

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Esther Gillyard from Philadelphia, PA and I am seeking sponsorships and in-kind donations for me to attend and participate in the Miss Blind Diva Empowerment Pageant. This event will take place on Friday, September 30, 2022 and Saturday, October 1, 2022 in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The mission of the Miss Blind Diva Empowerment Pageant is to empower women with vision loss by providing tools to cultivate and encourage their daily life experiences. More information on the pageant can be found at the website: www.eyeslikemine.org

Although this pageant event is in New Jersey, blind and visually impaired women from all over the country will be participating or attending this year in honor of Blindness Awareness Month. As one of the contestants,

I hope to show, encourage, and empower other blind and visually impaired women that blindness should not hold you back. I am a mother of a teenager, volunteer of the National Federation of the Blind, ministry servant for Love Zion Baptist Church, and work as a Nurse's Aide at Harmony Home Health Care. I do not let my blindness stop me from serving in my communities. I have used my personal experience to help others. I started serving as a child to homeless individuals and later on, I became homeless myself. Now, I live in my own place and serve with my church with Chosen 300 to serve the homeless community in Philadelphia. From surviving to thriving, I also advocate to abused teenagers as I am a survivor of domestic violence.



For this, I ask for your assistance. I seek sponsorship and in-kind donations to offset the costs of transportation, lodging, meals, and other expenses that might incur as a pageant contestant. this is my fundraising goal is \$2000.00

Sponsorship donations can be made via PayPal with the email address babyes64@gmail.com or via CashApp at \$EsGi

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at babyes64@gmail.com or 267-752-9227. Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Esther Gillyard

Pageant Contestant for the 2022 Miss Blind Diva Empowerment Pageant