



*The Miss Black Heritage Society Pageant
2016-2017*

Sponsored and Hosted

by

The Church at Bethel's Family

Rev. Walter August Jr.

Senior Pastor

Parent and Volunteer Meeting

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm

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Miss Black Heritage Society 2016-2017 Pageant

Hello Friends,

Tamar Entertainment Inc. and The Black Heritage Society present the third annual Miss Black Heritage Society Pageant for junior and senior high school girls. The pageant's goal is to teach that self-awareness evokes motivation, and motivation leads to empowerment.

We are excited about your interest to participate in this event for girls between the ages of 12-17. The pageant will be open to all young girls regardless of race, creed or color. The pageant will be held Saturday, November 28 through Sunday, November 29, 2015. It is being sponsored and hosted by The Church at Bethel's Family. A Miss Black Heritage Senior and a Miss Black Heritage Junior will be crowned. Girls ages 15-17 will compete for Miss Black Heritage Senior and girls 12-14 will compete for Miss Black Heritage Society Junior.

In keeping with the Black Heritage Society's focus on education each candidate will submit a five hundred (500) word essay themed, **"How My Haters Can Make Me Greater"**. The top ten participants will receive financial awards and gifts. The contestant who wins the title of Miss Black Heritage Society Junior and Senior will be awarded a \$500.00 prize, the second place winners will receive \$250.00 and the third and fourth place winners will each receive a \$125.00 prize, and they will ride on a float during the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade as Miss Black Heritage Society and the royal court.

The pageant will be held at the beautiful auditorium of The church at Bethel's Family, 12660 Sandpiper Houston, TX 77035. In keeping with the Black Heritage Society's focus on education each candidate will submit a five hundred (500) word essay themed, **"How My Haters Can Make Me Greater"**.

For more information on pageant criteria and how to apply go to www.tamarinc.com and click on the crown link or you may call 832-563.4230 or 832-881-3596. To learn about The Black Heritage Society go to their website, www.blackheritagesociety.org.

Sincerely,

Mary Terry Wiley

Executive Director



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Dear Parent and Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in our third annual, 'Miss Black Heritage Society Pageant 2015-2016' taking place November 28, through November 29, 2015. This pageant is being sponsored by The Black Heritage Society in collaboration with Tamar Entertainment, Inc. and is sponsored and hosted by, The Church at Bethel's Family. **The parent and volunteer meeting will be Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 12:00-2:00pm at the Church at Bethel's Family.**

This pageant is a fund raiser to help the Black Heritage Society continue its valuable work together in the Houston community. Our mission and desire is to educate today's youth about our past and to motivate them for the challenges of the future. We assure you that you will have a rewarding experience. Contestants will be notified at the close of registration the date for the initial meeting. At this time the pageant committee will go over information about the pageant rules, contestant expectations and activities that will be presented. We look forward to meeting each of you.

Sincerely,

Mary Terry Wiley
Executive Director

Sheryl Holland
Pageant Coordinator

Jennifer Simmons
Queen Chaperone



2016-2017 Preliminary Pageant Registration Criteria

1. All applicants must be a junior or senior high school student enrolled in grades 6-12.
2. The pageant is open to girls 12-17 years of age, regardless of race, creed or color.
3. The registration fee is \$150.00. All fees are nonrefundable.
4. All applicants must submit one letter of recommendation from a community leader, teacher, church member or social organization.
5. The Queens and their court must be available to participate in all events sponsored by The Black Heritage Society during her reign for the 2016-2017 year.
6. All applicants must submit a 500 word essay entitled, **“How My Haters Can Make Me Greater.”** The essay and letter of recommendation must accompany the registration application. Without these items the application will not be processed.
7. Any contestants with any medical issues must disclose the problem to the pageant committee on the application. The pageant will not be responsible for anything outside of minor first aid.
8. All contests will be required to attend pageant rehearsals.
9. Parents and/or sponsors are expected to attend the initial “meet and greet” meeting to review the pageant criteria and rules.
10. All registration fees should be paid by Tuesday, November 03, 2015. Registration will close on Tuesday, November 03, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. **The money for the 20 tickets (\$100.00) required by each contestant must also be turned in by Nov. 15th.**
11. Each applicant has the option to submit ads for full page to business cards size (see chart on sponsors and donation form (p. 8). All ads must be print ready and must be in by Tuesday November 3rd 11:00pm in order to meet the printing deadline. Ad sizes: Full page- \$200.00, ½ -Page \$100.00, ¼ -Page \$50.00 and Business cards \$25.00.
12. If a participant desires to have her photo displayed on the pageant website, she should submit it with her application and a head-shot or cropped photo; the last day is November 03, 2015. The photos will remain on the website until the next pageant 2017.
13. It is preferred that all applications be submitted online. If an application is received without fees, the application WILL NOT be processed. All applications and fees submitted on line will receive a confirmation notification from the BHS Pageant. A hard copy can be requested and mailed by calling 832-8813596 or 832-563-4230.
14. Payments will only be accepted in one of the following ways: PayPal, cashier’s check or money order. Money orders and/or cashier’s checks should be made payable to The Black Heritage Society Pageant. Money for ticket sales will be accepted in cash or money order. Personal checks WILL NOT be accepted.
15. If a contestant will be using (music CD’s), they must be cue ready with printed instructions before the beginning of the program.
16. A Miss Junior and Miss Senior Black Heritage Society will be crowned Sunday, November 29th, along with their courts.

