

2026-2027
Miss, Junior, & Lil'
Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant



Join Us for Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant!

Miss Indigenous Wisconsin is a two-day celebration dedicated to uplifting and empowering the next generation of Indigenous leaders. More than just a competition, this event is a powerful platform for personal growth, cultural pride, and advocacy, all rooted in tradition and purpose.

We are currently seeking contestants for the upcoming pageant, taking place September 25-26, 2026, at Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Miss Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member or a minimum second descendant of a Wisconsin Tribal Nation. Proof of enrollment or descendency papers are required.
- One page essay on why you want the title of Miss Indigenous Wisconsin
- Must be a high school graduate, GED recipient, or currently enrolled in high school and expected to graduate prior to the coronation date or enrolled in a post-secondary education program.
- Between ages of 18-25 years old by day of coronation – September 26, 2026
- Registration fee of \$200

Jr Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member or a minimum second descendant of a Wisconsin Tribal Nation. Proof of enrollment or descendency papers are required.
- One page essay on why you want the title of Jr. Miss Indigenous Wisconsin
- Currently enrolled in high school and maintaining good academic standing.
- Between ages of 14-17 by day of coronation - September 26, 2026
- Registration fee of \$200

Miss and Jr. Miss will be judged on:

- Introduction
- Interview
- Traditional Cultural Talent
- Impromptu Question
- Dance

Lil Miss Qualifications

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member or a minimum second descendant of a Wisconsin Tribal Nation. Proof of enrollment or descendency papers are required.
- One page essay on why you want the title of Lil Miss Indigenous Wisconsin
- Must be enrolled in school and maintaining good academic standing.
- Between ages of 10-13 by day of coronation - September 26, 2026
- Registration fee of \$150
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Lil Miss will be judged on the following:

- Traditional regalia
- Contestant Introduction
- Oral explanation of why they want to be Lil Miss Indigenous Wisconsin
- Dance

All Must Meet:

- Never been married
- No children
- No previous or pending misdemeanor or felony convictions
- Must sign a Code of Conduct
- Must comply with the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Code of Conduct
- Applicants should demonstrate knowledge of their Tribal Nation, history, culture, and traditions.
- Must maintain respectful conduct throughout the pageant year.
- Must participate in official appearances and events.
- Must not hold another competing title during their reign.
- Contestants must remain eligible throughout their reign.

The reign of the newly crowned Miss, Jr. Miss, and Lil Miss Indigenous Wisconsin will begin immediately following coronation on September 26, 2026 and conclude upon the crowning of their successors in 2027.

Any questions in regard to the application and/or pageant, please contact the Miss Indigenous Pageant at tana@missindigenouspageant.com

Application Deadline: September 10, 2026 by 5:00pm

There will be a mandatory orientation meeting for all applicants. Parent(s)/guardian(s) of contestants under the age of 18 are required to attend. The meeting will be held September 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM via video conference.

Submit Applications to: Email: tana@missindigenouspageant.com

2026-2027 Miss Indigenous Pageant Application

Please Select One:

_____ Miss _____ Jr. Miss _____ Lil Miss

Name: _____ **Nation:** _____ **Age:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Clan:** _____

Address: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **City:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Preferred Method of Communication: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian & contact info:

Emergency Contact, relationship and contact number:

Indigenous Name & Translation (if applicable):

Education

Name of School: _____ **Grade Level:** _____ **or Year**

Graduated: _____

Name of post secondary school: _____ **Year**

Graduated: _____

Major or Degree:

Current Job (if applicable):

T-shirt size: _____

Miss/Jr. Miss Category Traditional Talent Requirement:

All contestants in the Miss and Jr. Miss categories are required to present a traditional talent.

Each performance must be individual (no group performances), rooted in Indigenous culture or history, and presented live. PowerPoint or digital presentations will not be accepted.

Performances must not exceed three minutes in length.

Traditional Related Talent:

Social Media Agreement

Social Media Accounts (if applicable):

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

TikTok: _____

Other: _____

Social Media Agreement

By signing this application, I understand that contestants and titleholders serve as representatives of the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program and may be publicly identified with the organization.

