



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Contestant Application



**Pageant Dates: August 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 to August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Application Deadline: June 26, 2026**

**Acceptance Decision: June 29, 2026**

**July 6, 2026 (if mailed)**

### *Submission Instruction:*

- *Typed (preferred), Handwritten must be scanned and submitted.*
- *Do not send photographs of application to email, social media, or text message, it will not be accepted.*
- *Return your completed application to:*
  - Email: [centennialqueencajun@gmail.com](mailto:centennialqueencajun@gmail.com) Copy: [gallupceremonialoffice@gmail.com](mailto:gallupceremonialoffice@gmail.com)
  - Mail: ATTN: Queen Pageant (206 W. Coal Ave. Gallup, NM 87301)
    - Send an email to [centennialqueencajun@gmail.com](mailto:centennialqueencajun@gmail.com) as a notification for application mail-submission.
  - Drop off Location: Gallup Ceremonial Office 206 W. Coal Ave., Gallup, NM 87301
  - Completed applications must be emailed, dropped-off, or mailed by June 29, 2026 5PM.
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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 1930s.

The mission of the Queen is to *voluntarily* 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.

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The 2026-2027 Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen will be crowned during the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial event, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. 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.



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Qualifications and Competition Categories

### Contestant Qualifications:

- Native American/Indigenous, born female, within the age of 18-25 years.
- 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 26 years old when the pageant begins.
- Verifiable Tribal Affiliation, contestant must provide tribal ID or tribal affiliations documents.
- Single, never married, pregnant, or have children/dependents.
- Knowledgeable in Tribal Traditions and Language(s).

### Competition Categories:

- Essay
- Personality Photo
- Traditional Food (2 Parts: Presentation & Tasting)
- Personal Interview
- Public Speaking
- Traditional Talent Presentation

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

There will be whole number rates, no .5, .25, etc., options.

**Prizes:** Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen will receive an embroidered shawl, woven sash with year of reign, scholarship money, and other donated items from current queen, sponsors, and committee. All items won, will remain property of the GITICA until completion of the reign. However, the queen will wear the woven sash with Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Crown, the crown remains property of the GITICA and must be returned after completion.



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### **Contestant Affirmation:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print/type contestant name) certify that my information and the contents contained herein and in other submitted documents are true and correct. I certify that my documents must be submitted by June 29, 2026 by 5 PM MST, via email, drop-off, or mailed submissions.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Note: If any document does not contain a signature, please type your name and a signature will be received on Orientation Day (August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026).



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Contestant Application

### Personal Information: (Drivers License/ID will need to be submitted)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone Number (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents/Gaurdians:

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the information provided in this cover letter is truthful and represents my genuine experience and qualifications. \_\_\_\_\_



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Contestant Application

### EDUCATIONAL/EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

#### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND :

Level of Education	Major	Graduate Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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#### WORK EXPERIENCE :

Company Name	Position	Period
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#### CERTIFICATIONS & ADDITIONAL TRAINING :

Certification Title	Organization	Completion Date
_____	_____	_____
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Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen must be employed and/or in school for the time of her reign. Quarterly unofficial transcripts are required, or a letter from employer.



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Competition: Personal Essay

### **Description:**

- *This is an opportunity to share an in-depth 5-10 minute 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 the essay format instructions.
- Flow of essay.

Submit essay with your application by June 26, 2026, 5 PM MST.

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### **Essay Format:**

- Submit as a separate PDF document attached to the application.
- Your essay should be in MLA (Modern Language Association) format.
  - Typed
  - Double Spaced
  - Minimum of 500 words, no more than 1,000 words + 300-word maximum introduction.
  - 12 pt Times New Roman Font
  - 1-inch Standard Margins
  - Save as a PDF Document
  - Include a cover page with your name.

