Miss Tohono O'odham Nation

APPLICATION

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Dear Contestant,

The Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee would like to thank you for your interest in becoming a contestant for the 2027-2028 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.

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

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 do not hesitate to contact a committee member for assistance in completing your application.

Respectfully,

Miss Tohono O'odham Nation
Interim Committee

QUALIFICATIONS

Miss Tohono O'odham contestant MUST meet the following qualifications:

1. Must be an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Submit a copy of your tribal/identification card.
2. Must be 17-24 years of age and cannot turn 25 years of age during their reign.
3. Must be knowledgeable of or be willing to learn the Tohono O'odham Language, culture, history, values, traditions, and issues affecting our tribal government.
4. Must 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. A copy of GED Certificate.
5. Submit two (2) letters from any of the following, for recommendation:
    a. Clergy
    b. Academic Counselor
    c. Teacher
    d. Leader of community or other professional
6. Must have a notable character.
7. Must be able to communicate with the public and participate in all activities.
8. Must be willing to be a recruiter of contestants for the upcoming Miss Tohono O'odham title and share the benefits of being Miss Tohono O'odham Nation.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

Wednesday, December 23, 2026 @ 4:00 PM

Email address: MissTON.Chairperson@tonation-nsn.gov

Miss Tohono O'odham Nation 2027-2028 Application

I hereby 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: _____

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City State Zip code

Tribal Enrollment #_____

Home Phone: _____ 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 (is applicable)

Name of Employer: _____

City:_____State:_____ Job Title: _____

Employed from:_____to_____

DESCRIPTION OF TRADITIONAL TALENT AND DESCRIPTION OF TRADITIONAL ATTIRE

You are welcome 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 que cards. Props for talent portion will be reviewed and approved by the MTON Committee.

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

DESCRIPTION OF TRADITIONAL TALENT:

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DESCRIPTION OF TRADITIONAL ATTIRE:

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DESCRIPTION OF MODERN TALENT:

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENING ATTIRE:

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DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT YOU WANT TO MAKE, MISSION STATEMENT: (Goals, values or purpose)

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ANY AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, (your special interests, hobbies, volunteer work, etc.)

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ESSAY:

Type an essay in 200-500 words regarding your interest in 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 at the top right-hand corner of the page(s).

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. Traditional Talent / Traditional Attire (limit of 5 minutes)
5. Modern Talent / Evening Attire
6. Impromptu Questioning

Reminder: An accurate description of your Traditional dress.

*Be respectful to yourself, other contestants, and the MTON committee.

***Mandatory participation during pageant week, Wednesday, January 13, 2027, through Sunday, January 17, 2027.** During this week you will be staying with other contestants at an overnight designated location. Please do not schedule anything during this time. Any emergencies, you will need to notify the MTON Committee, and it will be handled on a case-by-case bases.

*You are responsible for your personal belongings at all times. Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Committee is not responsible for loss of personal items, theft, or injury while you are a contestant.

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 or enrollment card.
✓Signatures required.
✓Typed Essay.
✓Copy of most recent transcript, diploma- high school or GED, GED attendance record, whichever is applicable.
✓Two (2) letters of recommendation.

Once your application is received by the MTON Committee you will not be permitted to submit any changes.

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 can result in disqualification from the Pageant, and any title or awards will be forfeited.

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Applicants 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 2027-2028 Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Pageant.

Parent/Guardian_____ Date:_____

MISS TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION:

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