

## **Eligibility for 2009 Miss Black Iowa USA Pageant**

We invite you to apply to be a contestant in the 2009 Miss Black Iowa USA pageant by completing and submitting this application. Please note the following eligibility requirements must be met in order to proceed with the application process.

a. You must be at least 17 years of age and not older than 27 years of age by the date of the national competition in 2009.

b. You must be a high school graduate by the date of the national pageant in 2009.

c. You must be single.

d. You must be born female.

e. You must be a United States citizen and live in the United States.

f. Must be a resident of state or have educational status or employment in the particular state in which you are representing.

g. A contestant must have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.

h. A contestant must never have been convicted of any crime and does not have any criminal charges pending.

i. You must be in excellent physical and mental health and can fully participate without limitation in any program activities and must not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous or addictive substances.

j. You may not have competed more than twice in the national Miss Black USA pageant.

k. You may not represent the same state more than once.

**l. You must provide proof of age (i.e. copy of driver's license, birth certificate or U.S. Passport).**

**m. You must provide proof of residency in the city/state that you will represent.**

n. You must provide two non-returnable photos, any size, one full length and one head shot.

o. You must be willing to travel at your own expense to the national competition in Washington, D.C. or wherever said pageant is held within the continental United States.

p. To accept an invitation to be a contestant in the pageant, you must complete and timely return all required application items by the stated deadline.

Employee, officers, directors and agents of Miss Black Iowa USA Pageant and/or any of their respective licensees, assigns, parents, affiliated and subsidiary companies and the immediate family (spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son, regardless of where they live) or members of their same households (whether related or not) of such employees, officers, directors and agents are not eligible to be contestants in the Miss Black Iowa USA Pageant or participate in this applicant process.

Applications will only be considered if they are complete. Complete applications consist of the following:

- .. Completed application form (i.e. photo ID and/or drivers license, student ID).
- .. Copy or proof of U.S. Citizenship (i.e. U.S. Passport or birth certificate)
- .. Two color photos: one head shot and one full-length, any size (will not be returned) – send a print of each photo, but we'll also need the images electronically (jpeg or tiff file format). Email them to [missblackiowausa@aol.com](mailto:missblackiowausa@aol.com)
- .. Non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 in the form of certified check or money order made payable to **Miss Black Iowa USA. DO NOT SEND CASH!**

**If you have any questions, you can reach us three ways:**

**Mailing Address**

Miss Black Iowa USA  
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Des Moines, IA 50305

**Telephone Number**

515. 830.1622  
(please leave a message)

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