### **Include with your essay:**

- Topics:
  - A Self-Introduction (English, no more than 300 words)
  - A personal journey story and the impact of being in ambassadorship positions.
    - If you have not been in ambassadorship positions, include how this position will benefit your experience.
- Answer all three questions:
  - How do I envision the ambassador of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen?
  - How do I envision myself as the ambassador of the queen title, event, and *all* Native American & Indigenous peoples?
  - What are my personal ties or traditions to the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial event? (traditional attendees, participants, etc.)



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Competition: Traditional Foods

### **Description:**

- Contestants will have the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of their chosen traditional food or a tribal/family recipe. This is a 2-part competition, that provides a fun opportunity for the contestant to express their teachings from their families.

### **Judging Criteria:**

- Creativity
- Traditional Food Item
- Taste
- Final Food Presentation
- Contestant Poise

### **Format:**

- Part One: Presentation of Food
  - Provide an informal presentation about your food item, explain the story of where your item derived, and how it is made.
  - Include the significance within your culture.
  - 5 to 10 minutes length (subject to change!)
- Part Two: Food Tasting
  - Contestants will bring the chosen prepared traditional food dish, and present to the judges for tasting and appearance observation. Prepare a neat table-setup that represents your tribe or personality well.
  - There will be a 5-minute conversation with the contestant and the judges, that will be apart of the competition.
    - Judges will ask questions about your chosen traditional food dish and presentation.

### **Rules:**

- Contestants must be the primary cook/baker.
- Props are allowed.
- No profanity.
- Assistance is allowed from team, parents will be released after check-in!

### **Guidelines:**

- Tell the story of the traditional food or family recipe. Be innovative, show as much of the food preparation process as possible.

**Return food demonstration form with your application by June 26, 2026.**

**Event Competition will take place at the Marland Aitson Amphitheater on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11 AM to 1 PM.**



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Competition: Traditional Foods FORM

**Deadline to submit with application: June 26, 2026 @ 5 PM MST**

**Name.** title, or subject of Traditional Foods Demonstration (create a title for the demonstration, or what you will be making):

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**Describe** what your traditional foods demonstration will be (5 Maximum Sentences):

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**Stage Assistance:** What kind of help, and how many stage-assistants will you need for your demonstration?

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Will you need a microphone stand? \_\_\_\_\_

**Event will take place at the Marland Aitson Amphitheater on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11 AM to 1 PM in Red Rock – Marland Aitson Amphitheater. Plan accordingly!**

**You will provide your own cooking items, water, and extension cords. If you have any other concerns for supplies, please contact the coordinator!**



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Competition: Traditional Talent

### **Description:**

- Contestants will have the opportunity to demonstrate cultural and traditional knowledge from their tribe(s), by presenting a talent, skill, storytelling, dancing, or singing. The presentation **will** be a ticketed event, with a live audience.

### **Judging Criteria:**

- Creativity, Poise, Personality, & Enthusiasm
- Traditional Talent Choice
- Cultural Knowledge
- Language Usage (Bilingual, you must translate!)
- Preparedness & Overall Presentation

**Set Up:** You may have help with stage set up from the assigned crew, for items, props to be taken on and off the stage. (You will work with the stage manager on your set-up.)

### **Rules:**

- Assistance: On-stage assistance (i.e., other dancers, singers, etc.) will be limited to three (3) individuals. Personal helpers, other dancers, singers, & chaperons are not allowed backstage. (Stage Assistance will usher them upstage for you.)
- Props:
  - Contestants may use pre-recorded music, submit with application! You may submit the link, file, or share the title for us to use!
  - Contestants will provide their own props to be used during presentation.
  - Maximum number of props allowed: 5
    - Must not weigh more than 10 pounds.
    - 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

### **Guidelines:**

- Time Length: each contestant will prepare a presentation from 5 minutes to 10 minutes, the time length for each presentation will be depicted among the number of submissions received. (Time length subject to change, but you will be notified!)

**Return talent demonstration form with your application by June 26, 2026.  
Event Competition will take place at the El Morro Theater on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

Competition: Traditional Talent FORM

**Deadline to submit with application: June 26, 2026 @ 5 PM MST**

**Name.** title, or subject of Traditional Talent Presentation (create a title for the demonstration, or what you will be presenting):

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**Describe** what your Traditional Talent Presentation will be on (5 Maximum Sentences):

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**Stage Assistance:** What kind of help, and how many stage-assistants will you need for your demonstration?

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Will you need a microphone stand? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be using pre-recorded music, if so include information:

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**Event will take place at the El Morro Theater Downtown Gallup on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 2 PM in Red Rock Theater. You will get daily itineraries for check-in and rehearsals. Plan accordingly!**

**If you have any other concerns for supplies, please contact the coordinator!**



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Competition: Traditional Attire Showcase

### Description:

- Contestants will have an opportunity to describe the significance and representation of their traditional attire from their tribe(s). She will also model the attire as needed.

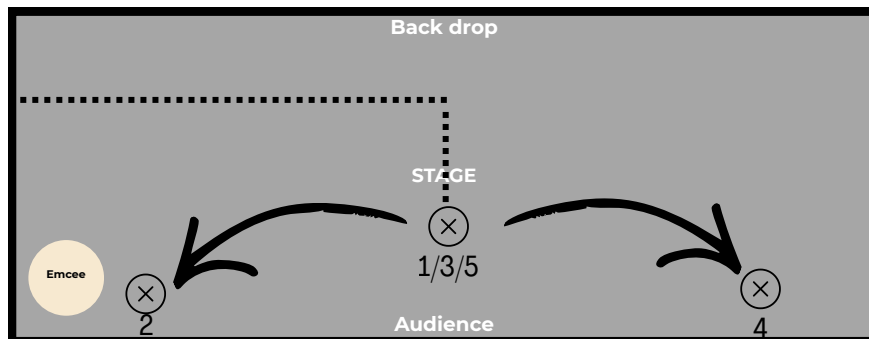
### Judging Criteria: Rubric will be as below for each topic.

- Poise, Personality, & Enthusiasm
- Attire: Neatness, Authenticity, and Creativity.
- Quality & flow of description.
- Overall Showcase

**Set Up:** Each contestant will go on stage following the Traditional Talent competitions to showcase, and present the significance and representation behind their traditional regalia. She will also be able to model the regalia prior to her description, to music chosen by the pageant committee.

### Rules:

- Contestants will receive three (3) minutes to model, and describe her regalia. A microphone will be given to her, once she looks to the Emcee.
- Contestants will get one chance to model and explain her regalia.
- Contestant may not read off any documents or screens during her presentation.
- Contestant may come up with her own modeling pattern, but must maintain a modest poise throughout pattern.
  - If contestant does not have a pattern, she may use the one below. Walking pattern may not exceed one minute.
  - Contestant will walk on stage, on the dotted lines, then strike a pose at 1. Then will walk to pose 2, come back to the center (3), and then go to pose 4, and finally close out at pose 5, and walk off the stage.



**Traditional Attire Competition will take place at El Morro Theater, after the Traditional Talent competition on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Competition: Public Speaking

### **Description:**

- *Contestants will have the opportunity to demonstrate their public speaking skills through two (2) impromptu questions, that will allow for 1-minute responses. She will also have the opportunity to introduce herself in her language, and state her platform, before the questions have been chosen from a hat.*

### **Judging Criteria:**

- Poise, Personality, & Enthusiasm
- Quality of Answer

**Set Up:** Each contestant will go up, introduce themselves, state their platform, and choose two questions from the pot to answer. (Contestants will go in numerical order.)

### **Rules:**

- The contestants family will not be shouting or mouthing any answers when questions are asked.
- Contestants will get one request to repeat the questions.
- Contestants cannot get a re-worded version of the chosen-questions.
- Contestants will not get sample questions to rehearse.

**Public Speaking Competition will take place at the Royalty Luncheon at Fire Rock Casino, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 12 PM to 2 PM.**



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Competition: Closed Interviews

### **Description:**

- Contestants will have a closed interview with the judges, after the royalty luncheon, on the contestant's personality, their knowledge on Gallup Ceremonial annual event, and on tribal related topics.

