



YOU COULD BE THE NEXT MR. OR MISS 'TWEEN USA'

'*Tween USA*' is an educational program established by the *WOC Cultural Foundation, Inc.* (WOCCF). The purpose of the program is to provide a supportive and congenial environment for self awareness, personal growth, and respect for others from diverse backgrounds. The program helps to nurture and build positive scholastic achievement, creativity, healthy living, community involvement, life skills, self confidence, poise, and effective communication skills. The program also provides financial assistance for middle school education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Young men and women currently enrolled in **middle school** may compete for scholarship money. Participants of this program must live or attend school in the Florida First Coast area (*e.g., Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns counties*). **Completed Application and one letter of recommendation** should be mailed before **November 8, 2019**.

Orientation with parents and participants is required on either Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at **WJCT Public Broadcasting, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville FL 32202** (*next to Metro Park, across from the TIAA Stadium*) **in downtown Jacksonville.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are awarded:

Mr. or Miss 'Tween USA' - \$500*

Second Place Winner - \$250*

or

Third Place Winner - \$100*

Certificate of Participation will be given to each participant.

Mr. or Miss Tween USA must attend at least one selected Cultural Foundation function during their reign.

REQUIREMENTS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

The program is open to young men and women who meet the criteria set forth in the following Requirements, Rules, and Regulations.

Each participant must:

- Be a legal resident of the United States or a U.S. citizen.
- Maintain good standing with their academic institution and provide one letter of recommendation with completed application.
- Be able to fulfill the time commitment and responsibilities of the scholarship program.
- Attend the **orientation and workshops**. Workshops are held from **10:00 am - 12:00 p.m. unless** otherwise stated. Participants are to be **picked by 12:15 p.m.**
- Be respectful to fellow participants, guest presenters, program administrators and staff.
- Agree that all decisions of judges are final, irrevocable and binding.
- Sign application authorizing the Cultural Foundation the right to use student's name and photograph for publicity purposes.
- Agree that Cultural Foundation reserves the right to change date and/or location of the program.
- Participant is responsible for their own wardrobe.
- Be responsible for a minimum of one page ad in the souvenir program book and five event passes.
- Show sportsmanlike behavior (*i.e., no teasing, no disrespectfulness, etc.*). Any participant and/or family member showing less than sportsmanlike behavior will lead to disqualification of the participant. No awards will be given under these circumstances.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the WOC Cultural Foundation (904) 683-1757 or (904) 635-5191 should you have any questions or to obtain additional applications.





'TWEEN USA' EDUCATION PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM [PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE]

Participant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell# _____ Email _____

Name of School _____ Grade _____ GPA _____

Age _____ Gender _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Favorite hobbies: _____

Career ambition: _____

Favorite Quote: _____

Give 3 fun facts to describe yourself: _____

Proudest moment: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone Number _____ Cell# _____ Email _____

I have read and agree to the rules and regulations set forth by the Women of Color Cultural Foundation, Inc. I certify that I meet all of the participant requirements, rules and regulations. I further understand all funds submitted to the Women of Color Cultural Foundation, Inc. for the Program are non-refundable.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to enter the Tween USA Education Program.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Please send completed application and one letter of recommendation to:

Tween USA Education Program
c/o Women of Color Cultural Foundation, Inc.
100 Festival Park Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

You will be contacted within 30 days of receipt of your application.



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REFERENCE FORM [PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE]

DATE: _____

Dear Selection Committee,

_____ is applying to become a participant in the
Tween USA Education Program. I have known him/her for _____ years.

I would rate his/her overall attitude and ability to get along with others as: (check one)
Outstanding ____ Good ____ Average ____ Fair ____ Poor ____.

I would rate his/her overall competence as: (check one)
Outstanding ____ Good ____ Average ____ Fair ____ Poor ____

Briefly I believe his/her greatest strengths and weaknesses are (be specific):

Strengths _____

Weaknesses _____

Other comments about this person that I feel would make him/her deserving of this educational scholarship: _____

Sincerely (Signature),

Print Name: _____

Contact information: (Cell#) _____

(E:mail Address) _____

Please complete and return with application, or mail to:

Women of Color Cultural Foundation, Inc.
100 Festival Park Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32202