



Little Miss Ceremonial Pageant Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial Event

LITTLE MISS CEREMONIAL CONTESTANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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: gallupceremonialnm@gmail.com

Mail: Attn: Queen Committee
 206 West Coal Ave.
 Gallup, NM 87301

- Deadline: **July 26, 2024**. Applications must be emailed or delivered or mail-postmarked by **July 19, 2024**. You will receive an application receipt confirmation within 72 hours if emailed or 7 working days if delivered or mailed. If you have not received a confirmation within this time frame, it is your responsibility to follow up.
- Questions/Additional Information contact **Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association Office** by phone at **505-863-3896** or email Ceremonial Office @: gallupceremonialnm@gmail.com

CONTESTANT AFFIRMATION:

I _____ (print/type name child's name) certify my information and the contents contained herein and in other submitted documents, are true and correct.

Parent Signature:

Date:

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GALLUP INTERTRIBAL CEREMONIAL EVENT

The first Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial was held September 28, 1922 and primarily and uniquely features Native American and Indigenous diverse intertribal culture and art in both traditional and contemporary presentations. Thousands of Native American and Indigenous participants, some generational, have shared songs, dances, art, and culture. The event is held annually in August at the Red Rock Park, which is located 10 minutes east of downtown Gallup, New Mexico. This prestigious event is to serve, promote, and perpetuate Native American culture and crafts.



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LITTLE MISS CEREMONIAL PAGEANT

Contestant Qualifications:

- Native American/Indigenous, born female, within the age of 5-7.
- Candidate must have reached the age of 5 years old on or before the first day of the competition and will not have reached the age of 7 years old when the pageant begins.
- Verifiable Tribal Affiliation (Certificate of Indian Blood)
- Knowledge of Tribal Culture and Traditions.

Competition Categories: (Three Categories)

- Traditional Talent
- Personality Photo
- Public Speaking

(Judges will use a 5-point scale to rate contestants' criteria met in each category: 1 – lowest, 2 – fair, 3 – average, 4 – good, 5 – excellent)



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LITTLE MISS CEREMONIAL PRIZES

Prizes:

Little Miss Ceremonial Shawl and Sash, and other donated miscellaneous gifts!

Crown:

The Crown is property of the Gallup. Once Successful completion of her 2024-2025 reign, she is to pass down the crown to the incoming 2025-2026 Little Miss Ceremonial.

Sash:

Having the sash being made for the Little Miss Ceremonial that year. The sash is one of a kind piece. That once successful completion of her reign, she will be given the sash as a token of appreciation and recognition for her hard work for the year.



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OFFICIAL CONTESTANT ENTRY APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: Tribe(s):

Date of Birth:

Address - City/State/Zip Code:

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Mother's Name: Tribe(s):

Father's Name: Tribe(s):

Primary Phone Number:

Secondary Phone Number (required):

Email:

EDUCATION INFORMATION:

Elementary School:

Address— City/State/Province

Other Awards or Titles:



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COMPETITION ONE: PUBLIC SPEAKING INFORMATION

- Description: Contestants will be asked to state their platform at an event open to the public. You will have time to give a short introduction.
- Length: Contestants will be allowed three (3) minutes to answer (timer begins when contestant begins speaking).
- Location: Red Rock Park- Amphitheater, Gallup, New Mexico
- Judging Criteria: Quality of answer, confidence, eye contact and voice clarity.
- Event Date: August 8th, 2024 starting at noon.

A stage format document will be given to you, on orientation day, for your stage set up



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COMPETITION TWO: TRADITIONAL TALENT INFORMATION

- 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: Red Rock Park- Amphitheater, Gallup, New Mexico (see pageant schedule)
- Length: 3-5 minutes – timer starts when contestant starts speaking or music begins.
- Set up: You may have parent 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 2 people.
- Props:
- 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
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LITTLE MISS CEREMONIAL PAGEANT COMPETITION: TRADITIONAL TALENT FORM

Deadlines: **July 26, 2024** Traditional Talent Form due with application.

NAME, TITLE, OR SUBJECT TRADITIONAL TALENT:

DESCRIBE TRADITIONAL TALENT (MAXIMUM 5 SENTENCES):

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PHOTOGRAPHS: COMPETITION AND PROMOTIONAL PROMOTIONAL PHOTO (1 photo)

Description: Submit a photo to be used for, including but not limited to, contestant announcements and pageant promotion.

Guidelines:

- High resolution photo
- Email your photo (preferred) or provide photo (.jpeg) on USB
- DO NOT embed any photos in this application
- DO NOT send a “candid” photo or a selfie
- DO NOT embed a photo within a document (i.e., MS word or PDF).
- DO NOT add/use social media filters, text, special shapes, frames, stretching or logos on photo

Deadline: Include photo with your application (emailed or USB) by **July 26, 2024**

COMPETITION THREE: PERSONALITY PHOTO (1 photo)

Description: Submit a photo that expresses your personality. The theme of the photo should be of a life or action activity (skateboarding, caring for family/livestock, hobby, dancing, demonstrating cultural knowledge). BE ORIGINAL!

Guidelines:

- High resolution photo
- Email your photo (preferred) or provide photo (.jpeg) on USB
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Judging Criteria: Theme Relevance, creativity, demonstrating an action, style, and personality expression

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PROOF OF AGE AND TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Proof of of Age – a copy of the following required:
 - Birth Certificate
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 26, 2024**.



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PAGEANT CONTESTANT RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

Deadline: Return with application by **July 26, 2024**

By participating in the Little Miss Ceremonial Pageant and by my signature below, as parent I affirm and acknowledge the following:

- She is at least five (5) years old and fully competent to give my voluntary consent.
- I understand and assume all risks of injury while competing in the pageant activities.
- She is in good physical condition and capable of participating in the pageant.

I hereby consent to photography, audio recording, and videotaping of myself for commercial or promotional purposes. I authorize the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association to create video and/or stilled 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 Little Miss Ceremonial Pageant Program.

I hereby release to the Pageant Committee and the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association 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 Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen 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):

Parent Signature:

Date:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

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CONTESTANT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Deadline: Return with application by **July 26, 2024**.

- 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 Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association Office and the Queen Pageant Committee.

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CONTESTANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

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

July 26, 2024

- Contestant Application & Affirmation (pg. 1, pg. 5)
- Traditional Talent Form (pg. 8)
- Photograph: Promotional
- Photograph: Personality Competition Photo
- Proof of Age
- Proof of Tribal Membership
- Pageant Contestant Release and Authorization (pg. 11)
- Contestant Code of Conduct Agreement (pg. 12)
- ~~\$50.00 Application Fee~~ Donation: Instead of an application fee, one Native themed \$25-Value gift basket for a silent auction event. Along with a \$25 gift basket for the judges.