



Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen



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) certify my information and the contents contained herein and in other submitted documents, are true and correct.

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.



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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.

MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN PAGEANT

Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant originated in the 1930's. The mission of the Queen is to serve as an ambassador for both the annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial event and Native American & Indigenous Peoples. The Queen will strive to elevate awareness by sharing the event's purpose and inviting people to attend this captivating culturally focused festivity. She will encourage young Native American women to learn about the benefits of participating in an empowering Native American pageant program with recruitment for future pageant participants.

The 2024-2025 Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen will be crowned during the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial event. Upon crowning, she will become the caretaker of the crown during her reign, however the crown will remain the property of the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association.



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MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN PAGEANT

Contestant Qualifications:

- Native American/Indigenous, born female, within the age of 18-25.
- Candidate must have reached the age of 18 years old on or before the first day of the competition and will not have reached the age of 25 years old when the pageant begins.
- Verifiable Tribal Affiliation (Certificate of Indian Blood)
- Single, never married, or pregnant or have children/dependents.
- Knowledge of Tribal Culture and Traditions.

Competition Categories: (Seven Categories)

1. Essay
2. Personal Interview
3. Traditional Talent
4. Personality Photo
5. Traditional Clothing Modeling
6. Traditional Food (2 parts)
 - a. On-Stage Presentation
 - b. Table Tasting
7. Public Speaking (2 Parts)
 - a. Impromptu Question
 - b. Platform Statement

(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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MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN PRIZES

Prizes:

Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Shawl and Sash, prize money, and other donated miscellaneous gifts!

Crown:

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

Sash:

Having the sash being made for the Queen 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:

Primary Phone Number:

Secondary Phone Number (required):

Email:

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Mother's Name:

Tribe(s):

Father's Name:

Tribe(s):



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EDUCATION INFORMATION:

High School:

Graduation Date:

High School – City/State/Province:

College:

Major:

College – City/State/Province:

Year in College or Year Graduated:

Date of Attendance: From:

To:

WORK EXPERIENCE (if applicable):

Current Employer:

Address– City/State/Zip:

Position:



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COMPETITION ONE: PERSONAL ESSAY

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.

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

ESSAY FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Submit as a separate document (Microsoft Word or PDF) attached to the application.
- The essay should be in *MLA (Modern Language Association)* format:
 - Typed
 - Double spaced
 - Minimum of 1000 words and no more than 1500 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
- Answers **all three** questions:
 1. *How do I envision myself as an ambassador for Native American & Indigenous Peoples?*
 2. *How do I envision myself as an ambassador for the Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial Event?*
 3. *What is your plan to incorporate both Native American & Indigenous Peoples and the Ceremonial Association into your platform?*



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COMPETITION TWO: TRADITIONAL FOOD DEMONSTRATION INFORMATION

Description: Contestants will have the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of traditional food, or a tribal/family recipe. This 2-part category provides a fun opportunity for the contestants to express their culinary skills to the people and also give the judges a taste of their final dish.

The presentation will be a ticketed event on a stage setting with a live audience.

Location: Red Rock Park, Gallup NM (Subject to Change)

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

Assistance: On-Stage assistance will be limited to three people, and are not allowed backstage.

Format: **Part 1-** On Stage Presentation (10 minutes maximum)
Part 2- Food tasting Table (5 minutes maximum & closed to public)

Rules: Contestant **must be** the primary cook/baker.
No profanity.
Contestants will provide props to be used. (8 Maximum)
Props must not weigh more than 10lbs each.
Props must not be larger than 6ft. x 4ft.

Guidelines: **PART 1:** Contestant will present a Traditional food/Family recipe presentation on stage. The contestant must tell the background/story of the dish. Demonstrate and go through the process of making the dish. Incorporate a fun fact with your dish presentation.
PART 2: Contestants will bring a sample of the dish on the Traditional Foods Demonstration competition judging day and prepare table set-up for the food tasting.

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

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



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COMPETITION: TRADITIONAL FOODS DEMONSTRATION FORM

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

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):

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



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COMPETITION THREE: 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!
The presentation will be a ticketed event in a stage setting with a live audience.
- Location:** Red Rock Park, Gallup, New Mexico
- Length:** 3-5 minutes – timer starts when contestant starts speaking or music begins.
- Set up:** You may have 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.
- 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
- Deadline:** Return Traditional Talent form with your application by **July 26, 2024.**

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



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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):

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



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COMPETITION FOUR: PUBLIC SPEAKING

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). Contestants will also provide their platform statement following the impromptu question competition.

Location: Ceremonial Queen Luncheon, Fire Rock Casino.

Judging Criteria: Quality of answer, confidence, eye contact and voice clarity.