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Pageant Rules and Guidelines

1. All candidates will be required to attend all rehearsals and meetings.
2. There will be no exceptions in regard to deadlines. In order to participate in the pageant all financial requirements must be paid in full by November 03, 2015.
3. All candidates will be required to sell 20 tickets @\$5.00 each. The tickets can only be used once. The buyer can choose which day they want to attend. The admission for each day is \$5.00 (page 8).
4. Candidates will be able to purchase optional items, i.e. photo shoots, or pageant videos.
5. Any contestant observed or caught behaving inappropriately (using profanity, fighting, arguing or bullying will be promptly disqualified and asked to leave the premises immediately.
6. All contestants must arrive on time for rehearsal and pageant each night. Failure to be on time can result in the contestant being omitted from a segment.
7. Each contestant can receive a maximum of 100 points in each of the following categories (page 8). The BHS-Pageant judges will score the essays.
8. There will be one winner of the essay contest awarded separately from the pageant winners. The essay will be posted on the pageant website for 30 days after the pageant. The winner' essay will be printed in the Houston Sun Newspaper along with their photo.
9. Each pageant segment will be judged by a panel of five judges. On Sunday in the first segment the top twenty (20) semi-finalists will be announced, followed by the announcing of the top ten finalists. And in the last segment the winners will be announced with the crowning of the winner as "Miss Junior BHS and Miss Senior BHS 2016-2017.
10. Miss Black Heritage Society Junior and Senior will be crowned after the 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place Winners have been announced. Financial awards are: 1st runner-up \$250.00, 2nd runner-up \$125.00, 3rd runner-up \$125.00 awards. The winning queens for Miss Black Heritage will receive a \$500.00 award. All winners will ride the float for the 2016 MLK Jr. Parade, march in the Children's Parade and attend the Mountain Top Banquet. The queens will support in attendance all BHS events for 2016-2017.
11. Sponsor donation form (on page 8) must be completed by sponsor and submitted with ad and fee by November 3, 2015. Any ads received after this date will not be eligible for souvenir book.

Judging Criteria

- a. **Personality will be judged on stage presence. Each contestant will be judged on her runway walk and personal introduction to the judges and audience.**
- b. **Formal wear will be judged on the fit and age appropriateness of the gown and her presence and confidence.**
- c. **Casual wear will be judged on school or sportswear. Props can be utilized in this segment. There is a maximum 2 minute set-up (no exceptions). Delays will result in a 2point score deduction.**
- d. **The 10 semifinalists will each be asked to recite a 2 minute section from her essay. The five (5) contestants with the highest score will move on to the final round.**
- e. **The top five (5) finalists will each be asked an interview question, to determine the winner. In the final segment the five finalists will be judged on the preliminary categories with the addition of an interview question added in the final category. Each category will be worth 125 points.**
- f. **Judges scores will be collected and tallied by designated score keepers for accuracy.**

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Pageant Categories

Preliminary categories to determine the Top 20

Total Points 500

Bonus points will be added to every round and they will remain the same

Personality/Stage Presence	100 points
Casual Wear	100 points
Formal Wear	100 points
Judges Choice	100 points
ESSAY	100 points

The Top 20 will be judged in the following categories

Total Points 500

Personality	100 points
Casual Wear	100 points
Oratory-3 min Excerpt-Essay	100 points
Talent	100 points
Judges Choice	100 points

The Top 10 finalists will be judge in the following categories

Total Points 500

Personality	125 points
Formal Wear	125 points
Question & Answer-Finale	125 points
Judges Choice	125 points

A contestant may receive from 0-100 point in preliminary segments.

Contestants will be penalized if they are not in the lineup on time.

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Contestant Application

First Name Last Name Age DOB- (MM/DD/YR)

Address City State Zip

School Grade Talent

Sponsor's Name _____

Address City State Zip

Parent/Guardian Information

First Name Last Name Phone

Address (If different from contestant) City State Zip

Name of Backstage Assistant Email

Please check each one:

Registration Fee - Non Refundable	_____	\$150.00
20 tickets	_____	\$100.00
*Optional One full page Congratulatory Ad	_____	\$200.00

Other optional activities include: Personal photo shoots, Group photos and a DVD of the pageant. (These activities are not mandatory). Visit VANDERBILTSTUDIO.COM to schedule appointments with Mr. John Williams or email VSTUDIOS25@gmail.com for more information.

No money will accepted after November 03, 2015. The pageant will not accept personal checks. If payment is made by mail please mail forms to: BHS Pageant c/o J. Tasby, P.O. Box 331748, Houston, TX 77233-1748.

1. On-line at (www.tamarinc.com)
2. Cashier's Check
3. Money Order
4. Cash

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Contestant SPONSOR-DONATION FORM Copies may be made

Participant Information:

Name	Age	DOB	
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Email	Parent Name	

Company or Business Name

Address	City	State	Zip
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Alt. Number	Email	Phone
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Name of contestant you are supporting	Grade	Age
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Type of Ad	Donation Amount
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The deadline for all donations is Tuesday November 03, 2015. You may also make your donation on PayPal on the website: www.tamarinc.com or mailed to: BHS Pageant c/o: J. Tasby, P.O. box 331748 Houston Texas 77233-1748. Receipts for applications that are mailed in will be returned by mail within 7-10 business days.

Ad CHART

Size	\$ Amount
FULL Page Ad	\$200.00
½ Page Ad	\$100.00
¼ Page Ad	\$50.00
Business Card	\$25.00

All ads must be print ready and emailed to_misshbspageant@gmail.com. A contestant can secure 10/\$20.00 congratulatory lines or 8 business cards to make a full page ad with each