



Becoming Miss JuneteenthKC 2024 Pageant Handbook The Homecoming

JuneteenthKC is excited to invite the community to join us for the 3rd Annual Miss Juneteenth Pageant Program and Presentation at the GEM Theater.

The Miss JuneteenthKC pageant was founded to support the education and personal development of young ladies within the Greater Kansas City area in addition to encouraging embracing their culture.

This program will consist of ten-themed weeks of curriculum beginning March 9th, followed by our pageant presentation event May 18th from 4:00-9:00 pm.

JuneteenthKC is honored to provide pageant participants education, tools, and resources to help build resilience in addition to gaining confidence to make healthy lifestyle choices while developing positive lifelong peer relationships from girls across the Greater Kansas City community!

This contest is open to girls age 12-18 from the Greater Kansas City area or neighboring counties.

Lil Miss JuneteenthKC (age 12-15)

Miss JuneteenthKC (age 16-18) **Crowned participant will be registered to compete at the National Miss Juneteenth Pageant in Galveston, TX (Fall 2024)

**Miss JuneteenthKC embodies Black Excellence through
*Arts | Personal Achievement | Social Service***

Our goal is to provide a positive pageant experience for all participants that offer engaging educational opportunities and positive social interactions.

As Miss Juneteenth, participants are considered an exceptional young woman and role model for all youth.

The following is expected of crowned participants during their reign:

- promote positive images through school appearances and community events
- serve as a role model and spokesperson for JuneteenthKC

How To Enroll...

Participants must submit a completed application along with the following:

- \$100.00 entry fee, this is nonrefundable- Must be submitted at the time of application OR at orientation
- current grade card

Miss JuneteenthKC Application 50% Match Scholarship---Each Miss JuneteenthKC participant is offered the opportunity to submit a two-minute video detailing how receiving a 50% Match application scholarship will support them in achieving their goal to become Miss JuneteenthKC and what it would mean to them to represent their community if they are crowned.

The video must include their name, age, and current school.

Participants will be competing for cash, prizes and the reigning title of Miss JuneteenthKC.

JuneteenthKC Pageant Awards

Miss JKC \$500.00

Lil Miss JKC \$250.00

Miss Executive \$150.00

Miss Unity \$150.00

Application Deadline: February 28th

Official Participant Rules:

- An application must be completed and submitted with a current report card.
- The application **must** be signed by a parent or guardian before participating.
- Program dates and rehearsals are mandatory!
We know things happen... Please contact coordinators if scheduling conflicts arise and supplemental assignments will be provided.

- **All Miss JuneteenthKC participants will participate in ten- themed workshops hosted weekly Saturday from 9:00-1:00 pm (student check-in @ 8:45 am)**

****Pageant Orientation will be hosed Saturday, March 2nd 10:00-12:00 pm****

Location: Historic Lincoln Building 1616 E. 18th Street Kansas City, MO 64108

March 9th-May 11th focused on history, advocacy, service, etiquette, and education.

****April 13th- May 4th****

As late as 3:00 pm dependent on Special Activities/Field Trips to be scheduled

Workshop Training Location:

Historic Lincoln Building 1616 E. 18th Street Kansas City, MO 64108

Additional Dress Rehearsal Schedule TBD:

May 6th- May 10th

May 13th-May 17th

Extracurricular Activity Attendance Waiver-- Participants unable to attend workshops due to enrollment in another extracurricular activity will be permitted to be excused from attending activities on March 23rd, March 30th, April 6th, April 13th at the discretion of the Miss JuneteenthKC Planning committee. Participants MUST attend all other workshop dates and alternate educational assignments must be completed/submitted the week of their absence.

- Participants must not have legal pending issues.
- All waivers and consents will be required to be submitted before April 8th.
- Contestants must attend ALL dress rehearsals.
- Application fees are nonrefundable.
- Participants must wear their pageant sash while conducting JKC pageant business.
 - At all times, contestants, parents, and guests are required to display positive attitudes!
- All decisions from the judging panel are final. —Score cards can be provided to review upon request

How will you be evaluated? *Participants will be evaluated on a pageant point system.*

Evening Gown--20

- Stage Presence-First impression, confidence, and how she wears the gown
- Personality, Poise, Articulation

Fun Fashion-- 20

- Stage Presence-First impression, confidence, and how she wears the garment
- Creativity & Personal Flair

On-Stage Question/Interview 30

- workshop participation
- Attendance

Ticket/ Advertisement Sales—10

Workshop attendance-- 10

Talent-10

Lil Miss JuneteenthKC Participants will receive an automatic 10 points for completing the group opening dance. Miss JuneteenthKC (16-18) will be judged and scored based on a 2-minute talent performance.

The Sweetest Peach (Team Unity Award)—This award will be given to the participant that has been selected by 2024 Miss JuneteenthKC Pageant class to be the most uplifting and motivational pageant participant.