### **Judging Criteria: Rubric will be as below for each topic.**

- Poise, Personality, & Enthusiasm
- Confidence
- Quality of Answers
- Overall Interview

**Set Up:** Each contestant will go into the interview room, and may introduce themselves to the judges. Afterwards, the judges will begin asking the nine questions on the three topics, in the interview panel. (Contestants will go in numerical order.)

- Personal Interview: 3 questions
  - Life Experiences
  - Tribe(s) & Culture
  - Title of Miss GITICQ.
- Gallup Ceremonial Event Interview: 3 questions
  - History of Event
  - Tribes within the Annual Event
  - Previous Titleholders of Miss GITIC.
- Tribal Interview: 3 questions
  - Culture & Tradition
  - Tribal Government
  - Previous Titleholders of Miss GITIC.

### **Rules:**

- The contestant's family will not be allowed in area while the private interviews are taking place.
- Contestants cannot get a re-worded version of the chosen-questions.
- Contestants will not get sample questions to rehearse.
- Contestants may skip a question, with no points deducted. Judges will take initiative to judge as needed.

**Closed Interviews will take place at the Royalty Luncheon at Fire Rock Casino, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 2 PM.**



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Photographs

### **Competition Description:**

- *Contestants will submit a photo for the submission into the Miss Photogenic Competition, the photo may involve your personality, creativity, or a passion with you in it! Be creative!*
- *Both photos will be presented throughout the Opening Night event, for Miss Photogenic Voting at the Exhibit Hall, Red Rock Park, Gallup, NM!*
  - *Voting from Facebook Post will be used, as a tie-breaker, if needed. Casted from the Contestant Announcement photos.*

**Set Up:** Each contestant will submit two photos used for including, but not limited to contestant announcements, GITICA Media, and GITICP media usages for pageant promotion.

- One photo will be required to be in your full traditional regalia, professionally done for high resolution quality. This will be utilized for media, and announcements.
  - Portrait photos accepted. (Hips up)
  - Full Body or Half Body also accepted.
- One photo will be used as your personality photo, the theme of the photo must be of your life/action activity that explains your personality. Be creative!
  - Examples: caring for livestock, cooking, dancing, any hobby, or passion!
  - Half body, or Full body acceptable.

### **Rules:**

- High resolution photos
- Email the JPG. photo!
- Do not embed your photos with the application.
- Do not send a candid photo or selfie.
- Do not Embed a photo within a document.
- Do not ass or utilize any social media filters, text, shapes, frames, stretching, or logos on the photo.
- Do not include a PDF of your photo if you provide a hardcopy application. **All photos must be submitted via email to: [centennialqueencajun@gmail.com](mailto:centennialqueencajun@gmail.com).**
- Both (2) photos are due with your application submission.

**Miss Photogenic Competition will take place at the Exhibit Hall, on Opening Night at Exhibit Hall – Red Rock Park, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6PM-8PM.**



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Required Documents

### Two (2) Letters of Recommendation Required

Application Directions:

- Fill out the “Application Request” Section and submit it to each person you would like to request a Letter of Recommendation from. (next two pages attached)
- A recommender cannot be a relative, minor, or involved with the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Event.
- **Follow up!** It is the contestants responsibility to follow up, and ensure their letter of recommendation is submitted *before* the deadline.

Deadline:

- Letter will need to be emailed to the Pageant Coordinator, Cajun Cleveland at: centennialqueencajun@gmail.com; you may be copied on the email, by June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5 PM MST. **(Preferred)**
- Letters may be dropped off, in an envelope, at the Gallup Ceremonial Office, by June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5 PM MST.
  - ATTN: Queen Pageant 206 W. Coal Ave. Gallup, NM 87301

### Proof of Age and Tribal Membership:

Submit with your application:

- Proof of Age – Submit *one* copy of the following is required:
  - Birth Certificate
  - Current Driver’s License
- Proof of Tribal Membership – Submit *one* copy of the following is required:
  - Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
  - Tribal Affiliation ID Card
- Submit by the deadline of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, by 5 PM MST, via email.



