



**Twin Cities Juneteenth 2017
Youth Drawing & Essay Contest**

The Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board are seeking drawings and essays that share and reflect the richness surrounding Juneteenth as a historical event and a family-friendly community festival.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the end of African slavery in the United States; Juneteenth celebrations were born in Galveston, Texas in 1865 when Union Troops arrived to enforce the covenants of the Emancipation Proclamation that declared all slaves were to be freed in revolting states.

Upon notice of their freedom - although 2-1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued - the former slaves collected themselves and held community festivals and discussions. Today, the Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration is said to be one of the largest Juneteenth celebrations in the United States.

How to Enter:

- **Essay Contest:** Youth 11 to 18 years of age are invited to submit a 250-word essay on a) What Juneteenth means to you and your family? Or b) Why is Juneteenth an important historical event?
- **Drawing Contest:** Youth 12 years of age and under are invited to submit an 8" by 11" drawing using the theme a) What Juneteenth means to you and your family? or b) Why is Juneteenth an important historical event?
- **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd places for both contests. All winners will be honored at the Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday June 17, 2017
- **Deadline:** Drawings and Essays need to be submitted to Juneteenth's Office by May 29, 2017, PO Box 11097, Minneapolis, MN, 55411.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **PHONE:** _____

AGE: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **School & Teacher:** _____

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