

Mar 15, 2024

#### **Dear Contestants**

Welcome to Jefferson City Missouri Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Pageant. Congratulations on taking your first steps towards being the first Mr. and Miss Juneteenth 2024! What an exciting year for our program! We will be presenting this pageant at Lincoln University on Thursday, June 13, 2024, and we are excited that you want to be a part of it.

Take the time to read this letter and the entire contents of the entry packet. Please save this information. It includes the forms that you will need as a contestant, as well as information to help you as you prepare for competition. Feel free to contact the coordinators by phone or email at any time if you have questions.

Participating in a Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Pageant is a wonderful and unique experience. You will gain poise and confidence, hone your interview and public speaking skills, make many new friends, and become a token of leadership throughout the year. Our committee members work hard to make this experience and scholarship money available to you.

Along with all that you will gain by becoming a contestant, there are certain expectations of you. The best time to begin your preparations is now. Spring brings with it the Spring break and the Summer will bring the end of school, exams, graduation, and new activities. Please take this into consideration as you make your decision. By sending in your application, you are making a commitment to the Juneteenth Pageant Program. Once applications are received much preliminary work is completed to accommodate you. Escorts are assigned, schedules for interviews, and judge's paperwork and notebooks are printed.

Thank you for your consideration. I'm looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely, MyCrystal Day

# Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Pageant 2024 Pageant Categories

#### **Interviews**

The interview will take place prior to the pageant. The attire will be business professional. Designated interview times will be determined upon arrival. Please check in at the registration table when you arrive.

#### **Presentation**

Each contestant will be presented to the judges and audience with an introduction speech about themselves, career goals, and what Juneteenth means to them. Shades of Juneteenth will be the theme of the category. Please consider the African/Juneteenth colors when designing your outfit.

#### **Talent Competition**

Contestants will perform a talent of their choice for a maximum of 3 minutes. Please provide a description of talent and any props needed. An acceptable talent is not limited to dramatic reading/monologue, dance interpretation, singing, or musical instruments. Please refrain using any prop which may pose a fire hazard.

#### **Evening Gown Competition**

Contestants are required to wear a **FORMAL** evening gown in this category.

#### **Question and Response**

Contestants will be asked impromptu questions by a judging panel relating to their life goals, current events, and platform.

The Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Pageant 2024 judging system is designed to promote diversity, individuality, and overall achievement among all contestants. Judges score the individual contestants immediately following each phase of the competition. Contestants are scored totally on a 1–100-point scale in whole numbers within each category (more than one contestant may receive the same score). There is one panel of judges for the entire competition. All judges will be educated about the Mr. and Miss Scholarship Pageant 2024 judging system and represent a variety of professional sectors within their communities.

## **Judging Criteria**

#### The Interview 20%

- Overall 1<sup>st</sup> Impression
- Personal Appearance
- Personality
- Ability to dialogue effectively and actively engage in conversation.

#### Presentation – Shades of Juneteenth 20%

- Creativity of incorporation of Juneteenth Theme and Personal Introduction
- Overall Appearance (Accessories, Hair, Make-up, etc.)
- Creativity use of Juneteenth colors and personal introduction.
- Overall appearance/demeanor of the contestant (accessories, hair, make-up)

The presentation will be evaluated on the overall attractiveness, poise, personality, and self-expressive introduction to the judges and audience. <u>60% Of Attire Must Be A Shade Of Juneteenth Colors.</u> Proper accounterments are recommended. Points will not be awarded and deducted on the production itself; however, each contestant should display enthusiasm and enjoyment during this category of competition.

## **Talent Competition 20%**

- Stage Presence
- Originality of Talent
- Totality of All Elements (Costume, props, voice, use of body, choreography)
- Overall Performance
- Contestants will perform a talent of their choice with a maximum of three (3) minutes. Accepted
  talent is not limited to Dramatic Reading/Monologue, Dance Interpretation, Singing and
  Musical Instruments. Contestants are asked to submit a brief description of talent and any
  props needed for this category.