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN PAGEANT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

## Applicant Request (1)

**From (contestant name):**

**To (Recommender):**

**Date:**

**Subject: Letter of Recommendation Request**

Good day, I am applying to vie for the title of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen 2026-2027, and am respectfully requesting your assistance and consideration in writing a Letter of Recommendation on my behalf as a required document needed to participate in the pageant. Please follow the directions and let me know if you have any questions.

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### **Letter Submission:**

- Email the letter to [centennialqueencajun@gmail.com](mailto:centennialqueencajun@gmail.com) (preferred)
  - You may copy your requester (contestant).
- You may drop off the letter at the Gallup Ceremonial Office: 206 W. Coal Ave. Gallup, NM 87301.
  - In an envelope with: ATTN: Queen Pageant

Note: Writer may use their own letterhead, and a 2-page maximum letter length. Please include these factors in your letter:

- Name, Address, Title/Position & Organization (if applicable), Phone, Email
- How do you know the applicant?
- How long have you known the applicant?
- Why do you recommend the applicant to vie for this title?
- Describe her character, and personality traits that would be beneficial to MGITICQ.



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN PAGEANT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

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Pageant Contestant Release and Authorization (1 Page)

**Deadline: Return with application by June 26, 2026**

By participating in the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant and my signature below, I affirm my acknowledgement of the following:

- I am at least eighteen (18) years old and fully competent to give my voluntary consent.
- I understand and assumed 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 that the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association to create video and/or still images and audio recordings to me 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 context or commentary in connection with the image(s). All negatives, prints, and digital productions shall be the property of the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageants. \_\_\_ (initial)

I hereby release to the Pageant Committee and the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association from all liability and waive any causes of action to any claims costs, injuries, losses, or damages arising out of or in connection with the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant, including without limitation, all claims, injuries, costs, losses, and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy. \_\_\_ (initial)

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 required during Pageant Contestant Orientation Day.



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Pageant Contestant Code of Conduct (2 Pages)

**Deadline: Return with application by June 26, 2026**

By participating in the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant and my signature below, I affirm my acknowledgement of the following:

- Contestants, chaperones & family must always maintain a positive attitude and be a person of good moral character during all pageant events & competitions.
- Contestants, chaperones & family must always be courteous, polite, and act in a professional manner to fellow contestants, staff, personnel, families, and all others.
- Contestants, chaperones & family must not make any negative comments about the pageant, personnel, royalty, fellow contestants, judges, staff, or sponsors. Any contestant found publicly posting slanderous remarks on public forums will be immediately disqualified.
- Contestants, chaperones & 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 alcohol drinks.
- Contestants, chaperones & family must ensure that any personal websites, social medias, or blogs she maintains will be a present positive image, and will not contain any negative postings, or inappropriate photos/language, any contestant found publicly posting slanderous remarks on public forums will be immediately disqualified.
- Contestants, chaperones, & family must be respectful of everyone's time and be punctual to all scheduled events.
- Contestants must provide timely communication responses and meet *all* deadlines.
- Contestants must attend and remain at all pageant scheduled events during the week.
- Contestants must advise her family, and friends, that **no one** is allowed in any designated "contestant only" areas, dressing rooms, backstage, or on-stage.
- Contestants, chaperones, & family agree to participate in maintaining a healthy environment and promoting behavior.
- Contestants, chaperones, & family agree to the contestant required to wear her sash and contestant ribbon number for all pageant events scheduled.
- Contestants, chaperones & family agree to being cooperative, understanding, and aware of scheduled events throughout the pageant week.

Initial to acknowledge your reviewal and understanding for page one. \_\_\_\_  
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# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Pageant Contestant Code of Conduct (2 Pages)

**Deadline: Return with application by June 26, 2026**

By participating in the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant and my signature below, I affirm my acknowledgement of the following: continued from page one.

