



Miss Tohono O'odham Nation APPLICATION



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Contestants:

The Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Committee congratulates you for your interest in becoming a contestant for the 2024-2025 Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Pageant.

You will gain knowledge about yourself, your community, and the Tohono O’odham Nation throughout your experience. We all look forward to your participation in the upcoming pageant.

This year’s pageant will be held at the Baboquivari High School Fine Arts Building.

We would like to provide you with all the information needed to complete your application. During this time there is a lot of uncertainty, however, we want to be able to answer all your questions as they come. Currently, we are asking you to be aware of the following:

- 1. Make sure your talent descriptions match your talent presentations.*
- 2. Make sure your application is clear and precise*
- 3. The judges will base their questions during your interview and impromptu questions from your application*

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

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 any assistance with completing your application.

We are excited for your participation as a contestant for Miss Tohono O’odham Nation.

Sincerely,

*Mary Juan
Chairwoman
Miss Tohono O’odham Nation Committee*



These guidelines may be enforced for the 2024-2025

pageant pending executive office direction TBD

1. Everyone must wear a mask during the pageant and pageant week, including the crowning presentation.
2. Proof of Vaccination is required prior to participation in pageant week activities.
3. A negative COVID test result is also required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Miss Tohono O'odham contestants MUST meet the following qualifications

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.
8. Be willing to recruit contestants for the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation title and verbally share its benefits.

Deadline: December 08, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

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

(Revised October 24, 2023)



Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2024-2025

Entry Form

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: _____

Community: _____

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 _____

DESCRIPTION OF TALENT AND ATTIRE

You are required to perform a talent of your choice of modern or traditional. Your talent should not exceed five (5) minutes. Prerecorded music is permitted as a background to your presentation(s), 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. Props for talent portion will be reviewed and approved by MTON committee.

Note that the information describing your traditional attire will be read during the pageant while you are modeling the attire.

DESCRIPTION OF TALENT:

DESCRIPTION OF TRADITIONAL ATTIRE:



DESCRIPTION OF PLATFORM:

GOALS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

List any special recognition or awards received in or outside 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 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation title and what you wish to accomplish if you are to be selected as Miss Tohono O'odham Nation. Your essay must be 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 digital 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.

PAGEANT RULES

- As a Miss Tohono O'odham Nation contestant, you will participate in and be judged on the following:
 1. Oral Presentation (INTRODUCTION INCLUDED, 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)
 2. Essay Writing
 3. Interview Session
 4. Talent
 5. Modeling Traditional Dress
 6. Impromptu Questioning
- Your talent presentation shall be no longer than 5 minutes.
- In your application, 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.
- At all times you must be respectful of yourself, other contestants, and the pageant committee.
- You are responsible for your personal belongings at all times during Pageant Week. The Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee is not responsible for loss of personal items, theft, or injury while you are a contestant.



MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

APPLICATION

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 the 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 2024-2025 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____



MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERS' CONTACT INFORMATION

Mali:ya Juan, Chairwoman (520) 705-3513

Vacant, Vice Chairwoman

Wynona P. Larson, Secretary (520) 993-6932

Olivia Villegas-Liston, Member (520) 235-0266

Cynthia Manuel, Member (520) 993-9417

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.

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