## **Evening Gown Competition 25%**

- Overall 1<sup>st</sup> Impression
- Sense of Attractiveness
- Stage presence (poise, grace, and style)
- Sense of Confidence
- Technique including walk, posture, etc.

## **Question and Response 15%**

- Emotional Control
- Proper and effective enunciation and diction
- Personality
- Response delivered in context with impact and thought.

## Disclaimer

The Mr. and Miss Juneteenth 2024 is a non-discriminatory event open to all regardless of:

- Race and/or National Origin
- Religion
- Undergraduate-Graduate Classification
- Organization Affiliation

#### \*Contestants must be 16-21 years old

\*All photos are the property of Juneteenth-Jefferson City Committee.

I, have received and read	a
copy of the application packet with all rules, guidelines,	
requirements, and pageant score sheet and hereby agree to the	
rules, terms, and conditions of Mr. and Miss Juneteenth	
Pageant 2024.	

- I, also, agree that the decision of the judges is FINAL, and I am entitled to see a copy of my performance results.
- I further understand that if I am chosen as Mr. and Miss Juneteenth 2024, I must be unwed and without child(ren).
- I further understand that I am not an agent for the Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Pageant, Jefferson City Region, and I am not authorized to act on behalf of the Board of committee other than permitted in my capacity as a contestant for the Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Pageant 2024, if selected.

The disclaimer must be accompanied with an applica	tion and a photo.
SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT	_
DATE	

# Qualification

# ALL APPLICATIONS AND PHOTOS ARE DUE BEFORE OR ON APRIL 15, 2024.

- No fire, water, or animal acts permitted.
- Rehearsals are **MANDATORY** and all contestants are required to attend.
- In the event of a tie, a **TIEBREAKER QUESTION** will be asked.
- Please be courteous and professional to all fellow contestants.
- Contestants must be unwed and without child(ren) at the time of the pageant.
- Contestants must be 16-21 years of age.

#### WINNER AWARDS & OBLIGATIONS

#### MR. & MISS JUNETEENTH WINNERS & OBLIGATIONS

Prize-\$200 Scholarship; Trophy; Tiara; Sash; Flowers

- Serve as hosts at Juneteenth events/projects throughout the year.
- Assist in the promotion of Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Pageant, organization, and events.

1<sup>ST</sup> RUNNER UP: Trophy and Flowers

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

#### **ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE DUE: MAY 27, 2024**

- Pageant Application
- Personal ½ Page Biography
- 4x6 Color Photo (will be used as publicity photos)
- Signed Disclaimer
- Talent Information (including props needed, assistance i.e. musician, etc.)

# Please send ALL the above application materials to the following address:

Mr. and Miss Juneteenth Pageant

C/o Micrystal Day

Email to: mrandmissjuneteenth@gmail.com

# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED?

Contestants receive a Welcome Package which includes the following items:

- Pageant Theme and Attire for Opening Number
- Program for the Pageant Including Music Selection for All Categories
- List of Suggested Questions to Prepare for Q&A

### **Helpful Hints for Contestants**

- Introduction Speeches & First Impressions ARE Lasting Impressions
- Escorts will be provided for the evening gown competition if needed
- Interviews **CAN** win the pageant
- Props should complement the talent competition is not foundation

Name ⇒	Chapter Representing ⇒				
Mailing Address ⇒					
City   State   Zip code					
	City ↑	State ↑	Zip code ↑		
Email Address ⇒					
Home Phone w/ Area Code ⇒	Cell Phone ⇒	Other Phone # ⇒			
School of Attendance ⇒					
Major ⇒		Classification ⇒			
Current Semester Hours ⇒	Expected Graduation Date ⇒				
Previous Semester G.P.A ⇒	Cumulative G.P.A $\Rightarrow$	Cumula	tive Hours ⇒		
LIST ALL ORGANIZATIONS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF:					
PAGEANT/HOMECOMING OR MODEL EXPERIENCE:					
HOBBIES:					
Signature of Contesta	nt ↑ Sig	gnature of Sponsoring C	hapter Representative ↑		