## Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay Overview

The title of Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay represents a prestigious honor, recognizing a young woman who serves as a local ambassador and spokesperson for Juneteenth within the Tampa Bay area. The titleholder is expected to demonstrate a personal commitment to excellence, leadership, and the promotion of freedom, unity, and cultural heritage.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the title of Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay, the following criteria must be met:

- Age: Applicants must be between 15 and 18 years old by June 30th. (Proof of age is required.)
- Gender: Applicants must be female by birth.
- Application: Applicants must submit their name along with a \$25 non-refundable application fee and a one-page essay explaining their interest in becoming Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay. (A virtual interview via Zoom will be scheduled.)
- *Excellence*: Applicants must demonstrate excellence in academics, personal achievements, and/or the arts. (A current report card or transcript is required.)
- Marital/Parental Status: Applicants must be unmarried and have no children.

## **Crowning Ceremony**

The **2025 Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay** will be crowned during a special ceremony, with the date, time, and location to be announced. Attendance at the crowning ceremony is mandatory for all participants in order to remain eligible for the title. Post-Crowning Requirements.



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**Fundraising:** A total of \$800 must be raised to cover expenses for the next level of pageant participation. After all costs are met, any remaining funds will be returned to the TBJ Organization to support additional reign-related expenses (Accepted payment methods: PayPal, Cash App, or Money Order. Checks are not accepted.)

**Appearances:** A minimum of ten (10) mandatory appearances is required during the one-year reign. Certain appearances may count toward community service hours required for participation in the Miss Juneteenth Florida State Pageant, if applicable. Additional appearances beyond the required number are considered bonuses.

**Representation:** The crowned titleholder is required to represent Tampa in a National Juneteenth Pageant that meets the standards and requirements of Juneteenth Tampa Bay.

**Public Service Announcements (PSAs):** PSAs must be created and distributed during the Christmas and Thanksgiving breaks, as well as one focused on voter awareness.

**Social Media Monitoring:** A list of all social media pages must be submitted to the committee for monitoring. Content deemed inappropriate or inconsistent with the standards and values of the organization must be removed upon request. Noncompliance may result in forfeiture of the title.

**Approval of Appearances:** All appearances made under the title Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay require prior committee approval. Unauthorized appearances may result in immediate termination of the title.

**Conduct:** The titleholder must maintain the highest standards of dignity, professionalism, and integrity, representing the **Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay** title with excellence at all times.

**Termination:** Failure to meet any of the above requirements may result in the revocation of the title. All decisions regarding termination are made at the sole discretion of the Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay Committee.

**Stipend:** If all requirements are successfully fulfilled, a \$500 stipend will be awarded to the reigning Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay at the completion of her term.

Thank you for your commitment and support!



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