



Iowa Juneteenth Observance

A Program of The Des Moines Urban Experience

“31 Years Serving the Iowa Community”

2021-2023 Iowa Juneteenth King & Queen Nomination Form

The Iowa Juneteenth Observance is an official state holiday commemorating the end to slavery and the on-going progress of African Americans. The King & Queen will serve a two-year term and represent the Iowa Juneteenth Observance by making several public appearances during their reign. Couples from across Iowa may be nominated and must meet the following criteria: **1) be married to one another for a minimum of 25 consecutive years; 2) have contributed to the betterment of their community; and 3) complete all questions on this nomination form.**

**Please read all of the nomination materials before completing the nomination form.*

First and last names of husband and wife being nominated:

Complete Street address:

City/State/Zip code:

Area Code/Telephone number:

Name of contact person nominating couple:

Email address:

Contact person's Area code/Telephone number:

Has the couple been notified that they are being nominated? ____yes ____no

You may mail the completed nomination materials, postmarked by **December 20th, 2020** to:

**The Des Moines Urban Experience
c/o Iowa Juneteenth King & Queen
P.O. Box 3092
Des Moines, IA 50316**

Or you may email, by **December 20th, 2020**, the completed nomination materials to William Sims at williamsims84@gmail.com

Should you have questions, please contact William Sims at williamsims84@gmail.com Thank you.

Please provide the requested information below. You may use additional paper if needed. The information you provide will be used in our selection process. Attending a church isn't a requirement to be considered please skip those questions if they don't apply to you or your spouse.

1. Where (city and state) and when (birthdates) was the couple born?

a. Husband

i. What city was the husband born in? _____

ii. What state was the husband born in? _____

iii. When was the husband born (month/day/year)? _____

b. Wife:

i. What city was wife born in? _____

ii. What state was wife born in? _____

iii. When was the wife born (month/day/year)? _____

2. In what year was the couple married? _____

3. How many children does the couple have? _____

4. Does the husband belong to a church? Yes _____ No _____

5. If the husband is a member of a church, give the name and 'complete address of the Church:

6. Does the wife belong to a church? Yes _____ No _____

7. If the wife is a member of a church, give the name and 'complete address' of the church:

8. Provide examples of volunteer work they have done in the church (include the title of any leadership positions held, if applicable, such as pastor, deacon, committee chair, Sunday school teacher, trustee, etc.)

a. husband:

b. wife:

9. Provide examples of volunteer work have they done to better the community? (include the names of the organizations and any leadership positions held, if applicable, such as president, committee co-chair, etc.)

a. husband:

b. wife:

10. Did either of them serve in the military? If so, in which service (Army, Navy, etc.) and what rank did he/she hold when discharged?

a. husband:

b. wife:

Expectations of the King & Queen

The nominated couples must be in reasonably good mental and physical health. They are expected to do the following as representatives of the Iowa Juneteenth Observance (based on confirmed schedules):

- Be presented at their coronation ceremony.
- Be driven in the Iowa Juneteenth Urban Parade.
- Be driven in the Iowa State Fair Parade.
- Be coronated at the Black History Month event in February
- Be presented at the Iowa Juneteenth Observance 'Neighbors Day' activities.
- Do several public appearances during their reign.

The King and Queen will be escorted to each event that they attend by an appropriate representative of the Iowa Juneteenth Observance. It is an honor to serve as the Iowa Juneteenth King and Queen. The couple is selected to serve as role models for the African-American community and they are held in high esteem with respect to demonstrating commendable and enduring 'family values' in the greater Iowa community.

Present any questions regarding the nomination form that you may have to:

William Sims
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Thank you.