- Contestants, chaperones, & family agree to the “Be Ready” rule, that is applied for all events; each contestant must be at least one-hour early to each competition. Unless specified. (2-point deduction can result from contestant being unprepared.)
  - Contestants acknowledge that the GITIC Pageant Committee will provide assistance for all competition events, any parents and chaperones will not be allowed to assist during competitions. **Exception for Little Miss Ceremonial contestants, they are allowed one-parent assistance.**
- Contestants, chaperones, & family must not use slander or make any negative comments about the GITIC pageant, GITICA, and any events incorporated.
- Contestants, chaperones, & family must abide by the attire requirement for each event.
- Contestants, chaperones, & family understand that should the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Pageant Contestant, chaperone, or family disobey any of these codes, this can result in an immediate disqualification from the competition.
- Contestants, chaperones, & family must acknowledge the following:
  - 2 Point deduction if contestant is continuously late to pageant competition events, points deducted after two (2) tardies.
  - 2 Point deduction if contestant or chaperone is found with an unprofessional behavior toward pageant committee, fellow contestants, and any/all personnel of the GITIC event.
  - All point deduction situations will be reviewed by the Pageant Committee & tabulator before the final decision is made.
- Contestants, chaperones, & family must acknowledge that any complaints, concerns, or suggestions must be made to the Pageant Coordinator – Cajun Cleveland for review. All complaints must be made via email to [centennialqueencajun@gmail.com](mailto:centennialqueencajun@gmail.com)
- Contestants, chaperones, & family must acknowledge that any failure to comply with any of the codes of the GITIC Pageant Contestant Code of Conduct will result in a disqualification from the whole competition, and she will forfeit her place.

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# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

Pageant Itinerary (subject to change)

**Tuesday – August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Orientation Day | 4 PM to 7 PM**

Location: Quintana's Event Center, Downtown Gallup (Across Sammy C's)

- Combined Contestant Check-In 4 PM (both Queen & Little Miss contestants)
  - Acknowledgement & Code of Conduct Signatures
  - Judging Baskets Submission
- Agenda:
  - Opening Prayer
  - Introductions
  - Welcome Address
  - Appreciation Speeches by Tewa & Gizelle (5 Minutes each!)
  - Ice-Breaker & Dinner Served
  - Contestant Gifting & Drawing of Numerical Orders
  - Contestant Sashing

**Wednesday – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Royalty Luncheon | 12 PM to 2 PM**

Location: Fire Rock Casino, Gallup, New Mexico

- Contestant Check-In & Rehearsals (10 AM – Queen Contestants Only, LMC Optional)
- Agenda:
  - Opening Prayer
  - Welcome Address (Tewakeedah & Gizelle)
  - Introductions: Pageant Committee, Contestants (Queen & Little Miss), etc.
  - Lunch Served & Entertainment by
  - Public Speaking Competition: **Judged Queen Competition (5 minutes each)**
    - Introductions & Platform Statement
    - Impromptu Questions (1-minute responses)
  - Farewell Speech by Gizelle & Tewakeedah (15-30 minutes)
  - Gifting
    - Royalty
    - Sponsors
  - Closing Remarks

Opening Night at Red Rock Park, Gallup, NM | 6 PM-8PM

- Voting for Photogenic at Pageant Booth!
  - Contestants may walk around encouraging audience to vote.
  - Door Prize Drawing
  - Queen Contestant Introduction in Wine Gala (must be 18+)



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

Pageant Itinerary (subject to change)

**Thursday – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026** | Tradition Food Competition & Little Miss Ceremonial Pageant at Marland Aitson Amphitheater – Red Rock Park, Gallup, NM

Traditional Food Competition 11 AM - 1 PM

- Queen Contestant Check-In (9 AM)
  - Rehearsals
  - Personal Interviews: **Judged Queen Competition**
- Agenda:
  - Opening Prayer & Remarks
  - Traditional Foods Presentations (5- 10 minute presentations) **Judged Queen Competition**
    - Contestant 1 to last contestant.
  - Traditional Food Tasting— **Judged Queen Competition**
    - 5-minute Conversations with judges!
    - Judging of conversation, and food.
  - Closing Remarks

Note: Plan for the hot day, bring your water bottle, and umbrella, especially for your family. We will have refreshments!