Event Date: August 7th, 2024 starting at noon.

COMPETITION FIVE: TRADITIONAL CLOTHING MODELING

Description: Contestants will provide a description to be read/played on the significance of their traditional clothing. Maximum of two minutes and/or ten sentences. Contestants will then walk down the aisle while description is read, showing off traditional outfit.

Location: Ceremonial Queen Luncheon, Fire Rock Casino.

Judging Criteria: Quality of description, poise, confidence, and eye contact.

Event Date: August 7th, 2024 starting at noon.

Description sheet will be given on orientation day.

COMPETITION SIX: PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Description: Contestants will be interviewed privately by the judges. This is an opportunity for contestants to introduce themselves and show their personalities. Contestants will be asked questions related to:

- Their life experiences
- Tribe(s)/culture
- The title of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen

Location: Ceremonial Queen's Luncheon, Fire Rock Casino

Judging Criteria: Self-introduction, self-presentation, confidence, and quality of answers.

Event Date: August 7th, 2024



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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 SEVEN: 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:

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Judging Criteria: Theme Relevance, creativity, demonstrating an action, style, and personality expression

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



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation required

APPLICANT DIRECTIONS:

- Fill out the “APPLICANT REQUEST” section and submit to each person you would like to request a Letter of Recommendation from
- Recommender cannot be a relation or minor
- Remember to follow up with your request

DEADLINE:

- Letters may be emailed to gallupceremonialnm@gmail.com by **July 26, 2024**, by 5pm (MST) following the format:
 - Subject: Queen Committee
 - Text: Contestant name– Letter of Recommendation
- Letters may be dropped off at the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association Office by **July 26, 2024**, by 5pm (MST) or mail-postmarked no later than **July 19, 2024** to:

ATTN: Queen Committee
Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association
206 West Coal Ave.
Gallup, NM 87301



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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION APPLICANT REQUEST

From (Contestant Name):

To (Recommender):

Date:

Subject: Letter of Recommendation Request

I am applying to be Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen contestant and am respectfully requesting your assistance and consideration in writing a Letter of Recommendation on my behalf. Please see the below directions and let me know if you have any questions.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS:

Deadline: **Friday, July 26, 2026** by 5pm (MST)

Background reference: The mission of the Queen is to serve as an ambassador for both the annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial event and Native American & Indigenous Peoples. The Queen will strive to elevate awareness by sharing the event's purpose and inviting people to attend this captivating culturally focused festivity. She will encourage young Native American women to learn about the benefits of participating in an empowering Native American pageant program with recruitment for future pageant participants.

Letter Submission: Email letter to: gallupceremonialnm@gmail.com
Subject: Queen Committee- Letter of Recommendation
Mail-postmarked no later than **July 19, 2024** to:
ATTN: Queen Committee
Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association
206 West Coal Ave. Gallup, NM 87301

Note: Writer may use own letterhead. 2-page maximum letter length. Recommender cannot be related to the applicant.

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

Name, Address, Title/Position (if applicable), Organization (if applicable), Phone, Email

How do you know the applicant?

How long have you known the applicant?

Why do you recommend the applicant for the MGICQ title?

Describe the applicant's character or personality traits.



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From (Contestant Name):

To (Recommender):

Date:

Subject: Letter of Recommendation Request

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS:

Deadline: **Friday, July 26, 2024** by 5pm (MST)

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Subject: Queen Committee– Letter of Recommendation
Mail-postmarked no later than **July 19, 2024** to:
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Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association
285 Boardman Ste A, Gallup, NM 87301

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PROOF OF AGE AND TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Proof of 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 26, 2024**.



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PAGEANT CONTESTANT RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

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

By participating in the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen 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 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 Queen Pageant Program.

I hereby release to the Queen 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):

Contestant Signature:

Date:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

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



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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 must advise her family and friends that no one is allowed in any designated "contestant only" areas, dressing rooms, backstage or on-stage.
- 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.

Contestant Name (Print):

Contestant Signature:

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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, pg. 6)
- Personal Essay
- Traditional Food Demonstration Form (pg. 9)
- Traditional Talent Form (pg. 11)
- Photograph: Promotional
- Photograph: Personality Competition Photo
- Proof of Age
- Proof of Tribal Membership
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Pageant Contestant Release and Authorization (pg. 18)
- Contestant Code of Conduct Agreement (pg 19)
- Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Agreement (pg. 20, pg. 21)
- Optional: Resume (recommended but optional – not a judged category)
- ~~\$75.00 Application Fee~~ Donation: Instead of an application fee– a Native themed \$50 value gift basket for the silent auction event and a \$25 value gift bag for judges.