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Miss Juneteenth TAMPA BAY

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

Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay is not determined through a pageant. The title is a distinguished appointment, and the queen is selected based on established criteria, leadership, service, character, and commitment to the mission of Juneteenth.

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

- **Age:** Appointee must be between 15 and 18 years old by June 30th. (Proof of age is required.)
- **Gender:** Appointee must be female by birth.
- **Excellence:** Appointee must demonstrate excellence in academics, personal achievements, and/or the arts. (Current report card or transcript is required.)
- **Marital/Parental Status:** appointee must be unmarried and have no children.

Crowning Ceremony

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 to remain eligible for the title.

Miss Juneteenth Tampa Bay Responsibilities

Public Service Announcements (PSA'S): The creation and distribution of public service announcements, or PSA's, is a required component of program participation. At minimum, each participant must produce and disseminate at least one PSA per month.

In addition, the following PSA's are mandatory:

- one PSA during Thanksgiving break
- one PSA during Christmas break
- one PSA focused on Voter Awareness

These requirements represent the minimum standard for participation. Additional PSA's may be assigned or encouraged as needed to further support program objectives and strengthen community impact.



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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.

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

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.

Optional External Pageant Participation

Should the Queen choose to compete in a State and/or National Juneteenth pageant, such participation is entirely optional and must align with the standards, values, and eligibility requirements of said organization(s).

Representation: The crowned titleholder may represent Tampa Bay in a state or national Juneteenth pageant. Participation is contingent upon maintaining good standing and fulfilling all program obligations. (*Director Discretion*)

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 other pageants, if applicable. Additional appearances beyond the required number are considered bonuses.

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.

Financial Responsibility: Juneteenth Tampa Bay does not guarantee full financial sponsorship for external pageant participation. A designated portion of funds raised through the Tampa Bay Juneteenth queen's required fundraising efforts may be allocated toward participation expenses, as determined by program leadership.

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.)

Thank you for your commitment and support!

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