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JUNE 5, 2025 Strathmore Civic 5:30PM Contro







CALL FOR SIKSIKA NATION PRINCESS PAGEANT CONTESTANTS

(Ages 5 - 7)

(Ages 8 - 12)

Miss Tiny Tot | Miss Kookona | Miss Teen Siksika

(Ages 13 - 17)

Miss Siksika

(Ages 18-25)

For application forms or to purchase tickets to the Siksika Princess Pageant contact

> Ashley Wright at 403-805-1833 or ashley@t7edc.com

SiksikaNationFair.com



APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2025







APPLICATION FORM

The Princess Pageant will take place on June 5, 2025 at the Strathmore Civic Centre.

Miss Siksika (18-25) _____ Teen Siksika (13-17) _____ Kookona (8-12) ____ Tiny Tot (5-7)____

Check off which category you are applying for:

General Information:
Name:
Age: Date of Birth/
Status #
Address:
Sponsor:
Chaperone:
Talent:
Parent/Guardian:
Contact #:

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Submit completed application forms to the Siksika Princess Pageant Chair Ashley Wright 403-805-1833 or ashley@t7edc.com

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April 7, 2025

Oki, nisto nitaniko Ninaamskaakii, nitomohto'to Siksika.

My name is Medicine Pipe Woman, Ashley Wright from Siksika Nation. I am honored to share that I am the 2025 Pageant Chair for the Siksika Nation Fair.

I am currently the Senior Labour Market Consultant for Community Futures Treaty Seven. Our organization works with all 5 Nations in Treaty 7. I am a student at the University of Calgary currently working on my Doctor of Education. I own a business called Ninaamskaakii Jewels: Medicine Pipe Woman Designs. I named this business in recognition of my name and in memory of my grandma the late Julia Wright, because she was my jewel, a real gem in my life who meant the whole world to me.

I am a former ambassador for the Siksika Nation. I have been honored and proud to hold the following titles.

- Miss Jr. Siksika 1996
- Miss Jr. Education 1997
- Miss Sr. Education 1999
- Miss Siksika 1999

This is my second year as the Chair of the pageant committee. I take great pride in this event and am proud to do this for our Nation. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me.

I wish all the candidates the best of luck and if you need help, I am here for you.

Thank you,

Ninaamskaakii Ashley Wright (403) 805-1833 ashley@t7edc.com



SIKSIKA NATION PRINCESS PAGEANT 2025

The Siksika Royalty are:

- Miss Siksika (ages 18-25 years)
- Miss Teen Siksika (ages 13-17 years)
- Miss Kookona (ages 8-12)
- Tinytot (ages 5-7 years)

Candidates reaching the age of the category during the reign must compete in the category age that they will represent. (i.e. 17 turning 18 between June 2025 and June 2026 must compete in the Sr category.) Exemption: Does not apply to the Tiny Tot category.

SPONSOR

All candidates will have one sponsor who they will represent with a sash providing their business, organization, family, company and/or department.

CHAPERONE

All candidates will be accompanied by one chaperone who will need to provide their name and number to the Chair.

EVENTS: All candidates are expected to attend all three major events (Orientation, Elders Tea, and the Pageant) in person.

ORIENTATION

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2025 **Location:** Piiksapi Memorial Arbour

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm (*Please be on time due to our limited time*)
Candidates meet and greet, introductions, networking, and team building.

Candidates, Chaperones and Parents can attend.

ELDERS TEA

Date: Tuesday June 3, 2025

Location: Siksika Groups of Companies

Time: 5:00 pm

Each Candidates attire should include ribbon skirt, scarf, and moccasins. Candidates and Chaperones only.