TOTAL 100

The points from all participants' score cards will be calculated, and the Top Five scores will dictate the top 5 finalists. A top finalist will be selected to be crowned from the Lil Miss & Miss JuneteenthKC pageant groups. Only the crowned participant from the Miss JuneteenthKC pageant group will be registered to compete at the National competition in Galveston, TX.

Ticket & Ad Sales

While ticket and Ad Sales IS NOT MANDATORY to participate in the Miss JuneteenthKC Pageant program. Incentives & awards are offered to the top 3 advertisement/ticket sellers. —The contestant that sells the highest amount of money will be acknowledged during the pageant presentation event and a special award.

Tickets will be available by April 13th.

Family Tickets (limit of 10 per family) ****PRESALE ONLY****- \$10.00

General Admission Tickets- \$15.00

VIP Tickets (includes VIP Mocktail Reception)- \$25.00

PAGEANT WORKSHOPS

Miss JuneteenthKC participants will participate in ten- themed workshops beginning March 9th. Each workshop will be focused on history, advocacy, service, etiquette, and education.

Pageant participants will learn the history of Juneteenth, the Historic 18th and Vine Jazz District, and other significant moments in Kansas City's Black history. Participants will be engaged in community conversations to understand the importance of advocating for causes and how to advocate for change within their community. Service to the community and others will be paramount in becoming Miss JuneteenthKC; and participants will be given the opportunity to develop healthy social relationships in addition to acquiring the etiquette skills needed to excel in life.

Pageant mentors will provide engaging workshops to share personal insights that will guide each participant as they begin their journey into young adulthood.

Our Miss JuneteenthKC participants will not only achieve skills but be ready to influence their peers intentionally, represent our community, and serve Kansas City!

Tentative Workshop Schedule:

9:00-1:00 pm

Week 1--March 2nd-- Welcome/Program Review—Meet Miss JuneteenthKC 2023
(Parents in attendance)

Week 2--March 9th--Juneteenth History/Genealogy theme Introduction

Week 3--March 16th—Stamped from the Beginning Matriarch
Exploration Project—Phyliss Wheatley/Harriet Jacobs

Week 4--March 23rd--personal care & social etiquette

Week 5--March 30th -- public speaking/Talent

****April 2nd & April 4th DRESS SELECTION & FITTINGS @ Natalie M. Studio 3:00-8:00 pm****

Week 6 -- April 6th-- Photo Shoot/Dress Alteration Sessions

Week 7--April 13th --Talent/Dress Alteration Sessions

Week 8 -- April 20th-- Public Service/City Hall Tour w/ Mayor Q & Friends

Week 9 - April 27th-- Pageant Rehearsal/Table Etiquette/Public Speaking w/
Councilwoman M Robinson -

Week 9 -- May 4th Pageant Rehearsal/Talent Practice/Dress Final Fittings

Week 10 -- May11th Pageant Rehearsal/Talent Practice

Workshop Attire

Business casual attire (t-shirt/polo, khakis or jeans). All participants will be provided with two JuneteenthKC polo shirts and sash to be worn at special activities/community outings.

Gowns

Pageant gowns will be provided by the Natalie M. Studio for all pageant participants. Participants are required to attend a dress selection/fitting session.

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Once a participant has made their dress selection an appointment will be scheduled for alterations. Dresses will be held by JuneteenthKC and will be provided for the participants during their photo shoots/pageant presentation day.

Makeup

Participants will be provided with makeup artists the day of the photo shoot and the pageant presentation day.

Parental Consent and Release

AUTHORIZATION, WAIVER OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT MEDICAL and MEDIA RELEASE

In Consideration of being permitted, at my specific request, for me or my child/ward to participate in the activity, we HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Miss JuneteenthKC Pageant, it's officers, volunteers, and agents, individually or in an official capacity for the group (all for purposes herein referred to as "releases") from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses which we may have against any of the releases arising out of or in any way connected to participation in the activity, including , travel to or from the activity, for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered by me/my child before, during, or after said activity. I understand that this release and waiver includes any claim or action based on the negligence, action or inaction of any release or otherwise.

I HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence of releases or otherwise while engaged in or as a result of the activity. I expressly acknowledge and agree that the activity may involve the risk of injury or property damage. I shall defend (if directed by JuneteenthKC), hold harmless and indemnify JuneteenthKC Coalition, it's officers, volunteers, and agents from and against all liabilities, loss, claims, damages, costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of whatever kind or nature which JuneteenthKC, it's officers, volunteers, and agents may sustain, suffer, or incur, or be required to pay by reason of permitting me/my child/ward to participate in the activity, even if allowing me/my child/ward to participate in said activity is later found to be wrongful or negligent. I further expressly agree that the foregoing release and waiver of liability, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Missouri or other State where a claim or action may be instituted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Participant Name _____
(Print Name)

Parent Name _____
(Print Name)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____
(Sign)