I agree to:

- Conduct myself respectfully on all social media platforms.
- Refrain from posting content that may be considered discriminatory, harassing, bullying, abusive, defamatory, or illegal.
- Refrain from posting content that reflects negatively on the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program, sponsors, partnering organizations, Tribal Nations, contestants, or titleholders.
- Use social media responsibly when representing the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin title.
- Comply with all official social media policies and guidelines established by the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program.
- Contestants acknowledge that publicly viewable social media content may be reviewed as part of determining eligibility and suitability for representation of the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin title.
- I understand that inappropriate social media conduct may result in disciplinary action, disqualification, suspension of appearances, or forfeiture of title.

I understand that the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program reserves the right to deny, suspend, revoke, or remove a contestant or titleholder whose conduct, behavior, eligibility status, or actions are determined to be inconsistent with the mission, values, policies, or best interests of the organization.

I hereby submit this application to the Miss Indigenous Pageant Program and affirm that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree

that, if selected, I will be fully available throughout my reign to represent the title and will uphold all responsibilities as required by the Miss Indigenous Pageant Program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the eligibility requirements, pageant rules, Code of Conduct, and expectations associated with the title. I agree to abide by all program requirements and understand that failure to do so may result in disqualification or forfeiture of title.

I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee selection as a contestant and that all eligibility requirements must be verified and maintained throughout participation in the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Contestant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Miss, Jr. Miss & Lil Miss Indigenous Wisconsin

Royalty Code of Conduct

As a contestant and titleholder of the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program, I understand that I serve as a representative of Indigenous communities throughout Wisconsin and am expected to conduct myself in a respectful, professional, and culturally appropriate manner.

During my participation in the pageant and throughout my reign, I agree to the following:

1. Represent the Pageant with Integrity
 - I will maintain high moral standards and conduct myself as a positive role model for youth and community members.
2. Respect Indigenous Culture and Traditions
 - I will honor and respectfully represent my Tribal Nation, Indigenous cultures, traditions, teachings, and values.
3. Demonstrate Respectful Behavior
 - I will treat all contestants, titleholders, organizers, volunteers, sponsors, judges, and community members with dignity and respect.
4. Use Appropriate Language
 - I will not use threatening, abusive, vulgar, discriminatory, or inappropriate language in person, online, or at any pageant-related event.
5. Practice Responsible Social Media Use
 - I will conduct myself respectfully on all social media platforms and understand that my online activity reflects on the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program.
 - I will not post content that is defamatory, harassing, bullying, discriminatory, illegal, or inconsistent with the values of the program.
6. Attend Required Events
 - If selected as a titleholder, I will make every effort to attend official events, appearances, meetings, rehearsals, community activities, and promotional events assigned by the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program.
7. Maintain Professional Appearance

- I will present myself appropriately during official appearances and wear regalia, attire, crowns, banners, or other official items respectfully and as directed by the organization.

8. Respect Property and Program Materials

- I will properly care for crowns, banners, sashes, gifts, regalia, and any other items entrusted to me by the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program.

9. Avoid Conduct that Reflects Negatively on the Program

- I will not engage in behavior that could damage the reputation, credibility, or mission of the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program.

10. Follow Program Policies

- I will comply with all pageant rules, policies, eligibility requirements, and instructions provided by the Pageant Committee.

11. Obtain Authorization for Official Representation

- I will not represent the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program in an official capacity, solicit donations, accept sponsorships, or commit the organization to any activity without prior approval from the Pageant Committee.

12. Maintain Eligibility

- I understand that I must continue to meet all eligibility requirements throughout my participation and reign.

13. Promote Positive Community Involvement

- I will encourage cultural awareness, community engagement, education, leadership, and positive representation of Indigenous peoples.

14. Comply with All Laws

- I will obey all applicable tribal, local, state, and federal laws.

15. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Controlled Substances

- Contestants & Titleholders shall not consume alcohol underage or unlawfully possess or use controlled substances during the pageant and their reign.
- All titleholders will avoid conduct involving alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or drugs that could negatively impact the reputation of the title or the program.

Acknowledgment and Agreement

I understand that the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program reserves the right to issue warnings, impose disciplinary action, suspend participation, or remove a contestant or titleholder for conduct that violates this Code of Conduct or is determined to be inconsistent with the values and mission of the organization.

I further understand that failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disqualification, suspension, forfeiture of title, and the immediate return of any crowns, banners, sashes, awards, or other property belonging to the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Royalty Code of Conduct.

