

Contestant Eligibility Criteria

Miss Navajo Nation Pageant

- Candidate must be an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation with a tribal census number and submit a Certificate of Indian Blood.
- Candidate must be 18-25 years of age, never have co-habitated, never been married (including marriage **annulments, common law marriage, same-sex marriage/relationship and/or divorce**) and have never been pregnant.
- Candidate must speak fluent Navajo and English
- Candidate must have knowledge of Navajo culture, history and tradition.
- Candidate must possess a high school diploma or GED **by date of Miss Navajo Nation Pageant.**
- Candidate must have an official birth certificate **indicating gender at birth.**
- Candidate must have a valid/ active state issued driver's license.
- Candidate must submit to a physical examination for general health status.
- **Candidate must have no juvenile or adult criminal history and/or record.**
- Candidate must submit a 300-word essay on the following subject: "Contribution I would make as the new Miss Navajo Nation"
- **Candidate will not have a hetero/or same sex relationship during reign.**
- Candidate must submit three (3) letters of recommendation from any of the following: Local chapter officials, clergy, academic counselors, community leaders or other professionals. NOTE: No letters will be accepted written by personal family members or friends.
- Candidate must submit two (2) 8x10 color photographs as follows: One (1) in full length pose and One (1) head and shoulders picture in traditional regalia.
- **Candidate must move to Window Rock, AZ for the duration of reign, if selected as Miss Navajo Nation.**
- Candidate must not have held the title of Miss Navajo Nation.
- Candidate must not be registered for active duty with any military service.

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- Candidate must be willing to withdraw from college or university for the duration of her reign if crowned Miss Navajo Nation **and is required to be physically present during Miss Navajo Nation Pageant activities at the end of her reign as Miss Navajo Nation.**
- **Candidate must be willing to give up any concurrent royalty title if selected as Miss Navajo Nation.**
- Candidate must pay a \$100.00 non-refundable **application** fee.
- Candidate is required to participate in radio and media interviews scheduled by the Office of Miss Navajo Nation on July ___, 20__.
- Candidate will be required to make public appearances to promote the upcoming Miss Navajo Nation Pageant 20___. Miss Navajo Nation will accompany **contestants** to all scheduled public appearances: Navajo Nation Council Summer Session July, ___, 20___; Navajo National Central Fair Parade, Chinle, AZ; and Gallup Indian Ceremonial Parade, Gallup, NM.

CONVICTION REPORT

- A. Have you ever been convicted of, admitted committing, or are you awaiting trial for any crime (excluding only minor traffic violations not involving any allegation of drug or alcohol impairment)? You must answer “YES” even if the matter was later dismissed, deferred, vacated, or expunged. If you answer “YES”, you must provide dates of the proceedings, the court where the proceedings occurred, a statement of the accusation against you, and the final disposition of the case(s).

YES NO

EXPLANATION:

- B. Have you ever been dismissed (fired) from any job, or resigned at the request of your employer, while charges against you or an investigation of your behavior was pending? You must answer “YES” even if the matter resolved with any form of settlement or severance agreement regardless of the terms. If you answer “YES”, you must provide the date of termination of employment, the name, address, and telephone number of the employer(s), and a statement of the alleged reasons for termination.

YES NO

EXPLANATION:

- C. Have you ever been found guilty of, entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to, been arrested for, been charged with, or are you waiting trial for any felony or misdemeanor offense under Federal, State, or Tribal law involving crimes of violence, sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution, crimes against persons, or offenses committed against or involving children? If so, provide details below, including date of conviction, court where convicted, sentence imposed, and present status of conviction.

YES NO

EXPLANATION:

- D. I am not awaiting trial on and I have never been convicted of, admitted to, or pled to any of the twenty-four criminal offenses listed below in this State or similar offenses in another jurisdiction.

