



Dear Prospective Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant Entrant,

Welcome to Miss Juneteenth, Mister Juneteenth, Little Miss Juneteenth and Mister Juneteenth, Jr. 55th Annual Scholarship Pageant. For 55 years Northcott Neighborhood House has presented this pageant to showcase the best of African American youth in Milwaukee. This scholarship competition is open to African American youth in two categories: **Miss Juneteenth and Mister Juneteenth**, ages 14 years old to 18 years old and **Little Miss Juneteenth and Mister Juneteenth, Jr.** ages 8 years old to 13 years old. The following qualities in these areas are academic achievements, service to the community and having a talent in the written, visual, and/or performing arts.

For 2026, the Miss Juneteenth, Mister Juneteenth, Little Miss Juneteenth and/or Mister Juneteenth, Jr. Pageant is a great opportunity for African American youth. As a contestant, you will compete for up to \$1,500.00 in cash, prizes, and scholarships.

In addition to the prizes, Miss Juneteenth, Mister Juneteenth, Little Miss Juneteenth and Mister Juneteenth, Jr. along with his/her court will be prominently featured in the Juneteenth Day Parade and Celebration on Friday, June 19, 2026. Also, throughout the year of your reign you will be provided opportunities to network and showcase your leadership with Northcott Neighborhood House. You will be a role model for all of Milwaukee's youth. During your year-long reign, you are expected to promote positive images through school appearances and community events and serve as a great source of pride to our youth striving to realize their potential as future leaders.

A 250-word essay on the question; "**Juneteenth...Honoring the Past and Empowering the Future**", Proof

of age (**copy of photo ID with date of birth**), A copy of your most recent report card and transcript (**Applicant must carry a minimum of a 2.5 GPA**)

THE ESSAY MUST BE WRITTEN BY THE PAGEANT PARTICIPANT!!

Deadline for submission of application is Friday, April 17th, 2026.

What to Expect as a Contestant:

For Miss Juneteenth, Mister Juneteenth, Little Miss Juneteenth and Mister Juneteenth, Jr., judges will evaluate you on the following:

Poise and Personality, Talent (Creativity and Performance), Evening Wear (Afro-Centric w/Essay Reading), Interview Questions.

We at Northcott Neighborhood House want the scholarship pageant to be a positive experience for all entrants. Thank you for your interest and applying to be a part of the 55th Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 414.372.3770.

Sincerely,

Tony A. Kearney, Sr., Northcott Neighborhood House Executive Director & President of Juneteenth
Felecia Williams, Juneteenth Pageant Chairperson & Coordinator



PAGEANT RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As role models and positive examples of the hopes and dreams of our ancestors, contestants are expected to conduct themselves in a way that will bring honor and pride in our community, as well as not do acts that would bring shame to themselves or the title of Miss Juneteenth, Mister Juneteenth, Little Miss Juneteenth and Mister Juneteenth, Jr. Please read and review the following:

Miss Juneteenth, Mister Juneteenth, Little Miss Juneteenth or Mister Juneteenth, Jr. Requirements:

- All entrants must submit a 250-word essay that focuses on the theme, "Juneteenth...Honoring the Past and Empowering the Future." Entrants are encouraged to use the City of Milwaukee Public Library System to develop their essay.
- A copy of your birth certificate and school ID are required.
- Be a Milwaukee County resident for at least six months.

Participants Must Have:

- An upstanding reputation in the community and not involved in illegal activities have no legal issues pending, have no convictions of misdemeanors or felonies.
- Not having a child or be expecting a child at the time of submitting the application. Applicants cannot become pregnant during their title reign. This will be the grounds of forfeiture of her crown and the first runner-up will complete the term.
- Are to be in good physical health. If you have medical issues or concerns, please notify the pageant coordinator, and make a note of it on your application. Your information will be held privately.
- Notify the pageant coordinators if there is any change of address, phone number or issues that might affect your participation in the pageant.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- Submit a completed application packet and have the written consent (signature) of their parent or legal guardian before participating in the Juneteenth pageant program.
- To attend all rehearsals, which are mandatory. If an emergency does arise (medical), please notify the pageant coordinators. If you miss 2 or more rehearsals, you will not be allowed to participate.

Conflicting dates for school, work and any other extra-curricular activity do count as emergencies. You are expected to use time management to meet personal and pageant obligations.

- Should there be any unexcused absences from rehearsals you automatically forfeit your spot in the pageant.



2026 JUNETEENTH SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT APPLICATION

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CATEGORY:

_____ MISS JUNETEENTH _____ MISTER JUNETEENTH

_____ LITTLE MISS JUNETEENTH _____ MISTER JUNETEENTH JUNIOR

Email Address _____

Best telephone number to reach you _____

Full First and Last Names _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip code _____

Provide your parent or legal guardian's name _____

Parent or guardian address if it is different from yours _____

Best telephone number to reach your parent or guardian _____

Provide your parent or guardian email address _____

Your age and date of birth _____

Your school's name _____

Grade level/GPA Expected _____

Graduation Date _____

Health conditions (examples but not limited to Diabetes, High-Blood Pressure, Heart Conditions, Epilepsy)

***Please feel free to use additional paper for answers if you should require doing so. ***



Please list any awards you have received.

What are your education and career goals?

Please list your hobbies.

Why do you want to be part of the Juneteenth Pageant?

Have you won any previous titles or other contests? If so, please list those titles.

List any special training you have in music, drama, dance, art, theater, writing.

What talent will you perform in the talent competition {2 minutes)? Choose one.

Vocalist ___ Poetry _____ Dramatic Reading _____ Dance _____ Instrument _____

Other _____

The undersigned hereby attest to the health, age and GPA of the above entrant as stated in this application and the answers to the questions are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand the rules and regulations and hereby give my CHILD/minor permission to compete in the Juneteenth Pageant.

Entrant's Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date