



Miss Tohono O'odham Nation APPLICATION



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To All Contestants:

On behalf of the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee, we congratulate you on your decision to become a contestant for the 2021-2022 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Virtual Pageant.

We are looking forward to your participation! You will gain knowledge about yourself, your community and the Nation throughout your experience.

We would like to provide you with information needed for your application.

- 1. Please make sure your talent descriptions match your talent presentations.*
- 2. Make sure your application is written neatly in black pen or typed.*
- 3. The judges will base their questions from your application during the interview and impromptu questions.*

Once we have received your application, the committee will review it and contact you to confirm your application has been accepted.

Due to the current restrictions and guidelines, there will be no customary Pageant Week. We are excited for your participation as a contestant in the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Virtual Pageant.

If there are any other questions you may contact one of the committee members listed on the application or email us at misston.chairperson@tonation-nsn.gov. Please don't hesitate to contact the committee for support and guidance.

Sincerely,

*Mary Juan, Chairwoman
Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee*



Required Qualifications of Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Contestants:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Tohono O’odham Nation. Submit a copy of your Tribal identification card.
2. Be 17-24 years of age.
3. Be knowledgeable of or be willing to learn the Tohono O’odham language, culture, history, values, traditions and issues affecting our Tribal government.
4. Have a high school diploma or GED; be attending high school or a GED program. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or above when application is submitted and include attendance record. A certified copy of your most recent high school transcript or verification of GED program attendance from the school you are attending.
5. Submit two(2) letters of recommendation on official letterhead from any of the following: Clergy, Academic Counselor, Teacher, Leaders in the Community or other Professional(s).
6. Be a reputable person.
7. Be willing and able to communicate with the public and participate in Traditional and non-O’odham activities.

Guidelines for the 2021-2022 virtual pageant

1. Everyone must be wearing a mask during Pageant. Contestants will be allowed to remove their mask during presentations/speaking and crowning. Hand Sanitizer will be available.
2. Contestants are allowed one(1) family member to assist in changing area.
3. Be prepared to perform as soon as you arrive. If you are using props you will be required to set up and breakdown your items.
4. Each contestant will be allowed two(2) people to assist them in their presentations. Skits with other individuals will not be permitted.



Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2021 -2022

I hereby enter the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant and submit the following information for review and Committee use only.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Village: _____

District: _____

Current Place of

Residence: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City

State

Zip Code

Tribal Enrollment #: _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Father's Name: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Mother's Name: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Guardian's Name: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

II. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

III. EDUCATION BACKGROUND

High School: _____

Current Grade: ____ Year Graduated: ____

College/Other Education

Institute: _____

Current Grade: _____

Year Graduated: _____

Degree: _____



IV. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of Employer: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Job Title: _____

Employed from: _____ to _____

Pageant Rules

- As a Miss Tohono O’odham Nation contestant you will participate in and be judged on the following:
 1. Oral Presentation
 2. Essay Writing
 3. Interview Session
 4. Talent (Modern or Traditional)
 5. Modeling Traditional Dress
 6. Impromptu Questioning

- At all times you must be respectful of yourself, other contestants and the Pageant Committee.
- You must submit an accurate description of your Traditional Dress. Once your application is accepted by the Pageant Committee you will not be permitted to submit any changes.
- Your Platform presentation will be limited to three(3) minutes, this includes your Introduction in O’odham or English.

DESCRIPTION OF PLATFORM

You will describe your Platform in words. What topic will you speak on and encourage others to learn or share. Your Platform should be a topic that you are knowledgeable in or have personal experience of.



DESCRIPTION OF TALENT:

You are required to perform a talent of your choice. Your talent should not exceed five (5) minutes. Prerecorded music is permitted as a background for your presentation but must be provided by you. **Lip-syncing is not permitted.** You must have sufficient knowledge of your talent to avoid the use of any cue cards.

DESCRIPTION OF TRADITIONAL ATTIRE:

GOALS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

List your personal goals:



List any special recognition or awards received in or out of school:

List any other information you would like to share about your special interests, hobbies, volunteer work, etc.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Your required essay must be attached to your application. Your essay shall state your interest in the Pageant and why you should be selected as Miss Tohono O’odham Nation. Your essay must typed and be between 200 and 500 words. It should be double spaced with 12 inch font size. Your name must be on the top right hand corner of the page.

Please submit two photos dressed in your Traditional Attire with your application. One photo must be a head shot and the second photo will be full, body length. These are for advertisement of the Pageant.



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PARENTAL/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

By my signature below I/We do hereby declare, acknowledge, and understand the Contestant Guidelines and the Pageant Rules. I/We, certify that the information contained here is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. Further, I/We understand that any false information provided will cause disqualification from the Pageant, and any title or awards will be forfeited.

CONTESTANT APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

If Contestant Applicant is under 18 years of age, the following must be completed by Parent/Legal guardian.

I/We, _____, hereby verify that _

_____ has my/our permission to participate in the 2019-20 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE



CHECKLIST

The following is provided to assist you in your application. Your application must contain all the required information and documents. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

- Photos: Two (2) 4x6 inch photos in traditional attire; one (1) headshot, 1 full body length
- Copy of your Tohono O'odham Nation enrollment verification (enrollment card)
- Signatures required
- Essay
- Copy of most recent transcript, diploma-high school or GED, GED attendance, attendance record, whichever is applicable □ Two (2) letters of Recommendations.

Deadline: Friday December 11, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Applications are to be submitted to the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation email: misston.chairperson@tonation-nsn.gov

If a hard copy of application is needed, please contact one of the Committee Members for assistance.

MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION COMMITTEE

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