YES NO

EXPLANATION:

- E. I am awaiting trial on or I have been convicted of, admitted to, or pled to one or more of the criminal offenses listed below in this State, or similar offenses in another jurisdiction, and which I checked below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual abuse of a minor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burglary in the second or third degree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aggravated or armed robbery

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<input type="checkbox"/>	First or second degree murder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robbery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidnapping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child abuse
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual conduct with a minor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual assault	<input type="checkbox"/>	Molestation of a child
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual exploitation of a minor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manslaughter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Burglary in the first degree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aggravated assault
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploitation of minors involving drug offenses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assault
<input type="checkbox"/>	Felony offenses involving contributing to the delinquency of a minor		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Felony offenses involving sale, distribution or transportation of, offer to sell, transport, or distribute or conspiracy to sell, transport or distribute marijuana or dangerous narcotic drugs		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Felony offenses involving the possession of use of marijuana, dangerous drugs, or narcotic drugs		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdemeanor offenses involving the possession or use of marijuana or dangerous drugs		

A dangerous crime against children as defined in §13-604.01

If any of the boxes are marked “YES”, fill in the information below and attach a letter of explanation. PLEASE PRINT.

CONVICTION INFORMATION

CONVICTION CHARGE	DATE OF CONVICTION	COURT OF CONVICTION
CITY/STATE	AMOUNT OF FINE	LENGTH OF JAIL/PRISON TERM
LENGTH & TERMS OF PROBATION	REMARKS	

*CONVICTION means the final judgment on a verdict or a finding of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere, in any state, tribal, or federal court or competent jurisdiction in a criminal case, regardless of whether an appeal is pending or could be taken. Conviction does NOT include a final judgment which has been expunged by pardon, reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered invalid.

***A.R.S. 13-604-01 requires applicants to give notice of any conviction for dangerous crimes against children. These crimes are defined as second degree murder, aggravated assault, sexual assault, molestation of a child, sexual conduct with a minor, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor, sexual exploitation of a minor, child abuse, and sexual abuse.

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Under penalty of prosecution and dismissal, I hereby certify that the information presented on this application is true, accurate, and complete. I authorize the investigation of all statements contained herein and understand that any document relevant to this information may be reviewed by the Office of Miss Navajo Nation to make reference checks prior to employment, and I will execute such documents to facilitate this investigation. I understand that my employment is not finalized until the background investigation has been completed. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of pertinent facts is a class 3 misdemeanor and may be cause for dismissal.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Acknowledgment of Notary Public:

SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

PUBLIC: _____ MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

**CONSENT TO CONDUCT A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND
RELEASE**

I, _____, have submitted my application for Miss Navajo Nation Pageant 20 ____. I understand that in order for the Office of Miss Navajo Nation to determine my eligibility, qualifications, and suitability for employment, the Office of Miss Navajo Nation will conduct a background investigation if I am selected as Miss Navajo Nation. This investigation may include asking my current and any former employers and educational institution I have attended about my education, training, experience, qualifications, job performance, professional conduct, and evaluations, as well as confirming my dates of employment or enrollment. position(s) held. reason(s) for leaving employment, whether I could be rehired, reasons for not rehiring (if applicable) and similar information.

I hereby give my consent for any employer or educational institution to release any information requested in connection with this background investigation.

According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I understand that I have a right to see most education records that are maintained by educational institution, such as college or university, I may have attended.

I waive ___ / do not waive ___ (initial only one) my right to see any written reference or other information provided to the school by any educational institution.

According to Arizona law any employer that provides a written communication to the Office of Miss Navajo Nation regarding my current or past employment must send me a copy at my last known address. I acknowledge that some employers are unwilling to provide factual written references concerning a current or past employee unless they may do so confidentially, without revealing the references to the employee, and that the Office of Miss Navajo Nation will not further consider my application if it cannot its background investigation. I waive my right to receive a copy of any written communication furnished to the Office of Miss Navajo Nation by any present or former employer.

Whether or not I have waived my right to see or to receive copies of written references furnished to the Office of Miss Navajo Nation by employers or educational institutions, I release, hold harmless and agree not to sue or file any claim of any kind against any current or former employer or educational institution, and any officer or employee of either, that furnishes written or oral references requested by the Office of Miss Navajo Nation to complete its background investigation.

A photocopy or facsimile (fax) copy of this Consent to Conduct Background Investigation and Release that shows my signature shall be valid as the original. This authorization is valid for five (5) years from the date signed or upon my termination of my affiliation with the Office of Miss Navajo Nation, whichever is sooner.

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DATED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Applicant

Witness