PAGEANT DAY AGENDA

Thursday, June 5, 2025 Strathmore Civic Centre



5:00 pm – Arrival

5:30 pm - Grand Entry

Welcoming 2024 Royalty Remarks

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Introduction speeches: Tiny Tot, Kookona, Teen, Miss Siksika

7:00 pm - Impromptu Questions: Tiny Tot, Kookona, Teen, Miss Siksika

7:30 pm - Talent: Miss Siksika, Teen, Kookona, Tiny Tot

8:30 pm - Prepared Speech: Tiny Tot, Kookona, Teen, Miss Siksika

9:00 pm - Royalty Farewell speeches

9:20 pm - Awards

9:30 pm - Crowning

9:45 pm - Honor Dance

10:00 pm - Closing



Expectations:

- Please be on time and prepared due to limited timeframes.
- Each candidate will be given 2 banquet tickets (for Candidate and Chaperone)
- Additional tickets are available at \$30 a ticket for family and friends. (Max 8-10)
- Each candidate is to wear full regalia during the pageant.
- Each candidate will greet and welcome the public as they arrive.
- Each candidate is to assist elders and attendees who need help.
- Each candidate is to present themselves professionally.
- Each candidate is to provide a door prize for the event.

Introduction Speech:

- Your introduction must include your name; traditional name first, given name second.
- Family: Parents, grandparents, and siblings (bonus points if you provide their traditional name first, given names and last names).
- Where you live
- What you love to do
- School
- Goals

Impromptu Questions:

- 1. What is the Siksika Coat of Arms and what does it mean?
- 2. How Important is the Siksika Language and how can we preserve it?
- 3. What is the importance of having Siksika Nation Ambassadors?
- 4. Name all the Siksika Societies
- 5. What is The Blackfoot Confederacy and how far do their traditional lands reach?
- 6. What is your traditional Siksika name and what is the story behind it?

Each candidate will be given random impromptu questions and have 2-3 min to answer. Tiny tots: will be given an exempt question. Questions will be drawn randomly at orientation to give candidates time to prepare.

Talent Showcase:

- Each candidate will demonstrate 1 talent.
- Be Creative as you want however, you will need to provide your own equipment.

Prepared Speech:

Sr – "How Important are values in our Siksika Culture?"

Teen: "How important is our Language and how are you preserving it?

Kookona: "What is your traditional name and what is its meaning?"

T**inytot:** "What does it mean to be Siksika to you?"

Time Limit: longer than 3 minutes and less than 5 minutes. (Timer on site)

Bonus Points will be given to those who do their entire speech in Blackfoot.

Be as Creative as you want.



RULES

- Candidates must be a registered SIKSIKA NATION member. (This does not apply to the Sponsor or Chaperones, but it is the Candidate/Parent's responsibility to inform the Sponsor and Chaperone of their role)
- Candidates will need to sell tickets for the banquet, \$30 per ticket.
- Each candidate and their chaperone will have a complimentary ticket. Family and friends must purchase a ticket.
- All ticket sales will be points in the competition- 1 point per ticket.
- Each candidate is to sell at least one table.
- Each Candidate will supply an item for the door prize draw.
- All monies left over will go toward the overhead costs of the pageant.
- All candidates will perform their Introduction, Impromptu Speech, Talent, and Prepared Speech.
- Candidates reaching the age of the category during the reign must compete in the category age that they will represent. Exemption: Tiny Tot category. (i.e. 17 turning 18 between June 2025 and June 2026 must compete in the senior category.)
- All candidates must be on time at all events.
- All candidates must abide by the Chaperone's lead. (Failure to follow directions will result in loss of points)
- All candidates must not be married.
- All candidates must not have children.
- In the event reigning royalty fails to abide by the above rules will result in the forfeit of their title and crown.
- Reigning royalty will need to present themselves professionally and respectfully throughout their reign. (Failure to do so will result in loss of title and crown)
- Reigning royalty are ambassadors of the Siksika Nation and will be responsible for their travels throughout the year (with exceptions).

If you have any questions, please contact the coordinator Ashley Wright at 403-805-1833.

By Signing you understand and agree to the rules stated and will abide by them.

Candidate Name:	Signature (if over 18)	
Parent Name:	Parent Signature:	
Contact #:		