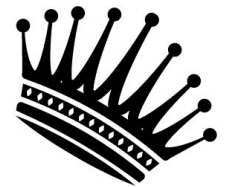


**Richmond Hill  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
Observance Committee**



**MR. & MS.**



**RH MLK  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**PAGEANT**

**JANUARY 8, 2022**

**4pm**

**Restoration Worship Center**

**7446 US Highway 17S**

**Richmond Hill, GA**



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## Message from the President

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The Richmond Hill Martin Luther King Jr. Observance Committee is pleased to announce plans for its inaugural RH MLK Pageant, "Embracing Community." The pageant's goal is to provide an avenue for our youth to be involved in the community. The activities offered will be an opportunity to participate in community service activities and, most importantly, participation in educational scholarship and fundraising.

The RH MLK Pageant is an opportunity to raise funds to carry out the mission of the RH MLK Observance Committee. Martin Luther King Jr. once stated, "Everyone can be great because anyone can serve." So join us for an evening of embracing our youth as they serve their community.

This packet contains the application, participant expectations, disclosures, and all information necessary to have a successful pageant experience. All requested materials must be received by December 1st, 2021. All information is confidential and will become the property of the Richmond Hill Martin Luther King Jr Observance Committee.

On behalf of the Richmond Hill, Martin Luther King Jr Observance Committee, thank you for your interest in our 2022 RH MLK Observance Scholarship Pageant. Good Luck!

Sincerely,

President, RH MLK Observance Committee



## **RH MLK History , Mission, and Vision**

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**History-** After many attempts to have an MLK Jr. parade in Richmond Hill, the first parade took place in January 2019. Due to the efforts of Craig & Sharon Butts and the support of Mayor Russ Carpenter, the Board of Commissioners, and community volunteers. Since that time, the RH MLK Parade has continued to grow and engage the community. In the last three years, the committee has become a non-profit organization; in addition, the RH MLK Observance Committee has hosted the following events: Black Tie Gala, 5k Runs, and during the pandemic, we held a virtual parade.

**Mission -** The Richmond Hill Martin Luther King Observance Committee (RHMLKOC) is a 501(C)(3) organization comprised of community volunteers dedicated to commemorating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by celebrating with an annual Richmond Hill MLK Parade and other events.

**Vision -**Empowering, Educating, and Inspiring personal and societal transformation within the diverse community of Richmond Hill and surrounding communities to create one sound, one heartbeat by promoting equality for all people



# RH MLK Observance Committee Scholarship Pageant Application

Little Miss & Mr (1st - 5th Grade)

Junior Miss & Mr. (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>Grade)

Miss & Mr. (9th -12th Grade)

All challengers will be placed in their category based on the grade they will be in on the date of the Pageant.

## Personal Information

This section is for information on the contestant only. For younger contestants that may not have a separate number or e-mail address, please respond "N/A."

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Last  
Address:

First

Middle

\_\_\_\_\_

Street

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



**Parent/ Guardian Information**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

School Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

School

Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School Club Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Church/Community Involvement**

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Groups or Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community/ Volunteer Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## RH MLK Observance Committee Scholarship Pageant 2022 Participate Events

Date	Event	Details
September 25, 2021	Registration and Information Session	Via Zoom
TBA	Professional Headshots	Will be given appointment times. Times and Location to be determined
October 2, 2021	Applications & Application Fees Due	Application Fees Due via PayPal
November 1, 2021	Fundraising Collection	Will be given appointment times. Times and Location to be determined
TBA	Poetry Night/ Community Service	Will be given appointment times. Times and Location to be determined
December 1, 2021	Final Fundraising Collection –All Fundraising Money Due Rehearsal	Will be given appointment times. Time and location to be determined
TBA	Rehearsal	Will be given appointment times. Times and Location to be determined
TBA	Rehearsal	Will be given appointment times. Times and Location to be determined
January 8, 2022	2022 RH MLK Scholarship Pageant	Restoration Worship Center



## Judging Overview/Criteria

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### The Judging Process

The 2021 RH MLK Observance Committee Scholarship Pageant judging system was designed to recognize individuality and achievement and encourage community involvement among all contestants.

Judges will be provided with detailed written rules and regulations.

There will be a panel of judges scoring the individual contestants immediately after each competition category. Following the judges scoring, an independent group will tally the scores.

Judges will be selected by the RH MLK Scholarship Committee. Persons familiar with, or related to, any contestant will not serve on the panel of judges.

