (up to 20 tickets)



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### **Contestant Guidelines**

- Contestants are required to attend all pageant meetings and rehearsals. Contestants will also be required to participate in the parade, Juneteenth festival and all activities deemed necessary by the Juneteenth Pageant committee.
- Contestants must be willing to participate in all fundraising activities benefitting the Miss Juneteenth Pageant (securing advertising, selling tickets, etc.).
- Contestants must be Tarrant County Residents.
- All contestants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or higher. All contestants are responsible for providing class schedule and grade point information.
- Contestants must not have a child or be expecting a child. If a contestant becomes pregnant during the pageant they will not be allowed to compete in the pageant.
- Contestants must not have any legal issues pending and no convictions. Contestants must be of good moral character.
- Contestant and parents must abide by the guidelines, rules and responsibilities. Committee reserves the right to add or modify as necessary.
- Contestants and their parents/guardians hereby authorize the Miss Juneteenth Pageant to use their names and images for promotional, informational or other purposes for the Miss Juneteenth Pageant.
- Miss Juneteenth Pageant takes every precaution to ensure the safety of everyone during these events. Please follow all safety rules and regulations. Please keep personal items locked up at all times. The Miss Juneteenth Pageant will not be liable for any accidents or lost, stolen or damaged items during the meetings, rehearsals, fundraising, Pageant and/or any other function set by the committee.



### **Rules and Responsibility**

- MFWJ must be in attendance at all Juneteenth Celebration activities, this includes fundraisers and socials, held throughout the year provided it does not interfere with her academic responsibilities.
- Whenever in public MFWJ is an ambassador/representative of the Juneteenth Fort Worth organization of Fort Worth/Tarrant County. She must conduct herself in a professional manner and maintain a presentable appearance at all times. MFWJ must make a concerted effort to be prompt and courteous during all appearances.
- MFWJ must be willing to attend any event that she has been invited to, provided it does not interfere with her academic responsibilities. MFWJ must be given at least 72 hours' notice for any appearance. A committee representative will accompany MFWJ to all appearances. The committee will approve all appearances for MFWJ.
- MFWJ is responsible for submitting a class schedule for each semester of her reign. She must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better and be a student in good standing.
- MFWJ will be expected to attend committee meetings and provide input in regards to the direction of the MFWJ pageant.
- MFWJ is expected to participate in at least three (3) community service projects during her reign with committee approval.
- If at any time additional duties/responsibilities are necessary the committee will draft and give MFWJ notification.
- If for any reason MFWJ cannot successfully fulfill her reign, the first runner-up will assume the title and the committee will assign awards accordingly.



I have read and understand the Eligibility and Requirements, Judging Criteria, Contestant Guidelines and Miss Juneteenth Rules and Responsibilities and I would like to submit my/my child's application to participate in the Miss Juneteenth Pageant 2018. I agree to abide by all the guidelines and rules of the Miss Juneteenth Pageant set forth by the Committee and understand that any violation of these rules will mean an immediate removal from the pageant.

**Parent Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contestant Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant Category** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_



### **Meeting Schedule**

*All meetings are at Tarrant County College South Campus  
5301 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119*

Monday, June 4 - Pageant Walk Thru – Recital Hall

Wednesday, June 6 - Pageant Walk Thru – Recital Hall

Tuesday, June 12 - Pageant Walk Thru – Recital Hall

Friday, June 15 - Juneteenth Youth Choir Explosion Concert

Saturday, June 16 - Juneteenth Parade @ 10:00 AM

Saturday, June 16 - Final Rehearsal in Performing Arts Center @12:00 PM

Sunday, June 17 - Pageant Day  
3:00 PM Delegate arrival  
7:00 PM Start

Monday, June 18 - Juneteenth Honors Banquet

Tuesday, June 19 - Juneteenth Community Forum