



2026 STATE QUEEN BIOS



Sha'Miya Drummond, Miss Black Mississippi USA Talented Teen

2026: Sha'Miya Drummond lives in Saltillo, Mississippi, where she is a senior at Saltillo High School. She enjoys playing a variety of sports and has a passion for dance, whether performing praise dance or dancing to the music of Michael Jackson.

This fall, Sha'Miya will attend Northeast Mississippi Community College, where she plans to pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing, with future plans to continue her education in diagnostic medical sonography.

Sha'Miya Drummond is a pageant competitor known for her involvement in the Miss Black Mississippi USA pageant system. She proudly holds the title of Miss Black Mississippi USA Talented Teen 2026 and continues to prepare for and participate in national-level competition, sharing her journey and platform through social media.



Winslyn Parrish, Miss Black Georgia USA 2026:

Winslyn Parrish is a proud alumna of Florida A&M University and a healthcare professional. She is the founder of The Winning Experience, a branding and strategic marketing firm dedicated to empowering leaders and elevating Pageantry. Through her platform, "Your Health is Your Crown," Winslyn is committed to advancing health literacy in Black communities. With grace, purpose, and passion, she continues to use her influence to inspire others and create lasting change. The initiative focuses on bridging the gap between health information and understanding by promoting C.R.O.W.N. (community education, resource accessibility, outreach, wellness advocacy, and supportive networks). Her goal is to empower individuals to make informed decisions about their well-being, because true empowerment begins with knowledge!



Chariena “Char” Woods, Ms. Black Georgia USA 2026: Chariena “Char” Woods is a proud Mississippi native by way of Columbus, Georgia, currently residing in the Columbus area. She is a Human Resources Business Partner for a Fortune 500 company, where she was recognized as the youngest HR Business Partner in the organization and inducted into the prestigious Circle of Excellence. A two-time graduate of Albany State University, she holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and a master’s degree in Human Resources Management.

Char serves as Co-Chair of her company’s Employee Resource Group supporting Black professionals and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the National Council of Negro Women. As Ms. Black Georgia USA 2026, she proudly champions her platform, “Mentally Mindful,” which focuses on mental health awareness, access to resources, and community empowerment. Through leadership, service, and sisterhood, Char is committed to uplifting others and representing Black excellence with grace and purpose.



Andrea Toney, Ms. Black Mississippi USA 2026: Andrea Toney is a U.S. Army combat veteran, and a dynamic community advocate. With 15 years of military service and over 25 years of leadership across four countries and ten states, she champions her platform Honor Her Courage, uplifting the voices of women veterans and connecting them to resources. Beyond her military and advocacy work, Andrea is a model, speaker, moderator, and coach—dedicated to empowering individuals and communities through storytelling, mentorship, and service. A proud mother of two, Andrea leads with

authenticity, courage, and purpose, honoring legacy while inspiring others to live boldly.

Andrea’s platform, Honor Her Courage is dedicated to amplifying the voices of women veterans and connecting them to resources that support healing, recognition, and empowerment. By creating space for storytelling, advocacy, and education, the platform seeks to honor legacy while inspiring stronger, more resilient communities.



Carline Boston, Miss Black Tennessee USA 2026: Carline Boston is a senior at Fisk University majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Financial Economics. Originally from Brooklyn, New York, she aspires to become a consultant dedicated to helping POC-owned businesses grow and scale to success. Carline is deeply passionate about economic development, mental health, and empowering young women to reach their fullest potential.

Her platform, "Anyone Can Be a Q.U.E.E.N (Qualified, Unique, Educated, Empowered, Noteworthy)," is a self-love and mental health platform designed to empower individuals—especially women—to embrace their worth, build confidence, and prioritize mental well-being. Rooted in the belief that everyone possesses the qualities of a Queen, her mission is to create a supportive community that fosters self-discovery, growth, and resilience.



Laporcsha Haggins, Ms. Black Tennessee USA 2026: Laporcsha Haggins-Peoples —a passionate criminal justice reform advocate, aspiring Criminal defense Attorney, entrepreneur, and visionary dedicated to creating systemic change. Her advocacy is deeply personal: born in a federal prison and shaped by the barriers many face in reentry and healing, Laporcsha has committed her life to breaking cycles of injustice.

With four degrees from Arkansas State University and a background as a licensed esthetician, Laporcsha has developed a unique blend of skills that enable her to approach complex social issues from multiple angles. As the owner of Knew Skin Esthetics LLC and a freelance web designer, she has honed her ability to innovate and adapt in pursuit of her goals.

Her platform addresses Community education to increase public awareness about the principles and benefits of restorative justice, Policy change to advocate for legislative reforms that create more opportunities for rehabilitation and second chances, Focuses on criminal responsibility laws in support of legislation to eliminate Tennessee’s criminal responsibility statute, which Laporcsha argues disproportionately harms at-risk youth with excessively harsh sentences, and Advocates for restorative justice to develop and promote a model that emphasizes accountability, rehabilitation, and addresses harm, rather than solely focusing on punishment.

As a Dream.org graduate, Laporcsha attained the tools to advocate effectively for justice reform at the local, state, and federal levels. She now has the honor of serving as Vice President of Inside Out Outreach Consultants, an organization committed to transforming the narrative and conditions surrounding incarceration and reentry in Tennessee.

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