



**Miss Bessie Smith Pageant Application (Continued)**

Three words that best describe you: \_\_\_\_\_

Tee-shirt size (Adult): S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

**All participants must have a letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member. A \$100.00 non-refundable entry fee is required to participate in the pageant. Make checks payable to "The Bessie Smith Cultural Center". The Bessie Smith Cultural Center is a 501 (c)(3) organization.**

**All Information provided is confidential.**

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian) (Child/Participant)

To participate in The **Bessie Smith Scholarship Pageant**, I understand that all meetings and programs are held for personal growth, educational and cultural enrichment, and social development. The topics throughout the pageant may include health and fitness, social networking, safety and etiquette, and other topics of relevance to girls. I hereby consent to her attendance and participation in the discussion sessions. There will be some weekend activities (TBD) that are **required**.

I confirm that she has no physical or emotional condition or other limitations that will adversely affect her participation in the Miss Bessie Smith Scholarship Pageant. I hereby waive any rights that I or my child may have to any claim against the Bessie Smith Scholarship Pageant, or any program organizers, presenters or facilitators, with respect to any injury sustained by my child as a result of participation in the Bessie Smith Scholarship Pageant. I hereby release and hold the Bessie Smith Scholarship Pageant, session organizers, presenters and facilitators harmless from any liability for any injury, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I agree that I must sign and submit this consent and release form to the appropriate Board Member prior to my child's acceptance in the Bessie Smith Scholarship Pageant. I will be notified of any activities or events held at location other than our regular meeting and will be asked to authorize the participation of the above participant. I hereby certify that the information provided herein is factual and correct to the best extent of my knowledge. By signing, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of this pageant. Further, I give permission for the above information to be released to the media.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Contestant Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Official Use ONLY**

Participation Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Miss Bessie Smith Scholarship Pageant 2020 Scholarship Pageant Fact Sheet



**The pageant will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 and rehearsal Friday, February 7, 2020**  
**Deadline for application is Saturday, November 16, 2019 and Participation Fee of \$100.00**

Email Address: [info@bessiesmithcc.org](mailto:info@bessiesmithcc.org) Telephone Number: (423) 266-8658

**There will be an initial meeting on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.**

**All Rehearsals will be held at the Bessie Smith Cultural Center at 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.  
Dates will be announced later.**

## **Contestant Requirements:**

Entry Fee \$100.00 **non-refundable**. Please make checks payable to "Bessie Smith Cultural Center."

All contestants are required to be in grades 9 thru 12.

All contestants are required to sell a minimum of \$500.00 in ads and/or tickets. Tickets are \$10.00 each. In addition, each participant will receive 2 free tickets.

**Four judging categories:** Causal wear, Talent Presentation, Evening Ensemble, and On-stage question. The Miss Bessie Smith winner will be the one with the highest cumulative score.

**Miss Bessie Smith** will receive a crown, trophy, roses, \$500 cash scholarship, sash and other gifts. Miss Bessie Smith will represent the Bessie Smith Cultural Center at selected exhibit openings and various community events throughout her year of service.

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up for Miss Bessie Smith each receiving a trophy and roses.

**The Spirit of Bessie Smith Award** will be the contestant that raises the most money, she will receive 10% of **HER** funds raised for future scholarship, and other gifts.

**Casual Wear** Winner will receive a trophy

**Talent** Winner will receive a trophy

**Evening Ensemble combined with the On-Stage Question** Winner will receive a trophy

**All contestants will receive a T-shirt and participation trophy.**

## **Additional Information**

**Each individual participants funds raised will go toward the Spirit of Bessie Smith Title. The minimum required \$500.00 amount raised per contestant can include ticket sales at \$20.00 and ads for the souvenir booklet.** Souvenir booklet ad prices are as follows:

- whole page ads **\$200.00**
- half page ads **\$100.00**
- quarter page ads **\$50.00**

All ads should be print ready. **Ad Deadline is Saturday, January 11, 2020**

Each contestant will have a head shot and a brief biography in the souvenir booklet.

## **Pageant Judging Criteria**

Casual Wear	0 - 20 points
Talent	0 - 35 points
On-Stage question	0 - 20 points
Evening Ensemble	0 - 25 points
<b>Total points</b>	<b>100</b>

Each contestant's talent, casual wear and evening ensemble will be furnished by the contestant and her parent/guardians. Points will be given to each contestant's overall appearance, confidence, and sense of style that she brings to all categories.