



HISTORY OF JUNETEENTH in TEXAS

Essay Contest



Saturday, June 7, 2008
Martin Luther King Recreation Center
1300 Wilson St. • Denton, TX
(940) 349-8575
Event 3:30-5:30PM
Contestant Reception 5:30-6:30PM

Entry Criteria:

Students enrolled in and attending grades 9-12 in Denton County may apply. Contestants must be age 19 or under. There is a minimum of 8 contestants and a maximum of 40 contestants for this event. *(This contest does not discriminate against any race, color, religion or disability. All are welcome to enter.)*

Contest Rules:

- All contestants must pay an entry fee of \$20 along with application. *All proceeds will benefit the reception and 2008 Juneteenth Celebration.*
- Contestants must have two (2) completed references (*from teachers, counselors, work supervisor, pastor or minister, etc.*) returned with application and entry fee. No references from relatives will be accepted!
- Contestants must submit a typed essay of 300 words or more on the **History of the Juneteenth Celebration in Texas**. Essay must be the student's original work! **Essay deadline is Friday, May 30, 2008**. Return completed essay to the MLK Rec. Center between 6pm-8pm. The essay will be judged on grammar and content and will be graded from 0 to 100 points.
- Contestants must complete ten (10) hours of community service before **May 30, 2008** and documentation must be completed and returned on May 30, 2008 with the essay. We will not accept hours worked before 01/2008!
- During the event, contestants will deliver a two-minute speech (contestants may choose from their original spoken word, poetry, rap, a song or a written speech) on the following topic: **With Juneteenth being a part of Black History in America, how can my generation and I continue making Positive Black History in America?** Contestants will be judged on appearance ("Sunday Best" attire), poise, grammar, creativity and content.

Contestant Awards:

- 1st place winners (one male and one female) will receive a \$500 scholarship and a trophy
- Winners may make appearances in the 2008 Juneteenth Parade
- Winners' photos will be included in the 2008 Juneteenth booklet
- All contestants will receive a certificate of participation
- All contestants and their parents are invited to participate in a reception immediately following the pageant in Room A. Meal tickets will be given at time of registration. Meal ticket must be presented for participation in the reception festivities.

Registration Information:

Registration dates - March 28, April 25, and May 2 from 5-6PM at the MLK, Jr. Rec Center

*Please contact Dee Phillips for more information @ 940-382-4607
or juneteenthessay@gmail.com
www.dentonjuneteenth.org*





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(staff use only) Contestant# _____

Juneteenth Essay Contest Application

Date of Birth: _____

Contestant's Name: _____

Gender: male female (please circle one)

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail _____

School Name: _____ School Address: _____

School Phone #: _____ Grade: _____

What college are you planning to Attend? _____ School year? 20_____

Entry fee \$20. Method of payment: Cash or Money Order. Receipt # _____ # Meal Tickets _____
(Please circle one)

I give permission to the Juneteenth Celebration Committee to use the contestant's photo, video and essay and/or likeness for promotional purposes. We understand that the judges' decisions are final. The Juneteenth Celebration Committee will not be responsible for any lost or stolen articles. Unsportsmanlike conduct from participants, family or friends will not be tolerated and will result in automatic disqualification without any refund. The Juneteenth Celebration Committee is not responsible for any injury that may be sustained while competing in the contest. All fees are nonrefundable and non transferable. Scholarships will be issued at the discretion of the Juneteenth Committee. Scholarships may be issued in the form of a savings bond for winners and/or scholarship checks may be payable to the students' college of choice after proof of enrollment.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's References

Reference #1 Name: _____ Phone# _____

How do you know this student and for how long? _____

Do you recommend this student for our essay contest? _____ Why? _____

Reference #2 Name: _____ Phone# _____

How do you know this student and for how long? _____

Do you recommend this student for our essay contest? _____ Why? _____

Reference #3 Name: _____ Phone# _____

How do you know this student and for how long? _____

Do you recommend this student for our essay contest? _____ Why? _____



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Community Service Form

Students may choose up to three different businesses or organizations to serve. Or the student may serve all 10-clock hours at one location. Students may also refer to local City Recreation Centers for available service opportunities. A total of 10 clock hours must be completed. This form must be completed and returned along with the completed essay to the MLK Rec. Center on **May 30, 2008** between the hours of 6pm-8 pm. No exceptions! (If student does not meet this deadline, there will be no refund given and student will be disqualified from the contest.) Contestants will also be issued a contest program and their contestant number (to be worn during the event) at that time. We will not accept hours that were worked before January 1, 2008!

Name of Business or Organization: _____

Address: _____ Phone#: _____

Why did you choose this organization to serve? _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Of Hours completed: _____

Name of Business or Organization: _____

Address: _____ Phone#: _____

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