



## Little Miss Ceremonial CONTESTANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Instructions:

- Typed (preferred) or legibly handwritten print.
- Do not send as a photograph or by any cloud service, social media, or mobile app.
- How to return:  
Email: [centennialqueencajun@gmail.com](mailto:centennialqueencajun@gmail.com) Copy: [gallupceremonialoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gallupceremonialoffice@gmail.com)

Mail: Attn: Little Miss Ceremonial Pageant  
206 West Coal Ave  
Gallup, NM 87301

- Deadline: **June 27, 2025**. Applications must be emailed or delivered or mail-postmarked by **June 27, 2025**. You will receive an application receipt confirmation within 24 hours if emailed or 5 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 the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Pageant coordinator by email: [centennialqueencajun@gmail.com](mailto:centennialqueencajun@gmail.com)

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## CONTESTANT AFFIRMATION:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print/type name) certify that my daughter's information and the contents contained herein and in other submitted documents are true and correct.

Parent Name:

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.

## LITTLE MISS CEREMONIAL PAGEANT

The Little Miss Ceremonial pageant began in 2018, when the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial hosted a Tiny Tot pageant for both boys and girls. The titles began with the Ceremonial Tiny Tot Princess and Ceremonial Tiny Tot Brave. In which they both represented together at youth functions and their tribal community events. Since 2021, the title has become Little Miss Ceremonial or Inter-Tribal Little Miss Ceremonial, focusing on providing the opportunity of sisterhood with Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen, to little girls of any tribe. Now, we provide this opportunity to any young girl with the initiative from the ages of 7-10 years, to represent alongside our Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen for one year.



**Makayal Jones, Little Miss Ceremonial 2024-2025 from Pinedale, NM.**



**Contestant Qualifications:**

- Native American/Indigenous, born female, within the age of 7-10.
- Candidate must have reached the age of 7 years old on or before the first day of the competition and will not have reached the age of 11 years old when the pageant begins.
- Verifiable Tribal Affiliation.
- Knowledgeable in Tribal Traditions.

**Competition Categories:**

- Personality Photo
- Public Speaking
- Traditional Talent

(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, with no (.5) options.)

**Prizes:** Little Miss Ceremonial Crown, Shawl and Sash, prizes, and other donated miscellaneous gifts.



## OFFICIAL CONTESTANT ENTRY APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name:

Tribe(s):

Date of Birth:

Address - City/State/Zip Code:

Parent Primary Phone Number:

Secondary Phone Number (required):

Email:

### PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Mother's Name:

Tribe(s):

Father's Name:

Tribe(s):



**EDUCATION INFORMATION:**

School:

City/State/Province:

Grade:

Little Miss Ceremonial must remain in school for the time of her reign.



## COMPETITION: TRADITIONAL TALENT INFORMATION

- Description:** Contestants will have the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of their culture by presenting a talent, skill, storytelling, dance, or song. The presentation will be a ticketed event in a stage setting with a live audience.
- Location:** Pageant Tent at Red Rock Park, Gallup, NM
- Length:** 5-10 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 3 people.  
*Note: Helpers/Dressers/Relatives/Chaperones are not allowed in the backstage area.*
- Props:**
- Contestants may use pre-recorded traditional music.
  - 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:** Talent Choice, Cultural Knowledge, Language Knowledge, Presentation, Preparedness, Personality & Enthusiasm
- Deadline:** Return the Traditional Talent form with your application by **June 27, 2025.**



## COMPETITION: TRADITIONAL TALENT FORM

Deadlines: **June 27, 2025** Traditional Talent Form due with application.

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

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

**WILL YOU BE USING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? (YES OR NO)**

**Pre-recorded music:**

**Live assistance on the stage:**

Date of Competition: August 8th, 2025 at Pageant Tent



## COMPETITION: PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Description: Contestants will be asked one (2) impromptu question at an event open to the public. Contestants will be allowed the opportunity to state their platform initiative.
- Judging Criteria: Quality of answer, confidence, eye contact, and voice clarity
- Event Date: August 5th, 2025, at the Little Miss Ceremonial Luncheon.

### Impromptu Question:

*If you could be anyone in the world, who would you be and why?*

*What kind of vegetable do you dislike?*

## COMPETITION: TRADITIONAL ATTIRE

- Description: Contestants will be asked to model their traditional attire on the stage. A parent can briefly talk about her outfit.
- Judging Criteria: Confidence, eye contact, and creativity.
- Event Date: August 5th, 2025, at the Little Miss Ceremonial Luncheon.





## PHOTOGRAPHS: COMPETITION AND PROMOTIONAL PROMOTIONAL PHOTO (1 photo)

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

**Guidelines:**

- High resolution photo
- Email your photo (preferred) or provide a photo (.jpeg)
- 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 the photo

**Deadline:** Include a photo with your application (emailed) by **June 27, 2025**

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## COMPETITION: PERSONALITY PHOTO (1 photo)

**Deadline:** **June 27, 2025**

**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! BE CREATIVE!

**Guidelines:**

- High resolution photo
- Email your photo (preferred) or provide a photo (.jpeg)
- DO NOT embed any photos in this application
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**Judging Criteria:** Theme Relevance, creativity, demonstrating an action, style, and personality expression.

Both photos will be used to be voted on for the award of Miss Photogenic 2025.



# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

## PROOF OF AGE AND TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

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

- Birth Certificate

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 **June 27, 2025**.



## PAGEANT CONTESTANT RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

Deadline: Return with application by **June 27, 2025**.

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

- She is at least 7-10 years old and fully competent to give my voluntary consent.
- We understand and assume all risks of injury while competing in the pageant activities.
- We are in good physical condition and capable of participating in the pageant.
- I am her guardian who will be participating with her in the pageant.

I hereby consent to photography, audio recording, and videotaping of myself and my child for commercial or promotional purposes. I authorize the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association to create video and/or still images and audio recordings of myself and my child to be exhibited on broadcast television or radio, on the world-wide-web, or in any print medium in perpetuity. I further agree that our names 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 Little Miss Ceremonial 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 Parent Signature:**

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

**Date:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**



## CONTESTANT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Deadline: Return with application by **June 27, 2025**.

- Contestant, Chaperone, & Family must always maintain a positive attitude and be a person of good moral character during the Pageant competition.
- Contestant, Chaperone, & Family must always be courteous, polite, and act in a professional manner to fellow contestants, staff, and all others.
- Contestant, Chaperone, & Family must not make any negative comments about the Pageant, fellow contestants, judges, staff, or sponsors.
- Contestant, Chaperone, & Family 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, Chaperone, & Family 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 (such as the parades).
- 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, Chaperone, & Family 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 Parent Signature:**

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## 2025 Little Miss Ceremonial Pageant Agenda

### August 4th, 2025– Monday at Ceremonial Office

- Orientation Day 2:00 PM-5:00 PM (Combined)
  - Introductions
  - Application Process
  - Code of Conduct
  - Expectations & Standards
  - Sashing of Contestants/Gifting
  - Lunch Served

### August 5th, 2025– Tuesday at the Pageant Tent in Red Rock Park

- Little Miss Ceremonial Luncheon 2:00-5:00 PM \$20 Tickets- Pre Order/Online
  - Public Speaking: Introduction & Platform Competition
    - Introduction
    - Platform: Judged on speech, poise, and delivery.
    - Impromptu Question (questions given in the application)
  - Former LMC Titleholders Introductions
  - Silent Auction Opens: Items donated by contestants, minimum of \$50 value.

### August 6th, 2025– Wednesday

- Opening Night 6PM
  - Voting for Miss Photogenic (Combined) 6PM-7:45PM
  - Silent Auction Winners Announced (7:45PM)
    - Meet & Greet 6PM-7PM

### August 7th, 2025– Thursday

- Night Parade 7PM
  - 6:30pm Meet Up at Office



**August 8th, 2025– Friday Day Four Traditional Talent Competition & Coronation (Pageant Tent)**

- Fashion Show Pageant Opener 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM
  - Featuring Winston Paul
- Little Miss Ceremonial Traditional Presentations 12 PM
  - Introductions/Opening
  - Competition
    - Traditional Presentations
      - Each contestant may get one parent to help with their presentation.
    - Traditional Attire Fashion Show
      - Contestants will showcase their outfit and talk about the representation or detailing.
  - Current LMC Message by Makayla Jones
  - Entertainment
- Traditional Talent Presentations for Queen Contestants 2 PM
- Crowning of New Royalty 7 PM at Red Rock Park Main Arena
  - Farewell Message audio
  - Introduction of Contestants
  - Introduction of the Coordinator & Committee
  - Presentation of Awards



## CONTESTANT APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

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

**June 27, 2025**

- ☐ Contestant Application & Affirmation
- ☐ Traditional Talent Form
- ☐ Photograph: Promotional
- ☐ Photograph: Personality Competition Photo
- ☐ Proof of Age
- ☐ Proof of Tribal Membership
- ☐ Pageant Contestant Release and Authorization
- ☐ Contestant Code of Conduct Agreement
- ☐ ~~\$75.00 Application Fee~~ Donation: Instead of an application fee a Native themed gift basket for a silent auction event (\$50 minimum value)