

# Welcome to the 2024 Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant!

My name is Autumn J. Montoya. I am Mud clan. Born for the Towering House People. My Maternal Grandparents are of the Tangle Clan and my Paternal Grandparents are of the Water Flows Together. I am originally from Torreon, Wolfstand, New Mexico.

I am the Director for the Miss Eastern Navajo Pageants. I oversee the Miss Eastern Navajo, Miss Eastern Navajo Teen, and Eastern Navajo At'eed Yazhi titles. I am on the Eastern Navajo Fair Board as the Pageant Coordinator. My team and I want to ensure a fair, comfortable and safe environment where we promote positive energy and reinforce self-confidence. We pride ourselves in providing the best networking opportunities and many chances to grow socially.

We are so excited you decided to take the next step investing into your future. We are overjoyed to host you and your families at this year's 2024 Eastern Navajo Fair held at the Eastern Navajo Fair Grounds in Crownpoint, New Mexico.

## *Miss Eastern Navajo* Miss Eastern Navajo Pageants Mission:

Miss Eastern Navajo Pageants is an avenue young women can utilize to discover and or strengthen their skills and talents to benefit them in their futures. We believe in our Dine philosophy of a positive image, identity, and directions. Improvement in our goals. Strong self-esteem. Good Leadership and good intention to educate individuals about Navajo culture, traditions, and philosophy.

We hope you enjoy the Pageant and all of the wonderful experiences we have planned for you and your fellow contestants.

### **Instructions:**

- Typed (preferred) or legible handwritten print.
- Do not send as a photograph or by any cloud service, social media, or mobile app
- How to return:  
Email: [autumnjudith96@outlook.com](mailto:autumnjudith96@outlook.com)  
Other questions please feel free to contact me at: 505-518-7835

# 2024 Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant Application

**Please fill out the following Contact information:**

Name:

DOB:

Address – City/State/Zip Code:

Chapter affiliation:

*Primary Phone Number:*

*Secondary Phone Number (required):*

*Email Address:*

**Parents/Guardians:**

Mother's Name:

Chapter affiliation:

Father's Name:

Chapter affiliation:



**Education Information:**

High School:

Graduation Date:

Address – City/State/Province:

**Work Experience (if applicable):**

College:

Current Employer:

Major:

Year in College or Year Graduated:

Address-City/State/Zip:

Date of Attendance:

From: To:

Position:

# PERSONAL ESSAY, COMPETITION ONE (1):

**Description:** This is an opportunity to share an in-depth introduction of, and express, yourself to the judges. Let your personality come through, be creative, follow the instructions, and include the topics listed below.

**Judging Criteria:** Topic/question relevance, following essay format instructions.

**DEADLINE:** Return with your application by **July 19, 2024**

## ESSAY FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Submit as a **separate printed document or (Microsoft Word/PDF)** attached to the application.
- The essay should be in *MLA (Modern Language Association)* format:
  - Typed
  - Double spaced
  - Minimum of 500 words and no more than 1000 words
  - Maximum 12pt Times New Roman font
  - 1-inch standard margins
  - Save as a Microsoft Word or PDF Document

## INCLUDE WITHIN YOUR ESSAY:

- Topics:
  1. **A self-introduction**
- Answer to *both* questions:
  1. *How do I envision myself as an ambassador for the Eastern Navajo Fair and the Eastern Navajo Agency?*
  2. *How will I incorporate these two into my platform?*

# CONTEMPORARY TALENT, COMPETITION TWO (2):

**Description:** Contestants will have the opportunity to demonstrate a contemporary talent. This can range anywhere from singing, a how to, or a hobby you perfected. We encourage you to be creative and express yourself to the people and the judges.

**Location:** Eastern Navajo Fairgrounds, Crownpoint, New Mexico

**Length:** 3 Minutes - timer starts when contestant starts speaking or music begins.

**Set up:** You may have **1(one) assistant** to help with stage set up for contestant items and props on/off stage.

**Assistance:** On-stage assistance (for example, singers or dancers) will be limited to 3 people.

*Keep in mind we will be at the fairgrounds under a tent. There will be a small stage area. Be prepared for the weather, wind, rain, and heat.*

## **Rules:**

- Contestants will provide props to be used.
- Maximum number of props allowed: 8
- Must not weigh more than 10 lbs each
- Must not be larger than 6 ft. x 4 ft.

## **Not Allowed:**

- Computer presentations
- Video equipment
- Open fire or flame producing equipment

*Note: All talent presentations will be reviewed and must be pre-approved by the MEN Committee.*

**Judging criteria:** Creativity, Talent Knowledge, Presentation, Preparedness, Personality & Enthusiasm

**DEADLINE:** Return Traditional Talent form with your application by **July 19, 2024**

# CONTEMPORARY TALENT COMPETITION: DEMONSTRATION FORM

DEADLINE: **July 19, 2024** Traditional Talent Form due with

application. **NAME, TITLE, OR SUBJECT CONTEMPORARY TALENT:**



**DESCRIBE CONTEMPORARY TALENT (MAXIMUM 5 SENTENCES):**

# TRADITIONAL TALENT, COMPETITION THREE (3):

- Description:** Contestants will have the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of their culture by presenting a talent. Which can be anything from storytelling, dancing, or sharing a song. Be creative and original.
- Location:** Eastern Navajo Fairgrounds Crownpoint New Mexico
- Length:** 3 minutes – timer starts when contestant starts speaking or music begins.
- Set up:** You may have **one (1) assistant** to help with stage set up for contestant items and props on/off stage.
- Assistance:** On-stage assistance (for example, singers or dancers) will be limited to 3 people.  
*Note: **Helpers/Dressers/Relatives/Chaperones are not allowed in the backstage area.***

## Rules:

- Contestants will provide props to be used.
- Maximum number of props allowed: 8
- Must not weigh more than 10 lbs each
- Must not be larger than 6 ft. x 4 ft.

