



**Mr. & Ms. Juneteenth Contest &
Juneteenth Essay Contest
Please Post & Announce!**

"Our Black Joy" is the theme for the 32nd Annual Juneteenth Freedom & Heritage Festival. Juneteenth (June 19th) is the oldest celebration marking the end of slavery in the US and was first celebrated in Galveston, Texas. Last year, Utah became the 44th State to honor Juneteenth as a statewide holiday observance. We're excited to build upon the extraordinary achievement with the best festival ever! The Juneteenth Festival brings communities together, from all walks of life, to honor our past, celebrate the richness of African and African American arts and culture, and embrace our future.

We're extending a special invitation for your youth with two featured Juneteenth events to engage and honor their achievements. First, the **Mr. & Ms. Juneteenth Scholarship Contest** is open to high school juniors and seniors of African/ African American heritage. This event is not a beauty or popularity program. Winners will be selected based upon their grades, leadership, school activities, community and church involvement, and their personal essays. The deadline for receiving their completed application is June 1, 2021. First Place winners will receive \$500, 2nd place \$250, and 3rd place \$100 awards.

The other opportunity is our **Juneteenth Essay Contest**. The contest has three categories. The categories are Grade 5-6, Grades 7-9 and Grades 10-12. Essays should be 500 words maximum and applicants will be rated on originality, development of theme, grammar, and punctuation. The following "Cash Awards" will be given for each category:

1 st Place	\$100
2 nd Place	\$ 75
3 rd Place	\$ 50

Each school or organization is being asked to identify a winner in each category to represent them in the finals. Please send your finalist essay winners to the Juneteenth Committee by June 1, 2021. Judging of finalist will be June 2-10 and winners will be announced and notified by June 12, 2021. Winners in each category will be presented at the Juneteenth Festival on June 19th.

The topic for the Essay Contest: What is Joy and how do we honor our Black Joy during challenging times and events?

We look forward to your participation. For questions please contact Betty Sawyer at projectsuccessinc1@gmail.com or 801-394-0924. Thank you.