



*Legends Inspire Youth*



## Welcome to the 2025 Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant!

The Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant is an avenue for young women to discover and/or strengthen their skills and talents, which will benefit them in their futures.

Thank you for applying for one of our three titles to represent Eastern Navajo Agency. You represent not only your family and chapter community, but also over 61K enrolled members of ENA and the 31 chapter communities. You will be the ambassador of the east in your year's reign across the Navajo Nation and beyond.

You will develop skills in community organizing/engagement, public speaking, management, fundraising, and public service. By the end of your reign, you might be exhausted and have worn out the leather in your moccasins, but we guarantee you will forever be changed and confident that you will be ready to take on new challenges.

### Instructions:

All contestants must complete the following items on the checklist below. Each item has specific requirements, so please read carefully and prepare as best possible. We hope that this experience, whether you earn the crown or not, provides you with a positively memorable experience and you continue to represent the 31 communities of Eastern Navajo Agency with pride

CHECKLIST (AT'EED YAZH CONTESTANTS REQUIREMENTS ARE IN **BOLD**):

- ☐ **Application**
- ☐ **Personal Essay**
- ☐ **Traditional Talent Form**
- ☐ Contemporary Talent & Demonstration Forms (Miss Eastern Navajo & Miss Eastern Navajo Teen only)
- ☐ Traditional Foods Forms (Miss Eastern Navajo & Miss Eastern Navajo Teen only)
- ☐ **Proof of Tribal Enrollment (CIB or Tribal ID)**
- ☐ **Age Verification: Driver's License, State Issue ID with DOB, Passport, or Birth Certificate**
- ☐ **Birth Certificate**
- ☐ **Release and Authorization**
- ☐ **Code of Conduct**

DEADLINE: Provide copies of both documents with your application by Friday, July 11, 2025

### About Miss Eastern Navajo Pageants:

Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant is a venue young woman can utilize to discover and strengthen their skills and talents to benefit them for years to come and reflect the values of the people of Eastern Navajo Agency. We believe in the Dine philosophy of beauty as balance in all aspects of life. We strive to make contributions in improving the quality of life for all our communities, foster positive self-esteem, develop a firm sense of leadership, promote education as it relates to Navajo culture, traditions, language, and way of life.

# 2025 Miss Eastern Navajo Pageant Application

**Instructions:** *For any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.*

1. Typed (preferred) or legibly handwritten print.
2. Email only, do not send as a photograph or by any cloud service, social media, or mobile app.
3. Where do I return the completed application?

**Email:** [enf.pageant@gmail.com](mailto:enf.pageant@gmail.com)

**Phone:** (505) 488-3702

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

Contestant Name:

DOB:

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Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Chapter Affiliation:

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Primary Phone Number:

Secondary Phone Number (required):

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Email Address:

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## **Parents/Guardians:**

Mother's Name:

Chapter affiliation:

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Father's Name:

Chapter affiliation:

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## **Contestant's Education Information (Provide the most recent level completed):**

Current School:

Graduation Date or (Expected):

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Address – City/State/Province:

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**Contestant's Work Experience (if applicable):**

Current Employer:	Address-City/State/Zip:	Position:
College:	Major:	Year in College/Year Graduated:
Date of Attendance:	From:	To:

# COMPETITION ONE (1): PERSONAL ESSAY

All Contestants

**Description:** The personal essay is an opportunity to share an in-depth introduction of yourself and express your thoughts to the judges. Let your personality come through, be creative, follow the instructions, and include the topics listed below. For Miss Teen and At'eed Yazh contestants please have an adult, parent, guardian, older relative, counselor, teacher, etc. assist you with your personal essay. The minimum word number requirement is a goal but not an absolute requirement.

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

**DEADLINE:** Return with your application by **Friday, July 11, 2025**

## ESSAY FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS:

Submit as a **separate printed document or (Microsoft Word/PDF)** attached to the application. Your essay should be prepared with the following items:

- *MLA (Modern Language Association)* format. A sample MLA document is available at [www.easternnavajofair.org/pageant](http://www.easternnavajofair.org/pageant) :
- 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 (Docx.) or PDF Document (.pdf) file

## ESSAY CONTENT:

Please respond to the items below and answer as best possible.

### Introduction

1. Provide an introduction of your self as you would professionally.

### Candidate's Purpose:

1. Explain what you envision as an ambassador for the Eastern Navajo Fair and the 31-chapter communities of Eastern Navajo Agency.
2. For both the fair and agency, how will you incorporate your vision as ambassador?

## COMPETITION TWO (2):

## CONTEMPORARY TALENT

Miss Eastern Navajo and Miss Eastern Navajo Teen only

**Description:** The contemporary talent portion will allow contestants to demonstrate a contemporary talent. This can range from singing to a how-to or a hobby you've 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 - the timer starts when the contestant begins speaking or the music starts.