## Not Allowed:

- Computer presentations
- Contemporary presentations
- Video equipment
- Live animals
- Open fire or flame producing equipment

*Note: All talent presentations will be reviewed and must be pre-approved by the Queen Committee.*

**Judging criteria:** Creativity, Cultural Knowledge, Language Knowledge, Presentation, Preparedness, Personality & Enthusiasm

**Deadline:** Return Traditional Talent form with your application by **July 19, 2024**

# TRADITIONAL TALENT COMPETITION: DEMONSTRATION FORM

Deadlines: Traditional Talent Form due with application. **July 19, 2024**

**NAME, TITLE, OR SUBJECT TRADITIONAL TALENT:**

**DESCRIBE TRADITIONAL TALENT (MAXIMUM 5 SENTENCES):**



## PUBLIC SPEAKING, COMPETITION FIVE (5):

**Description:** Contestants will be asked **two (2) impromptu questions** at an event open to the public. Contestants will be allowed one (1) minute to answer each question (timer begins when contestant begins speaking). *Contestant will also provide their platform statement following the impromptu question competition.*

**Location:** Eastern Navajo Fairgrounds, Crownpoint, New Mexico

**Judging Criteria:** Quality of answer, confidence, eye contact with audience and judges, and voice clarity.

**Event Date:** Friday, July 26, 2024



**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS –  
SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION:**

**PROOF OF AGE AND TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Proof of Age** – a copy of *one* of the following required:

- Birth Certificate
- Current Driver's License

2. **Proof of Tribal Membership** – a copy of *one* of the following required:

- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- Tribal Affiliation ID



**DEADLINE: Provide copies of both documents with your application by July 19, 2024**

# PAGEANT CONTESTANT RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

Deadline: Return with application by **July 19, 2024**

By participating in the Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant and by my signature below, I affirm and acknowledge the following:

- I am at least eighteen (18) years old and fully competent to give my voluntary consent.
- I understand and assume all risks of injury while competing in the pageant activities.
- I am in good physical condition and capable of participating in the pageant.
- I am single, never married, not pregnant, and do not have children/dependents.

I hereby consent to photography, audio recording, and videotaping of myself for commercial or promotional purposes. I authorize the Eastern Navajo Fair and the Miss Eastern Navajo Pageants to create video and/or still images and audio recordings of myself to be exhibited on broadcast television or radio, on the world-wide-web, or in any print medium in perpetuity. I further agree that my name and identity will be used in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). All negatives, prints, and digital reproductions shall be the property of the Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant Program.

*I hereby release to the MENP Committee and the Eastern Navajo Fair from all liability and waive any causes of action related to any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages arising out of or in connection with the Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant Program, including without limitation, all claims, costs, injuries, losses, and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy.*

**Contestant Name (Print):**

**Contestant Signature:**

**Date:**

*Note: If you are emailing your information, you may type your signature. A written signature will be requested at pageant contestant check-in.*

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

# CONTESTANT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Deadline: Return with application by **July 19, 2023**

- Contestant must always maintain a positive attitude and be a person of good moral character during the Pageant competition.
- Contestant must always be courteous, polite, and act in a professional manner to fellow contestants, staff, and all others.
- Contestant must not make any negative comments about the Pageant, fellow contestants, judges, staff, or sponsors.
- Contestant must not smoke, take drugs, or drink alcohol in public at any time or be present in any photo with a cigarette/cigar, drugs, or any alcoholic drink.
- Contestant must ensure that any personal website, blog or social media site she maintains will present a positive image and will not contain negative postings, inappropriate photos, or inappropriate language. Any Contestant found publicly posting slanderous remarks on public forums will be immediately disqualified.
- Contestant must be respectful of everyone's time and be punctual to all scheduled events.
- Contestant must provide timely communication responses and meet all deadlines.
- Contestant must attend and remain at all scheduled events during the Pageant.
- Contestant agrees to participate in maintaining a healthy environment and promoting behavior.

*I hereby agree to abide by the above Contestant Code of Conduct. I understand and agree that issues related to the Code of Conduct and consequences for violation(s) may result in disqualification and shall be at the discretion and determination of the Eastern Fair Board and the Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant Committee.*

**Contestant Name (Print):**

**Contestant Signature:**

*Note: If you are emailing your information, you may type your signature. A written signature will be requested at pageant contestant check-in.*

## CONTESTANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

(All items must be submitted all together for application to be COMPLETE)

Contestant Application **DEADLINE: July 19, 2024**

Personal Essay

Contemporary Talent Demonstration Form

Traditional Talent Demonstration Form

Proof of Age

Proof of Tribal Membership

Pageant Contestant Release and Authorization

Contestant Code of Conduct Agreement

Optional: Resume (recommended but optional – not a judged category)