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**Little Miss Ceremonial Pageant Competition**

- Contestant Check-In (12 PM)
- Agenda: 2 PM to 4 PM
  - Opening Prayer
  - Welcome Address
  - Contestant Introductions
  - Traditional Talent Presentations
  - Public Speaking Competition
  - Traditional Regalia Modeling
  - Closing Remarks

**Night Parade Downtown Gallup, NM (7PM) Participation Required!**

- Contestant Meet-Up at Glenn's Bakery (6PM | Both Queen & LMC)
  - Walking in parade!
  - Chaperones may walk behind group.
  - Released after the group gets to the end.



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## Pageant Itinerary (subject to change)

### **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Traditional Talent & Coronation**

Native Fashion Showcase (12PM-2PM) El Morro Theater, Downtown Gallup

- Rehearsals 9 AM
- Preparation 10 AM - 12 PM

### Traditional Talent Presentations El Morro Theater, Downtown Gallup

- Contestant Check-In 8 AM
  - All outfits, talent props, and other supplies need to be with you at 8 AM.
  - Rehearsals (8AM-9 AM)
- Agenda: (2 PM to 4 PM)
  - Welcome Address
  - Opening Prayer
  - Introductions
    - Royalty & Pageant Committee
    - Little Miss Ceremonial Contestants
    - Queen Contestants
    - Judges
    - Sponsors
  - Traditional Talent Presentations (5-10 minutes) **Judged Queen Competition**
  - Traditional Attire Modeling— **Judged Queen Competition**
  - Entertainment
  - Closing Remarks

### Royalty Coronation (7 PM) at Red Rock Park Main Arena

- Contestant Check-In at Exhibit Hall Pageant Booth (6 PM)
- Rehearsal Discussion
- Agenda: 7 PM to 7:45 PM
  - Introductions: Emcee, Pageant Committee, Royalty, & Contestants (LMC → Queen)
  - Awards:
    - Little Miss Ceremonial
      - Photogenic
      - Spirit Award
    - Queen
      - Photogenic
      - Congeniality
      - Best Essay
  - Placing: 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, New Queen/LMC
    - LMC → Queen



# MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL QUEEN

## New Queen Itinerary (subject to change)

Should you become the new Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen 2026-2027, this will be your schedule for the remainder of the week!

### **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026** | Night Performances (8 PM) Red Rock Park Main Arena

- Grand Entry & Formal Introduction from Emcee.
- Sit & Watch the dances from 8 PM to End.

### **Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Saturday Morning Parade (9 AM) Downtown Gallup

- Be at Glenn's Bakery by 8 AM.
- Your family may walk behind you.
- Ensure to have two (2) banner holders!
- Walk parade to the end.

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Saturday Park Events to Appear & Introduce yourself:

- Song & Dance (Beginning at 11 AM)
  - Stop by, introduce yourself.
  - You may participate!
- Open Rodeo (At 1:30 PM)
  - Stop by & introduce yourself!
  - May be asked to sing National Anthem, help with grand entry or Award Photos.
- Amphitheater Performances (1 PM - 7 PM)
  - Stop in, introduce yourself, & mingle!
- Gourd Dance (2 PM)
  - You may participate, but stop by and introduce yourself!
- Pow Wow (Grand Entry at 7:30 PM)
- Night Performances (8 PM)
  - Check-In by 7:30 PM
  - Participate in Grand Entry at 8 PM
  - Sit in on performances til end.

### **Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

- Short-Go Sunday Rodeo (12 PM)
  - Attend, and Introduce yourself!
  - May be asked to sing National Anthem, be on wagon, & participate in award photos.

Have fun! Take photos, meet new people, and enjoy yourself!

