

Dear Contestant:

The Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee would like to congratulate you for your interest in becoming a contestant for the 2026-2027 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.

You will gain knowledge about yourself, your community, and the Tohono O'odham Nation throughout this experience.

This year's pageant will be held at the Hanam Ke:k Recreation Center, on Sunday, January 18, 2026.

We would like to provide you with all the information needed to complete your application. We are asking you to be aware of the following:

1. Make sure your talent description matches your presentation.
2. Make sure your application is clear and accurate.
3. The judges' questions during your interview as well as the impromptu questions will be based on your application.

Once we have received your application, the committee will review all your documents and will contact you.

If you have any questions, you can contact anyone of the committee members listed on the application or email at misston.chairperson@tonation-nsn.gov. Please don't hesitate to contact the committee for assistance in completing your application.

Respectfully,

Jessica Juan, Chairwoman
Miss Tohono O'odham Committee

Qualifications

Miss Tohono O'odham contestant 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. Knowledgeable of or will 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; or be currently attending high school or GED program.
 - a. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or above when application is submitted include attendance record.
 - b. A certified copy of high school transcript.
 - c. GED certificate.
5. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation on an official letterhead from any of the following:
 - a. Clergy.
 - b. Academic counselor.
 - c. Teacher.
 - d. Leader of community or other professional.
6. Have a positive character.
7. Able to communicate to the public and participate in traditional and non-O'odham activities.
8. Be a recruiter for contestants for the Miss Tohono O'odham title and share the benefits of being Miss Tohono O'odham.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

December 23, 2025 @ 5:00pm

Email Address: misston.chairperson@tonation-nsn.gov

Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2026-2027

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 #: (____) ____-____

Father's Name: _____ Cell #: (____) ____-____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell #: (____) ____-____

Guardian Name: _____ Cell #: (____) ____-____

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 (Current)

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.

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 IMPACT YOU WANT TO MAKE (Goals, Values, or Purpose):

AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

List any special recognition you've received while in or outside of school:

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

Once your application is accepted by the pageant committee you will not be permitted to submit any changes.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Write a typed essay in 200 - 500 words regarding your interest in applying for the Miss Tohono O'odham Nation title and what you wish to accomplish if you are selected.

It should be double spaced with 12-inch font size. Your name must be on the top right-hand corner of the page.

PAGEANT RULES

As a Miss Tohono O'odham Nation contestant, you will be judged on the following:

1. Oral Presentation (3-minute time limit which includes introduction).
2. Essay (200–500-word limit).
3. Interview Session.
4. Talent (limit of 5 minutes).
5. Modeling Traditional Dress.

Reminder: make sure to have an accurate description of your Traditional dress. This will be read while you are modeling.

6. Impromptu Questioning.

Other Reminders:

- 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.

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 may cause disqualification from the Pageant, and any title or awards may be forfeited.

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 2026-2027 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.

Parent/s-Legal Guardian/s

Date:

MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS' CONTACT INFORMATION

Jessica Juan, Chairwoman (520) 909-2317 or (520) 993-3226

Vacant, Vice Chairwoman

Vacant, Secretary

Loretta Ortega, Member (520) 471-3497

Naomi Monte, Member (520) 993-6408

Janice Felix, Member (520) 993-3160

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 your Traditional attire; one (1) headshot, 1 full body length.
- ✓ Copy of your Tohono O'odham Nation enrollment verification (enrollment card).
- ✓ Signature/s required.
- ✓ Typed Essay.
- ✓ Copy of most recent transcript, diploma-high school, GED, GED-attendance, attendance record, whichever is applicable.
- ✓ Two (2) letters of Recommendations.