

Inaugural 2022 Hampton Roads

Miss Juneteenth/Jr. Miss Juneteenth Pageant
Information & Application Kit

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 1, 2022



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WELCOME TO HAMPTON ROAD'S 1ST ANNUAL MISS JUNETEENTH /JR MISS PAGEANT

The Hampton Road's Miss Juneteenth pageant is presented by the 757FreedomFest. This competition is open to young women ages 12-18 years old. The *Jr. Miss Juneteenth* Division encompasses ages 12-14 | *Miss Juneteenth* Division encompasses ages 15-18 years old.



*The Miss Juneteenth Pageant will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022.
Location: TBD*



Contestants will compete for cash and prizes. The 757FreedomFest desires the Miss Juneteenth Pageant to be a positive experience for all entrants.

Eligibility:

- African American or Biracial African American born female
- Ages 12-18 years old, must show proof of age.
- Academic GPA 2.8 or greater, must provide official GPA from school
- Currently enrolled in a "757" area High School or College
- 757 Resident
- United States Citizen
- Single, with no children

Application (\$25)

- Submit a 500-word essay on "What Juneteenth Means To Me."
- Submit 2 head shot photos
- Submit Referral Letter #1 from School Teacher/School Official
- Submit Referral Letter #2 from Community Leader/Church
- Submit Application with signed parental consent form

- Application Fee of \$25 due with submission. **The Application fee does NOT guarantee a place in the Pageant and is NON-Refundable.** (If chosen, the \$25 fee will be applied to the total registration cost to participate in the scholarship pageant.)
- Registration Total Cost to compete is \$125. Balance due March 15th, 2022.
 - Registration Entry Fees include Application Fee \$25, Workshops (6), and Official Juneteenth Photo Shoot.

The application deadline is February 1st. Official contestant selections will be released on March 1st, 2022. Official contestants will have a Meet & Greet congratulatory dinner on March 5th, 2022. Time and Location: To be determined.

Competition Categories:

Participants will be evaluated based on the following:

- Pre-Pageant Interview and Black History/Juneteenth Projects 25%
- Opening Number 10% (Performance)
- Fundraising 10%
- Talent 20%. (Creativity & Performance)
- Formal 20% (Poise and Personality)
- On Stage Question & Answer 15% (Public Speaking & Articulation)



What to Expect as Miss Juneteenth?

As Miss Juneteenth (and Jr. Miss), you are regarded as an exceptional young woman and role model for **all** youth. During your year long reign, you are expected to:

- Promote positive images through school appearances and community events.
- Serve as a role model and spokesperson for the Juneteenth/757FreedomFest organization.
- Public Appearances, to include crowning the new Queen the following year.
- Be a beacon of light for others.

PAGEANT RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As role models and positive examples, you are expected to conduct yourselves in a way that exemplifies honor, courage, and pride. Please read and review the following.

- Salesmanship: All contestants will be awarded points for reaching or exceeding their ticket sale goals. Each contestant is required, as a community service initiative, to sell ten (10) tickets to the pageant as well as soliciting sponsors for the Official Program Booklet.
- *Submit a completed application packet and have written consent (signature) of their parent or legal guardian before participating in the Miss Juneteenth Pageant.
- *Attend the initial Meet & Greet, all rehearsals, and workshops. These meetings are mandatory. If an emergency arises (medical), please immediately notify the pageant coordinators. Special Note: Conflicting dates for school, work, and any other extra-curricular activity count as excusable absences. However, if more than 3 mandatory

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meetings are missed, contestants will void their participation in competing in the pageant.
Good time management is essential for meeting personal and pageant obligations. **

- Contestants must have an upstanding reputation in the community and not involved in illegal activities and/or have no legal issues pending. Additionally, contestants must not have any criminal record to include convictions of misdemeanors or felonies.
- Contestants must not have a child (ren) or expecting a child (ren). Applicants must not become pregnant during their title reign. This will be grounds for forfeiture of her crown and the first runner-up will complete the term.
- If you have medical issues or concerns, please notify the pageant coordinator and make a note of it on your application. Notify pageant coordinators if there is any change of address or issues that might affect the pageant.
- Contestants must have a reliable means of transportation.
- Contestants must execute all consents and/or waivers of liability presented, prior to the pageant.
- Parent/Guardian must exclusively grant permission to use contestant's photo and/or likeness for promotional purposes.
- Contestants must attend BOTH pageant's rehearsals. The rehearsals are used to acclimate the contestants to the stage for their group and individual performances. Participants must ensure that they are available for practice on Thursday, June 2nd and Friday, June 3rd. More information to follow.
- Contestants must attend mandatory workshops on "What Is Juneteenth?" More information to follow on the mandatory (6) workshops leading up to the crowning.
- Contestants should wear long evening gowns that are age-appropriate for formal wear.
- Contestants are NOT entitled to a refund of ANY fees paid to the pageant. Entry fees will ONLY be refunded if the 757FreedomFest cancels the pageant.
- The decisions of the judges are FINAL. Talking with the Judges while they are judging is prohibited.
- Good sportsmanship is required at all times by contestants, parents and guests.



Make money orders payable to: Juneteenth 757FreedomFest Inc.

C/O Miss Juneteenth Pageant

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In the memo line, please annotate: 2022 Miss Juneteenth Pageant and the Contestants name.

If credit card/debit card payment is preferred, please send email correspondence to director@757FreedomFest.org and an invoice will be electronically sent within 48 hours.

****Email Subject Line: Miss Juneteenth Application Invoice Request*****

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