Contestant Name: _____

Division: ☐ Miss ☐ Jr. Miss ☐ Lil Miss

Contestant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required for participants under 18):

Date: _____

Pageant Representative: _____

Date: _____

Medical Authorization

In the event of a medical emergency and a parent or guardian cannot be reached, I authorize emergency medical treatment for the participant and understand that any resulting medical expenses are my responsibility.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contestant signature if over 18 years of age: _____ Date: _____

PHOTO AND INFORMATION RELEASE AND CONSENT FORM

I, _____ ("Participant"), hereby grant permission to the Miss Indigenous Pageant LLC to photograph, videotape, record, and otherwise capture my image, likeness, voice, and statements.

This authorization is granted without limitation as to time, geographic area, or frequency of use and shall remain in effect unless revoked in writing. Revocation shall not affect materials already produced, published, or distributed.

I further authorize the Organization to use, reproduce, publish, distribute, and display such photographs, videos, recordings, and information related to me, including my name, title, biographical information, and statements, for lawful purposes including, but not limited to:

- Publications
- Newsletters
- Websites
- Social media platforms
- Promotional and marketing materials
- Educational and informational materials
- Media releases

I understand that:

1. My participation is voluntary.
2. I will not receive compensation for the use of my image, likeness, voice, or information.
3. The Organization may edit, crop, or otherwise modify the materials as necessary.
4. Once materials are published, the Organization may not be able to control further distribution by third parties.
5. I release and hold harmless the Organization, its employees, agents, representatives, and assigns from any claims arising from the use of these materials.
6. This authorization is granted without limitation as to time, geographic area, or frequency of use and shall remain in effect unless revoked in writing. Revocation shall not affect materials already produced, published, or distributed.

I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and have the legal authority to provide this consent. If the participant is under 18 years of age, consent must be provided by a parent or legal guardian.

Participant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Consent

I have read and understand this Release and Consent Form and voluntarily agree to its terms.

Parent/Guardian/ Contestant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

For Minors (Under 18)

I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named below and consent to the use of the minor's image, likeness, voice, and information as described above.

Minor's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

LIABILITY WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I acknowledge that participation in the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program and related activities may involve certain risks, including but not limited to travel, public appearances, performances, rehearsals, physical activity, and participation in events both indoors and outdoors.

I voluntarily assume all risks associated with participation in the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I release, waive, discharge, and hold harmless Miss Indigenous Pageant LLC, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, judges, sponsors, event venues, partnering organizations, and representatives from any and all claims, demands, actions, damages, injuries, losses, costs, or expenses arising from or related to my participation in the pageant program, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

I understand that I am responsible for my own medical expenses and personal property during participation in any pageant-related activity.

I certify that I am physically and mentally capable of participating in pageant activities and have disclosed any conditions that may affect my participation.

Participant Acknowledgment

I have carefully read and understand this Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk Agreement and voluntarily agree to its terms.

Contestant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

If Participant Is Under 18 Years of Age

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named minor and consent to the minor's participation in the Miss Indigenous Wisconsin Pageant Program. I agree to the terms of this Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk Agreement on behalf of the minor.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Titleholder Expectations

Titleholder Responsibilities

Titleholders may be expected to:

- Attend official pageant functions.
- Promote the Indian Summer Festival activities
- Participate in community events.
- Promote Indigenous culture, education, and advocacy.
- Serve as positive role models.
- Assist in promoting future pageants and program activities.
- Maintain regular communication with pageant organizers.

Items to be submitted

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Proof of Enrollment or Descendancy
- ☐ Biography (250 words or less)
- ☐ Headshot
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Registration Fee: Miss & Jr: \$200 or Lil Miss \$150
- ☐ Social Media Agreement
- ☐ Code of Conduct
- ☐ Medical Authorization
- ☐ Photo and Consent Release Form
- ☐ Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk

Important Deadline Notice:

All applications must be submitted to the Miss Indigenous Pageant Program by September 10, 2026 at 5:00 PM via email. Late submissions will not be accepted, no exceptions.

Please email completed applications to: tana@missindigenouspageant.com.

Payments can be processed through Venmo or contact [tana @missindigenouspageant.com](mailto:tana@missindigenouspageant.com) for other form of payment.



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Do Not Write Below This Line – Miss Indigenous Pageant Program Use Only

- **Application**
- **Essay**
- **Proof of Enrollment/descendency**
- **Contestant and/or parent/guardian signature**
- **Registration fee**
- **Social Media Agreement**
- **Code of Conduct**
- **Bio**
- **Headshot**
- **Medical Authorization**
- **Photo And Information Release and Consent Form**
- **Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk**