



2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant

Application, Policy & Guidelines



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WELCOME

The 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant committee is proud to announce the return of the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant scheduled on Wednesday, July 13th during the 72nd Choctaw Indian Fair.

On behalf of the Choctaw Princess Pageant, thank you for your interest in participating this year. This application is part of the initial process for selections. After the application deadline our pageant committee will ensure its due diligence of reviewing all applicants.

Annually a highly anticipated event, this year's pageant will operate under strict COVID-19 precautionary measures as recommended by local and national health authorities to ensure the safety and wellness for all pageant participants.

In addition, please be advised any person with COVID-19 symptoms, or anyone who knowingly has been exposed to COVID-19 or has tested COVID-19 positive at any time during dates of any pageant activity will be prohibited to enter or compete in any pageant events until a negative result or documentation of recovery is presented.

Our pageant committee is excited to begin all planning processes for a successful pageant and we welcome all eligible and interested contestants to participate. Thank you for your interest in the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Grady
Pageant Coordinator
2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant

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2022 CHOCTAW INDIAN PRINCESS PAGEANT

CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

- I. Each contestant must meet the following:
 - I. Must be an enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. A copy of Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) is REQUIRED along with pageant entry application.
 - II. **DEADLINE TO ENTER THE 2022 CHOCTAW PRINCESS PAGEANT IS FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022, AT 12:00 P.M.**
At any time on or before pageant deadline, applications submission location is at the Choctaw Tribal Office — Front Receptionist Desk. All applications received will be initialed by the recipient and stamped with date and time.
 - III. Must have resided in the State of Mississippi or reside on trust land in Henning, TN, no less than six (6) months prior to pageant entry deadline date of **Friday, May 27, 2022 AT 12:00 p.m.**
 - IV. Must be between the ages of 16-20 on/or before the pageant entry deadline date of **Friday, May 27, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.** to compete.
 - V. Must be enrolled in high school or college student for the 2021-2022 academic years.
 - VI. A potential contestant who is/was a student (full-or part-time) attending a post-secondary institution, e.g. community college or university in another state for the 2021-2022 academic school year will be allowed to enter as a participant in the pageant.
 - VII. High school students must have maintained an academic average of "75" or above during the previous 2021-2022 school year and promoted to the next academic level. Enrolled college students must have maintained a GPA of 2.5 or above during the previous school semester and promoted to the next level as well.
 - VIII. The winner of the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant, during her reign, must attend school in the state of Mississippi for the following 2022-2023 school year. If attending college, full or part-time status is acceptable.
 - IX. Must have knowledge of the Choctaw culture (language, history, economic progress, arts & crafts, traditions, foods, legends, symbols, etc.).
 - X. Must not currently be a titleholder from a sanctioned or preliminary pageant program. This rule is to assure that no conflicts arise during the reign.
 - XI. A previous title winner of the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant will not be allowed to re-enter the pageant.
- II. The first mandatory pageant meeting and practice scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. - until at the CIF Amphitheater Stage/Entertainment House. **Covid-19 Protocols and Tribal Executive Orders will be followed, if applicable.**
- III. Each contestant must represent a qualified sponsor as required in the separate Sponsorship Guidelines.
- IV. Each contestant must not have history of current conditions listed in the following, including but not limited to:
 - I. Engagement or Marriage;
 - II. Pregnancy, including abortion or miscarriage;
 - III. Cohabitation (living with a male/female companion at your place of residence or other);
 - IV. Arrest(s) for any criminal action on or off the reservation. Minor traffic offenses are not included;
 - V. Substance abuse issues (this includes alcohol, tobacco, vaping, illicit drugs or prescription drugs); or
 - VI. Evidence of a negative social media presence (Facebook, SnapChat, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, etc);

- or
- VII. Any other circumstances that would prohibit a contestant who is crowned as the next princess to be unable to fulfill her duties.
- V. Each contestant is required to undergo a physical examination administered at the Choctaw Health Center Women's Wellness Clinic.
- Contestants must agree to sign a Physical Examination Release Form to release results of the physical examination for pageant qualification purposes. The pageant committee will inform all contestants of available times and dates for exams. A second physical examination will be required one week prior to the competition.
- VI. Each contestant is expected to observe and meet all deadlines for proper registration necessary for competition and pageant practices.
- VII. Each contestant must sign and adhere to the Covid-19 Policy and Guidelines included in this application.
- VIII. Each contestant must sign and adhere to a Code of Conduct Agreement administered by the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant Committee.
- IX. All pageant contestants will be involved in the voting process of selecting one fellow contestant as the winner of the "Miss Congeniality" award.
- X. All pageant contestants will remain on the premises of the designated dressing area at all times during the pageant.
- XI. Each contestant is expected to participate in all scheduled practices, categories of competition, and planned functions promoting the pageant and the Choctaw Indian Fair. It is very beneficial for each contestant to attend practice meetings as current instructions, pageant documents, and important announcements are relayed at every practice.

NOTE: ANY CONTESTANT ABSENT FROM TWO (2) SCHEDULED PRACTICES, UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE PAGEANT COMMITTEE COORDINATOR, WILL RESULT IN ELIMINATION FROM THE PAGEANT CONTEST. TARDIES WILL BE MONITORED. TWO (2) TARDIES WILL BE EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) ABSENCE; HENCE, FOUR (4) TARDIES WILL RESULT IN ELIMINATION.

- XII. Each contestant will participate in four (4) phases of competition. These phases will be judged and scored by a panel of judges and are as follows:
- I. Personal Interview (with panel of judges)
 - II. Personal Presentation
 - III. Traditional Dress Review
 - IV. On-Stage Question
- XIII. Each contestant is required to attend the annual Philadelphia/Neshoba Community Development Partnership sponsored banquet honoring the Choctaw Princess Pageant Contestants and the Choctaw fair season. Each contestant will be expected to introduce herself and her sponsor during the banquet. The event time and location will be determined by the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Chamber of Commerce and will be announced by the pageant committee.
- XIV. Each contestant is responsible for her own personal belongings at all times. The Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant committee and Choctaw Indian Fair Committee **WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE** for any lost, stolen, or damaged item (s) belonging to contestants.

Phases of Competition

- I. Individual Personal Interview
- II. Personal Presentation
- III. Traditional Choctaw Dress Review
- IV. On-Stage Questionnaire

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL INTERVIEW

- Contestants will be interviewed individually according to assigned contestant numbers. As schedule for each contestant will be distributed at a later date.
- Each contestant must arrive and be prepared at the interview location no later than thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled interview time. Tardiness will result in a 10-point deduction from individual personal interview scoring.
- Each contestant will participate in a closed interview session — individually — with a distinguished panel of judges selected by the Choctaw Princess Pageant Committee and/or the Tribal Chief.
- Each judge will be provided a “contestant profile” containing your name, number, and other information provided by the contestant and/or sponsor for conversation purposes and questions. The Choctaw Princess Pageant Committee will also supply the panel of judges with a “tribal profile” that illustrates aspects of tribal economic development, tribal history, government, population, maps of Choctaw communities, foods, traditions and celebrations, language, and other pertinent information useful for a successful interview session.
- Contestants should be aware that interviews do not always take place in a quiet controlled environment; therefore, contestants should be prepared to have an interview in any environment, and with any distractions that may occur.
- **Scoring in Individual Personal Interview:** The individual personal interview phase of competition is an opportunity to learn as much as possible about the contestant — personal qualities and attributes to be the 2022-2023 Choctaw Indian Princess, level of communication skills, opinions and aspirations, sense of accomplishment, poise and presence, as well as the ability to understand and communicate the Choctaw culture to a variety of publics.
- **Criteria for Scoring:** Qualities and attributes of the contestant will be considered: overall “first impression”, personal appearance, intelligence, validated opinions and responses, speech, vocabulary and grammar, style, emotional control, and knowledge and understanding of the Choctaw culture.
- **Individual Personal Interview scoring is 30% of overall pageant scores.**

PERSONAL PRESENTATION

- Each contestant is suggested to select a casual or themed style that is neat, professional, age appropriate and not too revealing.
- **Personal Presentation Scoring:** The Personal Presentation phase of competition is designed for the judges to assess the contestant's overall “first impression”, poise, grace and command of presence will be considered, along with how well the contestant carries herself. Each contestant is encouraged to give as much information about their goals, ambitions, education, family, interest/hobbies, extracurricular activities, and personality. It is encouraged that you get creative in this phase of the competition.
- Personal Presentation scoring is 20% of overall pageant scores.

TRADITIONAL CHOCTAW DRESS REVIEW

- **Scoring in Traditional Dress Review:** The Traditional Dress Review phase of competition is designed for the judges to assess the contestant's overall "first impression", poise, grace, and stage presence. The contestant's overall look and presentation of self is highly considered. The traditional Choctaw dress, beadwork and accessories should nicely compliment the contestant's individuality.
- **Traditional Choctaw Dress Review scoring is 30% of overall pageant scores.**

ON-STAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

- On-Stage Questionnaire phase of competition takes place during the traditional Choctaw dress review stage presentation.
- Each contestant will randomly draw a question which names one of a three pageant judges who will ask the contestant an on-stage question.
- All questions are related to the pageant, Choctaw culture and traditions, pop-culture, education or any subject related to the livelihood of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.
- Contestants will be allowed one and half minutes (1 minute, 30 seconds) to respond to question.
- **USE OF INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Any contestant disregarding this rule will immediately be disqualified from the pageant.
- **Scoring on-stage question:** The On-Stage question phase of competition is designed for the contestant to make an impromptu statement to a question regarding personal interests, views, opinions, and aspirations. One question per contestant will be asked and judging will be based on answer, sense of confidence, composure and manner in which the contestant communicates in a public situation.
- **On-Stage Questionnaire scoring is 20% of overall pageant scores.**

**** IMPORTANT NOTE ****

In the event of a tie, the Individual Personal Interview score will be the tie-breaker.

PRIZES:

- The winner of the 2022-2023 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant will receive a beaded crown, sash banner, and a cash prize in the amount of \$500.00.
- The 1st Runner-Up will receive a sash banner and a cash prize in the amount of \$250.00.
- The 2nd Runner-Up will receive a sash banner and a cash prize in the amount of \$200.00
- The "Miss Congeniality" award will receive a sash banner, an award, and a cash prize in the amount of \$100.00.
- The "Miss Photogenic" award will receive an award and a cash prize in the amount of \$75.00.
- All prizes are distributed through the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant budget and is subject to change.

I have read and understand the contestant requirements for the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant, and I agree to follow the terms as set forth.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Guidelines updated and approved by:



Natasha L. Willis, Asst. Coordinator

2022 Choctaw Indian Fair



Date



Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief

2022 Choctaw Indian Fair Director



Date

2022 CHOCTAW INDIAN PRINCESS PAGEANT

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

*****Please note – No Changes May Be Made After Deadline*****

PRINT FULL NAME: _____

SPONSOR: _____

AGE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ / _____ / _____ COMMUNITY: _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIANS: _____

NAME(S) & AGE OF SIBLINGS:

_____ (_____) _____ (_____)

_____ (_____) _____ (_____)

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GRADE COMPLETED: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

****If in high school, please list the college you plan to attend.**

MAJOR/COURSE OF STUDY: _____

LIST TWO (2) FAVORITE SUBJECTS (BE SPECIFIC, EX. IF YOU LIST "MATH,"
LIST WHAT TYPE OF MATH.)

1. _____ 2. _____

LIST TWO (2) OF YOUR FAVORITE FOOD DISHES:

1. _____ 2. _____

NAME OF CHURCH YOU ATTEND: _____

LOCATION OF CHURCH: _____

FAVORITE TRADITION: _____

CONTESTANT PROFILES WILL BE COMPILED FOR A PANEL OF JUDGES DETAILING YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING LISTS; HOWEVER, ONLY THREE OF THE ANSWERS YOU CHOOSE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS PART OF YOUR INTRODUCTION ON STAGE DURING THE ACTUAL PAGEANT. **PLEASE CHECK THREE (3) OF YOUR SELECTIONS FROM EACH LIST.

HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE HONORS/AWARDS (EX. TEACHER AWARDS, SUBJECT AWARDS, SPORTS, HONOR ROLL, WHO'S WHO SELECTIONS, ETC.)

(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____
(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____
(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____

MEMBERSHIP TO SCHOOL CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS (EX. FBLA, VARSITY, DRAMA CLUB, BAND, STUDENT COUNCIL, ETC.)

(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____
(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____
(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____

MEMBERSHIP TO COMMUNITY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (EX. CHOCTAW YOUTH COUNCIL, SOCIAL DANCE GROUPS, 4-H CLUBS, CHURCH YOUTH GROUP, UNITY, ETC.)

(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____
(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____
(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS (THINGS YOU ENJOY DOING IN YOUR SPARE TIME. EX. PLAYING SPORTS, COLLECTINGS THINGS, BEADING, MAKING THINGS, ETC.)

(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____
(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____
(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____	(<input type="checkbox"/>) _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO THE CHOCTAW TRIBAL OFFICE – MAIN RECEPTIONIST DESK.

(END OF CONTESTANT INFORMATION FORM)

2022 CHOCTAW INDIAN PRINCESS
PAGEANT ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

**To verify tribal enrollment, you must (1) complete this form and have it signed by the MBCI enrollment officer, and attach a copy of an existing document, to this form, that clearly lists your name and enrollment number, signed by an enrollment officer. In addition, you must attach a copy of an existing Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card, to this form, that clearly shows your name and MBCI enrollment number.

CONTESTANT'S NAME: _____

ENROLLMENT NUMBER: _____

ENROLLMENT OFFICER: _____

DATE: _____

**THE CHOCTAW ENROLLMENT OFFICE IS LOCATED ACROSS FROM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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2022 CHOCTAW INDIAN PRINCESS PAGEANT
VERIFICATION OF SCHOOL GRADE AVERAGE FORM

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

TO:

Name of High School/College/University Representative

FROM:

CASSANDRA GRADY, Coordinator
2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant Committee

RE:

Registration requirement as a contestant in the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant

Please verify that _____ has maintained a "75" average/college gap of 2.5 or above grade during the 2021-2022 academic school year.

GPA: _____ Letter Grade: _____

Promoted to the next academic level (Circle One): yes no

For questions or inquiries, please call 601-480-5845 or e-mail: Cassandra.grady@pearlriverresort.com

Yakoki.

Signature of School Official

Title of School Official

Date

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2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant
STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

Contestant's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Sponsor: _____ Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Telephone: _____

As a participant in the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant, I hereby certify the following information to be correct and true:

- I am an enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.
- I have maintained at least a "75" average/2.5 college GPA during the previous school year.
- I am between 16-20 years of age (on or before June 1, 2021), and am enrolled in a school in the state of Mississippi or in the State of Tennessee if the applicant resides in Henning, TN.
- I am knowledgeable in the Choctaw culture (language, history, economic progress, arts & crafts, traditions, customs, legends, symbolic icons, etc.).
- I am single, never been pregnant, never cohabitated with a romantic partner, nor have I ever been convicted of a criminal act.
- I am not currently holding a crown/title other than a Native American or Scholastic Oriented program.

If selected 2022-2023 Choctaw Indian Princess, I agree to be readily available to serve a one-year term as an official representative of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. This includes attending media training, being available to travel and/or attend functions and activities at the request of the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant Committee and/or Offices of the Tribal Chief. In addition, I will continue my education and maintain residence within the state of Mississippi for the 2022-2023 academic school year.

Note: If there are any questions regarding eligibility, you may be asked to submit proof of age, tribal membership, or any other documents as requested by the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant Committee.

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Signature: _____

We, the undersigned pageant contestant sponsor, parent/guardian of the following applicant in the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant, do hereby attest to the truth of the above statements.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Contestant Sponsor Representative

Date

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**2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant
SPONSOR INFORMATION FORM**

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

SPONSOR NAME: _____

NAME OF GENERAL MANAGER/DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT/COORDINATOR/CEO:

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EXT: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Briefly detail scope of sponsor organization: You may submit a separate information sheet.
(For contestant interview purposes only)

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2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant
CODE OF CONDUCT AND GENERAL GUIDELINES AGREEMENT

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

The following is the "Code of Conduct and General Guidelines" you are expected to abide by as a contestant.

You, the contestant will be:

1. Required to be on time and attend all scheduled activities and appointments. You must be prepared to participate fully upon arrival.
2. Expected to have a good attitude, respect, participate, and cooperate with the pageant committee and general public.
3. Required to maintain moral standards. The following behaviors will not be tolerated, and any violations of these moral standards will result in disqualification:
 - a. Use of alcohol, tobacco (including vaping), or illegal drugs or abuse of prescription medication
 - b. Inappropriate language (profanity, vulgar language)
 - c. Unacceptable socializing with a boyfriend (i.e. hickies, public display of affection, etc.)
 - d. Any public outburst of any kind (i.e. protests, fighting, etc.)
 - e. Participated in or initiated negative comments, harassment, or bullying through any social media.
4. Asked to affirm that you are not and have never been pregnant, and agree to undergo a physical examination as stated in the pageant qualifications and guidelines or whenever asked by the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant Committee.
5. Asked to affirm that you have not cohabitated with an intimate companion at any time.
6. Asked to affirm that you will represent yourself, the Tribe, your sponsor, and your community in any and all social media positively and with decorum expected of a contestant.

I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above "Code of Conduct and General Guidelines" as a contestant. Failure to abide by the "Code of Conduct and General Guidelines" will automatically disqualify me from the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant.

Contestant Signature

Date

The parent/legal guardian affirms that he/she has reviewed the "Code of Conduct and General Guidelines" with the contestant.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Witness

Date

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**2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM**

DEADLINE: Friday, June 3, 2022 by 3 p.m.

I, _____, being a contestant in the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant, hereby authorize the Choctaw Health Center Women's Wellness Center to release the results of all physical examination to the Choctaw Princess Pageant Committee as required to participate in the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant.

I further understand that only the pageant committee will review the results of my physical examination for contestant eligibility purposes only. ALL RESULTS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

Contestant Signature

Date

I understand that a second physical examination will be required one week prior to the competition.

Contestant Signature

Date

TO THE PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN:

As parent/legal guardian of the above-signed contestant, I authorize permission to the Choctaw Health Center Women's Wellness Center to release the results of my child's physical examination to the 2022 Choctaw Princess Pageant Committee.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

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2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant
CHOCTAW DRESS INFORMATION

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

*****Please note — No Changes May Be Made After Deadline*****

CONTESTANT NAME: _____

CHOCTAW DRESS & APRON

Seamstress(es) _____ Community _____

Length of time to make dress & apron _____

DRESS

Dress Color _____ Material _____ Trimming Color _____

Trim Design — Check one:

_____ Half-Diamond _____ Full-Diamond _____ Other: _____

Scallop Appliques (ex. X's, O's, Diamond, None, etc.) _____

APRON

Apron Color _____ Material _____ Trimming Color _____

Trim Design — Check one:

_____ Half-Diamond _____ Full-Diamond _____ Other: _____

BEADWORK

List general colors used in beadwork _____

Describe general design (star, diamond, eagle feathers, rose, starburst, Artist's signature design, etc.)

Beadwork set consists of the following (please check all that apply to your set)

_____ Medallion (Circle one: Tri, Double, Single, Other: _____)

_____ Belt _____ Earrings

_____ Seed-beaded collar necklace _____ Silver bugle-beaded collar necklace

_____ Handkerchief Lapel _____ Ribbon Lapel(s), how many _____

_____ Other

Craftsperson _____ Community _____
 Length of time to complete beadwork _____

OTHER ACCESSORIES (OPTIONAL)

Purse Basket Length of time to complete _____

Craftsperson _____ Community _____

Round-Comb Length of time to complete _____

Craftsperson _____ Community _____

Sash(es) Length of time to complete _____
 Craftsperson _____ Community _____

Moccasins Length of time to complete _____

Craftsperson _____ Community _____

Other (Please Describe) _____

**Please Provide the following information for committee use:

Write-up compiled by: _____ Phone: _____

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2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant
CONTESTANT COVID-19 GUIDELINES AGREEMENT

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

The following is the "Covid-19 Policy and General Guidelines" you are expected to abide by as a contestant.

You, the contestant will:

1. Please maintain at least 6' physical distance from others while entering the pageant sponsored events.
2. Complete a Temperature reading of less than 100.4F/38C.
3. Successful completion of verbal COVID-19 related questions.
4. Wear acceptable face coverings required for entry and must be worn at all times unless eating or drinking
5. Wear face coverings that must completely cover the nose and mouth
6. Practice Proper Hand Hygiene
7. Use directional aisles and follow signage at all times and events.

I understand these safety guidelines may be amended at any time by the administration before the Pageant based upon further guidance from the Choctaw Health Center and the CDC.

I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above "Covid-19 Policy and General Guidelines" and applicable Tribal Executive Orders as a contestant. Failure to abide by guidelines and executive orders will automatically disqualify me from the 2022-2023 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant.

Contestant Signature

Date

The parent/legal guardian affirms and agrees that he/she has reviewed the "Contestant Covid-19 Guidelines Agreement" with the contestant.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Pageant Committee Member, Witness

Date

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**2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant
SPONSOR COVID-19 GUIDELINES AGREEMENT**

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2022

The following is the "Covid-19 Policy and General Guidelines" you are expected to abide by as a Sponsor.

You, the Sponsor will:

1. Designate one person, per contestant, to attend pageant events or activities with the contestant.
2. Advise the designated person who attends pageant events or activities to comply with all COVID-19 policies.
3. Maintain at least 6' physical distance from others while entering and attending pageant sponsored events.
4. Complete a Temperature reading of less than 100.4F/38C
5. Successful completion of verbal COVID-19 related questions.
6. Wear acceptable face coverings.
7. Executive order regarding face covering will be applicable.
8. Practice Proper Hand Hygiene.
9. Use directional aisles and follow signage at all times and events.

I understand these safety guidelines may be amended at any time by the administration before the Pageant based upon further guidance from the Choctaw Health Center and the CDC.

I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above "Covid-19 Policy and General Guidelines" and Executive Order No. 2020-06-A on Choctaw Land as a Sponsor. Failure to abide by guidelines and executive orders will result in removal from pageant event(s).

Sponsor Signature

Date

Pageant Committee Member Witness

Date

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2022 CHOCTAW INDIAN PRINCESS PAGEANT SPONSOR QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTESTANT SPONSORSHIP

- I. Sponsors for contestants in the 2022 Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant must have an established affiliation with/or within the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. These affiliations can be defined as established clubs, community organizations, organized tribal sporting teams, local businesses, tribal departments or programs, tribal entities, or other interested parties as approved by the 2022 Princess Pageant Committee and/or Tribal Chief. The deadline to submit pageant sponsorship and contestant application is **Friday, May 27, 2022.**
- II. Sponsors must agree to assist candidate financially for purchase of pageant attire, traditional regalia, and other accessories necessary for each category of competition. The Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant Committee suggests (though not required) that each sponsor not exceed \$1,500.00 for contestant expenses.
- III. Sponsors will assist their contestant in preparation for all appearances and presentation aspects of the pageant. This includes interview with panel of judges, stage routine and presentation, (i.e. attire, public speaking, etc.)
- IV. Sponsors will provide and/or secure adequate arrangements for transportation to and from all scheduled practices and other pageant activities. A calendar of practice dates and times, and other planned events will be available at the **MANDATORY PAGEANT MEETING**, scheduled on **Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.** at the Choctaw Indian Fair Entertainment House.
- V. Sponsors will delegate one (1) individual who will serve as a primary contact person to assist the contestant for all pageant related purposes. This individual must also prepare arrangements for one (1) contestant assistant, if any, to help with competition transitions on the evening of the actual pageant, and no additional sponsors shall be allowed backstage during pageant. A contestant will only be allowed one (1) assistant during the pageant. Swapping contestant assistants is not allowed. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** For all related practices and events, the Covid-19 Policy will be strictly enforced.
- VI. Due to the increasing costs of tribal regalia, each sponsor is allowed to establish their own rules concerning the contestant's ownership of traditional beadwork and Choctaw dress acquired through sponsorship, i.e. assuming the sponsored contestant does not win the competition, the sponsor may retain ownership of regalia for the sole purpose of usage for the following year's pageant contestant. **Sponsor must establish a written agreement signed by the contestant and parent/guardian of the contestant on or before Friday, May 27, 2022.**
- VII. On pageant night, sponsors of each contestant must ensure contestants do not leave the premises of the assigned pageant contest areas at any time during the pageant. **Any contestant doing so for any reason may be disqualified from the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant.**
- VIII. One sponsor representative must accompany the pageant contest to the annual pageant banquet hosted by the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Community Development Partnership; date of the banquet shall be announced by the pageant committee.

I have read and understand the requirements for contestant sponsorship, and I agree to follow the terms as set forth.

Signature of Sponsor

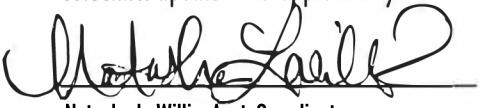
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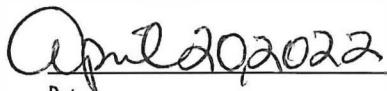
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Guidelines updated and approved by:



Natasha L. Willis, Asst. Coordinator
2022 Choctaw Indian Fair



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Cyrus Ben, Tribal Chief
2022 Choctaw Indian Fair Director



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