### COMPETITION CATEGORIES

**Formal Wear:** The formal wear category is designed for the judges to assess the contestant's poise, grace and commanding stage presence. Contestants must follow the required attire.

**Talent:** Talent may be anything you choose that does not cause any health, fire or safety hazards to the audience or damage to the facility. **Also talent must not include in derogative language, nudity or suggestive dancing.** Talent must be limited to 3 minutes; talent over 3 minutes is subject to a penalty. Background music must be sent electronically at least 2 weeks before the Pageant.

**Oratorical Question:** Each contestant will speak on the following topic "How has Dr. King's legacy taught you to embrace your community? Response is limited to 3 minutes, response over 3 minutes is subject to a penalty.

*Also, scoring will include*

- Originality
- Individuality
- Enthusiasm
- Creativity
- On-stage awareness (Poise/  
Stage Presentation)
- Appearance



## RH MLK Pageant Attire

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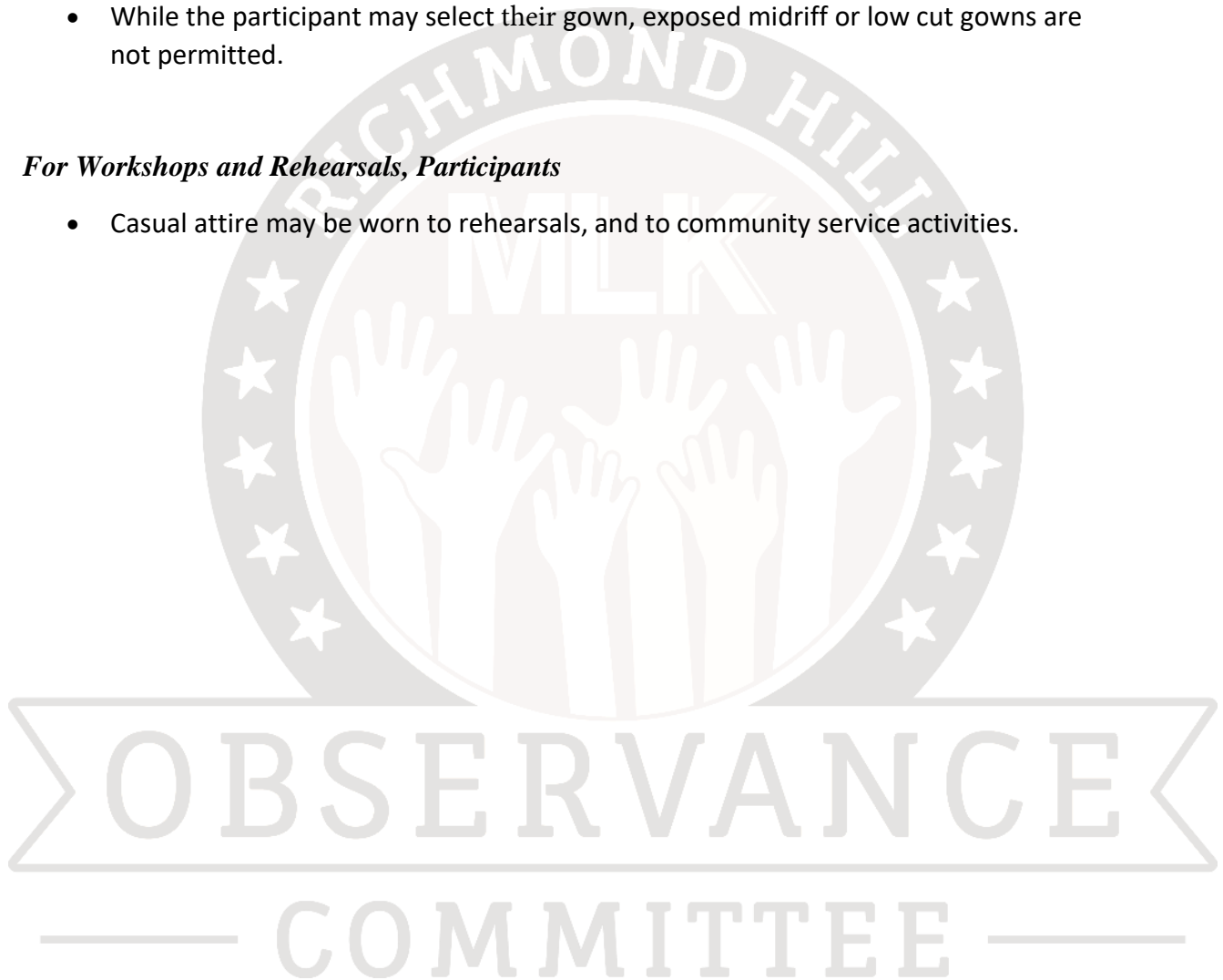
The RH MLK Pageant is a very elegant occasion, and your attire should reflect that.

### *Participants*

- All female participants will wear a formal evening gowns in the color of their choice (including white).
- Male participants will wear a suite or tuxedo in the color of their choice
- While the participant may select their gown, exposed midriff or low cut gowns are not permitted.

### *For Workshops and Rehearsals, Participants*

- Casual attire may be worn to rehearsals, and to community service activities.



## Financial Responsibility

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The participant raising the most money in each age category (i.e., donations, and other fundraisers) will be crowned Miss & Mr. RH MLK , Junior Miss & Mr. RH MLK , and Little Miss & Mr. RH MLK, respectively. The winning contestant in each age category will receive 10% of the funds they raised in the form of a scholarship or savings bond. The winner of Miss and & Mr MLK may also receive additional scholarship money from the committee the amount will be determined by the MLK Observance Parade Committee budget. In addition all the winners will participate in 4<sup>th</sup> RH MLK Parade. All participants who raise a minimum of \$250.00 will receive a certificate. Winners from competition categories(Best Formal Wear, Best Talent, Best Oratorical Award) will be awarded prizes.

All funds are to be raised in a lawful/legal manner (i.e., ticket sales, bake sales, car washes, yard sales, etc.). The Committee must be notified of all fundraising events. Any flyers, press, social media, or publications regarding events must be submitted to the RH MLK Pageant Committee for approval .

All monies raised in the name of RH MLK Observance Committee must be turned over to the committee via the Treasure or designee of the RH MLK Observance Committee In the event you no longer would like to participate, you must still adhere to this rule. We will **ONLY** take payment via PayPal from the participant's parent that will be turning in the fees for the participant. **FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE PARTICIPANT MAY NOT SEND INDIVIDUAL PAYMENTS TO THE PAYPAL ACCOUNT**, however they may however send it to the PO BOX.

When submitting to the PayPal account you must select the "**Friends and Family**" option, or you will be charged a fee. Also, when submitting any payments put in the NOTES exactly what you are paying for and which contestant the money is going towards. A note is also required when submitting payments through the PO Box.

The final deadline for all money will be Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Funds should be submitted in the form of checks, money orders, or cash in US currency.

Designated times and locations will be provided to collect all monies. These dates will allow you to avoid holding checks and large sums of money.

All required forms should be filled out completely and accurately. Participant's name must appear on the memo line of all checks to ensure proper processing and credit. All checks should be made payable to RH MLK Observance Committee.

## Exemplar Fundraising Letter

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Insert Date Here

Dear Family and Friends:

The Richmond Hill Martin Luther King ,Jr Observance Committee proudly presents the RH MLK Scholarship Pageant 2022, “Embracing Community”. The purpose of this activity is to celebrate courage, strength creativity and achievements of the youth in the community.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am competing for the title of \_\_\_\_\_ RH MLK Scholarship Pageant

To be a part of this great event, I must attend community service events, and raise at least \$250.

The RH MLK Scholarship Pageant not only allows young people, like me, the opportunity to build self- confidence and participate in service-learning activities, but it also raises funds for scholarships and community outreach efforts. Please help me achieve my goal to be crowned, by making a monetary donation. The deadline to submit all other monetary donations is December 1, 2021.

RH MLK JR Observance Scholarship Pageant , “Embracing Community ,” will take place 4:00 PM Saturday, January 8, 202, at Restoration Worship Center 7446 US Hwy 17S Richmond Hill, GA 31324 it will also be on the Richmond Hill MLK Observance Committee Facebook Page through Facebook Live. We would love to see you in person or virtually.

Thank you for your contribution. You may give your donation to me or mail it directly to Richmond MLK Jr Observance Committee at P.O. BOX 5 Richmond Hill, GA 31324. For me to receive credit for your donation, it must be received by December 1, 2021. Please include my name on any contributions submitted on my behalf.

I appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the RH MLK Scholarship

Pageant Sincerely,

RH MLK Scholarship Participant

## Participant Letter of Commitment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a contestant in the RH MLK Scholarship Pageant , agree to participate in all required functions in conjunction with RH MLK Observance Committee. I also agree to the following terms and guidelines as outlined below and as evidenced by my signature:

(Please initial ALL GREY BOXES and sign below)

1.		I will maintain good moral character and good standing within my school and my community as stated in the requirements for prospective participants .
2.		I understand and agree that all monies raised and collected as a RH MLK Scholarship participant will be turned in and reported to the Richmond Hill MLK Observance Committee.
3.		I understand that December 1, 2021 is the final date to report money for the pageant.
4.		I agree to participant in all RH MLK Observance Pageant and rehearsals if circumstances arise that require a missed activity, I will provide the chair of the pageant with written notice within 48 hours of the activity to <a href="mailto:rhmlkec@gmail.com">rhmlkec@gmail.com</a>
5.		I understand that all funds collected for the MLK Jr Scholarship Pageant belongs to the RH MLK Observance Committee.
6.		If I withdraw from the Pageant ,I will advise the pageant chair of my decision in writing at <a href="mailto:rhmlkec@gmail.com">rhmlkec@gmail.com</a> . As outlined above all funds collected for the RH MLK Scholarship pageant belong to the RH MLK Observance Committee, and accordingly, I understand my withdrawal will result in a forfeiture of any consideration for RH MLK Scholarship Pageant title, prize, award, scholarship funds or any monies associated with the pageant .
7.		I have read the RH MLK Scholarship Pageant Scholarship package and understand the terms and commitment regarding the same . I affirm that as of signing of the commitment letter, there are no reasons why I cannot participant in the RH MLK Scholarship Pageant activities.

Print Participant's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Statement of Commitment & Responsibility

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Richmond Hill MLK Scholarship Pageant 2021, including the planned activities and rehearsals. I will be responsible for all money collected from, patrons, and miscellaneous fundraising until it is submitted to the Richmond Hill MLK Observance Committee. As the parent/guardian, I know that I am responsible for completing the participant responsibilities (listed below).

### Parent/Guardian Initials required for the following list of Participant and Family Responsibilities:

- \_\_\_ Submit completed application and \$50 non-refundable fee
- \_\_\_ Support all activities and rehearsals
- \_\_\_ Transportation to and from all included activities
- \_\_\_ Raise at least \$250 in funds for the RH MLK Scholarship Pageant
- \_\_\_ Provide participant with attire for the Pageant within the attire guidelines outlined in the application packet
- \_\_\_ Adhere to any changes in Calendar or Program Updates
- \_\_\_ I understand that all payments must be made payable to:

Richmond Hill MLK Observance Committee - All monies received by the organization are non-refundable and non-transferable.



**Photo Release : PHOTOGRAPH, MEDIA & VIDEO  
AUTHORIZATION RELEASE FORM**

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I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Parent/Guardian”), as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for Richmond Hill MLK Observance Committee (the “Committee”) to publish on the Internet or media still photographs or moving images, including, if applicable any sound recordings accompanying the images (“Images”) taken of my child during participation in community service, without payment or any consideration and without notifying me in advance. I/We also give permission for the Richmond Hill MLK Observance Committee to highlight my child’s achievements and activities in efforts to promote the Richmond Hill MLK Observance Committee through newspapers, radio, TV, the web, DVDs, displays, brochures, and other types of media without payment or any consideration and without notifying me. I/We understand and agree that these Images will become the property of the Committee, which shall have complete ownership of the Images. I hereby irrevocably authorized the Committee to publish or distribute these Images for the purpose of publicizing the Committee’s programs, including the RH MLK Scholarship Pageant or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my child’s likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising out of or related to the use of the Images. I/We hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Committee and any of its officers; representatives; agents; and assigns from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses which my child, his/her heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on his/her behalf have or may have by reason of the use of the Images. This release specifically includes, without limitation, a complete release and discharge of any liability by virtue of any editing, distortion, alteration, or optical illusion, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of or editing of said Images, unless it can be shown that such was maliciously caused, produced and published solely for the purpose of subjecting my child to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity. I/we hereby certify that I/we are the parents/guardians of, authorized legally to give this consent, and do hereby give my/our consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my/our child.

***Parent/Guardian Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Print Name*** \_\_\_\_\_