COGIC International Youth Department Southern Region

**YOUNG WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE PAGEANT 202**3

*Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.*

*International President Nathaniel L. Green, Sr.*

*International Chairlady Vandalyn Kennedy*

*Regional President Larry Lewis, Sr.*

*Regional Chairlady Rhonda Rippy*

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this program. The ***Young Women* *of******Excellence Pageant*** is a total ministry experience that will leave a lasting impression on you. **The Young Women of Excellent Pageant and other events will be held** March 31-April 1, 2023 in Birmingham, AL.

As the staff of the Southern Region YWE Pageant, we would like to challenge you to take advantage of an opportunity of a lifetime. You are part of a very special group of young women who model exceptional character, integrity and a commitment to development and serve. This opportunity offers fun and exciting activities as well as a chance to meet other young women from your region.

The young women exposed to this ministry will spend time learning, training and studying to develop a spirit of excellence in every area of their lives. The Lord has highly favored you and has pronounced His richest blessing on you. You have the opportunity to take a great step that will enrich the quality of your life. You will embark on a journey that will equip you to achieve all that God has for you. God has designed his absolute best for you. His plan was crafted especially for you to usher you into your divine destiny.

To become an official participant in this year’s pageant, we will need you to fill out the attached application and have it signed by the appropriate persons. After you have completed the application, please return it to [**rrippy@msn.com**](mailto:rrippy@msn.com) . We are looking forward to an awesome time this year with the Southern Region - ***Young Women of Excellence***!

Regards,

***Evangelist Rhonda Rippy***

***Southern Region Chairlady***

**202**2 **YWE Pageant Guidelines & Requirements**:

1. **A jurisdiction may have more than one participant entered in the YWE Pageant.**
2. The applicant must be single (never been married), with no children and between the ages of 13-21. She must be in good standing with the Youth Department and any area of the local church in which she serves.
3. **Each applicant must complete the online application and have the hardcopy permission slip signed by their Pastor, along with a short bio and a picture when submitting the application. All applications must be received by Friday, March** 18**, 202**3.  **Email to** [rrippy@msn.com](mailto:rrippy@msn.com)
4. *Each applicant will submit a* ***200 word typed essay*** *on 1 of 3 topics.* ***Gun Violence, Social Media/Peer Bullying that leads to youth suicide or Education***
5. *Each applicant should have a minimum of 1 hour community service (include proof in portfolio)*
6. Each applicant must include a required $50.00 non- refundable application fee, which includes cost of the Southern Region T-Shirt and rally registration. Each participant must obtain a minimum of 10 Patrons at the cost of $10 each. Submit the entry fee and patron sales at [www.southernregioniyd.com](http://www.southernregioniyd.com). **The application and entry fee is submitted online at the same time.**
7. *For additional points, each participant may submit additional monies/patrons. These additional monies/patrons should be submitted to the Regional Youth Dept. Chairlady Rhonda Rippy on* ***Friday,*** *March 31, 2023* \*\* Note – You may add a page of your known patrons to your portfolio\*\*
8. Each applicant will take part in ***The Power Room*,** Saturday workshop, and the pageant. Each applicant will participate and be evaluated in the areas of group interaction, presentation and congeniality.
9. The pageant attire will consist of:

* The attire for Friday is Pink, Pearls and Sneakers (Please have a lap scarf)
* The attire for Saturday is the Regional T-shirt (color is purple) with a blue jean skirt. (Please have a lap scarf)

1. Each participant will display their talent presentation & portfolio on Friday night- March 31, 2023. The applicant’s portfolio will express the participant’s creativity. The portfolio should be at least 8x10 and 8 pages minimum. It is imperative to make a visually appealing and informative book, as points will be awarded based on submissions. \*\* Note – add a page of your known patrons to your portfolio\*\*
2. **NEW ITEM\* There will be two new Awards presented. An award for the most patrons and an award for the most money. The applicant who submits the most patrons over 10 patrons will be awarded the Victory Patrons Award. The applicant who submits the most money over the total of $150 will be awarded the Victory Financial Award. These awards may be won by different participants. Neither the highest amount of money nor the highest amount of patrons will guarantee the win overall. The contestant that has the overall highest score in ALL the categories COMBINED will be awarded the title of 202**2 **Southern Region Young Woman of Excellence Queen.**
3. The YWE Crown will be granted to the young woman that accumulates the MOST points in a variety of categories during the workshops as well as the pageantry.
4. Once all applications have been received, there will be a conference call to allow for questions, meet the team and those participating.

*Young Women of Excellence Point System:*

*A winner will be selected and will be bestowed the honor of the Southern Region Young Woman of Excellence. The contestants will be judged on the following categories:*

* *Timely Application Submission*
* *Attendance to all events (POWER Room, Workshops, Conference Call)*
* *Community Service*
* *Portfolio Design and Articulation of Category Presentation-*

**YWE PORTFOLIO (Be Creative) (This is only a suggestive list of categories)**

**Academics --** Sample school work (presentation/project), school awards, scholarships letters, history of grades, original research

**Music**-- Video or audio footage of yourself singing, dancing, playing a Musical instrument, copy of an original song (Please have a recording of you playing or be prepared to play)

**Fashion** -- Video/Pictures of original work

**Community Service** -- Community projects, awards, pictures/videos

**Sports** --‐ Video of competitions, awards, scholarship letters

**Fine Arts** – Liturgical Praise, Sign Language: Video of Performance

**Performing Arts** – Ballet: Video of performance

**Arts (Painting or Graphic Design)** -- Original picture, or picture of your original art piece must be submitted or a video of painting, graphic, or design work.

**Church Involvement** -- sample programs, video/picture of evidence of church work, video of you speaking.

* ***Essay: 200 word typed paper titled:*** As a Christian youth, I would you use my voice to impact change within my community regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (select one of the 3 listed below)
  + Gun Violence
  + Social Media/Peer Bullying that leads to youth suicide
  + Education
* *Social Interaction*
* *Question and Answer Pageant Segment*
* *Talent*
* *Patrons and Submitted Money*

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Young Women of Excellence**

**Southern Region**

***Email application to: rrippy@msn.com***

| Applicant’s Name | | | | |
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| Address | | | | |
| City: | | | State: | Zip: |
| Telephone: | | | Cell Phone: | |
| Email: | | | | |
| Age | Parent(s) Name(s) | | | |
| Grade Level | | GPA | | |
| Church: | | | | |
| Pastor: | | | | |
| Local President/Youth Leader: | | | | |
| Jurisdiction President & Chairlady: | | | | |
| District Superintendent: | | | | |
| District Missionary: | | | | |
| Jurisdiction Bishop: | | | | |
| Jurisdiction Supervisor: | | | | |

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# **Tell us about your interests and current activities: Please give a brief description of your activity involvement on each level. Please attach extra sheet if needed.**

| **Local Church:** | |
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| **District:** | |
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| **Jurisdiction:** | |
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| **Academic Involvement/Achievement:** | |
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| **Community Involvement/Achievement:** | |
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| **What Category or Categories are you entering?** | |
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| **Are you attempting to be Ms. Young Woman of Excellence?** | **Yes or No** |
| **If Yes, will you be attending the International AIM? Explain why you want to represent the Southern Region.** | |
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| **Applicant Signature/Date:** | |

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# **Parent(s) Signature Pastor’s Signature**