**Set up:** You may have **one assistant** to help with stage setup for contestant items and props on and off stage.

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

*Please note that the location of the pageant events is subject to change with little warning. Please be sure that you stick with the group to avoid getting lost. Event locations; fairgrounds under tent or Crownpoint Chapter.*

*There will be a staging 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 must be reviewed and pre-approved by the Miss Eastern Navajo Committee.*

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

**DEADLINE:** Return Traditional Talent form with your application by **Friday, July 11, 2025**

# CONTEMPORARY TALENT COMPETITION: DEMONSTRATION FORM

Miss Eastern Navajo and Miss Eastern Navajo Teen only

**DEADLINE:** Traditional Talent Form due with application by **Friday, July 11, 2025**

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


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


# COMPETITION THREE (3): TRADITIONAL TALENT

All contestants

**Description:** The traditional talent portion will allow contestants to showcase their cultural knowledge by presenting a talent of their choice. Which can be anything, from storytelling and dancing to sharing a song. Be creative and original.

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

**Length:** 3 minutes – the timer starts when the contestant begins speaking or the music starts.

**Set up:** You may have one assistant to help with stage setup for contestant items and props on and 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 must be reviewed and pre-approved by the Queen Committee.*

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

**Deadline:** Return the Traditional Talent form with your application by **Friday, July 11, 2025**

# TRADITIONAL TALENT COMPETITION: DEMONSTRATION FORM

All Contestants

**Deadlines:** The Traditional Talent Form is due with the application by Friday, July 11, 2025.

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


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




# COMPETITION FOUR (4): TRADITIONAL FOODS

Miss Eastern Navajo & Miss Eastern Navajo Teen

**Description:** Contestants will have the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of a traditional food. This portion of the competition provides a fun opportunity for the contestants to demonstrate their culinary skills to the people.

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

**Length:** 10 minutes – to start her fire  
15 minutes to prepare/prep the dish  
20 minutes to cook her dish  
10 minutes – to serve her dish to the judges

**Set up:** You may have **one assistant** to help with stage setup for contestant items and props on and off stage.

**Assistance:** On-stage assistance (for example, singers or dancers) will be limited to 3 people. ***Note: Helpers, dressers, relatives, and chaperones are not allowed in the backstage area.***

**Rules:** Contestants must be the primary cook or baker.

- No profanity.
- 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.
- Guidelines: Contestant will present a Traditional Food/Family Recipe presentation onstage. The contestant must tell a story of the dish. Demonstrate and go through the process of making the dish. Incorporate a fun fact with your dish presentation.

**Judging Criteria:** Creativity, Cultural Knowledge, Language Knowledge, Final Traditional Food Item, Taste, and Table Presentation.

**Deadline:** Return the demonstration form with your application by July 11, 2025

**TRADITIONAL FOODS:  
DEMONSTRATION FORM**

Miss Eastern Navajo & Miss Eastern Navajo Teen

Deadline: Demonstration Form due with application by Friday, July 11, 2025

**NAME, TITLE, OR SUBJECT OF TRADITIONAL FOODS DEMONSTRATION (Create a name for your demonstration or what you will be cooking):**


**DESCRIBE WHAT YOUR TRADITIONAL FOODS DEMONSTRATION WILL BE (MAXIMUM 5 SENTENCES)**


# COMPETITION FIVE (5): PUBLIC SPEAKING

All contestants

**Description:** Contestants will be asked two (2) impromptu questions at an event open to the public. Contestants will be allowed one minute to answer each question, with the timer starting when they begin 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 the audience and judges, and voice clarity.

**Event Date:** Friday, July 25, 2025

# PAGEANT CONTESTANT RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

Deadline: Return with application by **Friday, July 11, 2025**

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

- I verify that I am of one of the ages below:
  - Miss Eastern Navajo: I am at least eighteen (18) years old and fully competent to give my voluntary consent.
  - Miss Eastern Navajo Teen, I am between the ages of 13-17, fully competent to give my voluntary consent, and those of my legal parent or guardian.
  - Eastern Navajo At'eed Yazh, I am between the ages of 9-12, fully competent to give my voluntary consent, and those of my legal parent or guardian.
- 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:**

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

**Address:**

**City/State/Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

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# CONTESTANT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Deadline: Return with application by **Friday, July 11, 2025**

- Contestants must always maintain a positive attitude and be a person of good moral character during the Pageant competition.
- Contestants must always be courteous, polite, and act in a professional manner to fellow contestants, staff, and all others.
- Contestants 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.
- Contestants must be respectful of everyone's time and be punctual at all scheduled events.
- Contestants must provide timely responses to communication and meet all deadlines.
- Contestants must attend and remain at all scheduled events during the Pageant.
- The contestant agrees to participate in maintaining a healthy environment and promoting responsible 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:**

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