

2016 – 2017 Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen

Official 2016 Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Entry Application

The concept for Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant originated in 1912 in Gallup, New Mexico. Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen is truly an ambassador for all Native people and represents Indian Country. Indigenous, young women from all over North America compete for this crown.

The Crown and Title of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen are registered under Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial.

The Application process requires submitting the following items to the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen committee. All Contestants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Completed applications must be received by the deadline **July 11, 2016 at 5 pm MST** in order to prepare for the Competition and Pageant. Please submit completed application packet to: Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant, c/o Gallup Ceremonial Office, 206 W. Coal Avenue, Gallup, NM 87301

If you have any questions please call us at (505) 863-3896 or (505)722-6837 Virginia.

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- 2 Letters of Recommendation – Someone other than family.
- College or High School Unofficial Transcripts
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- Current Photograph – Two (2) 8x10 Color Photos (1 Traditional and 1 Modern)

MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

1. Essay
2. Public Speaking
3. Private Interviews with Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial Judges.
4. Modern Talent
5. Traditional Talent

MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL PRIZES

- Prize Money
- Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Shawl and Sash
- Other Miscellaneous Gifts from donors

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MISS GALLUP INTER-TRIBAL INDIAN CEREMONIAL CONTESTANTS
95th Annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial & Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian
Ceremonial Queen Pageant
Gallup, N.M. USA
August 10, 11, and 12, 2016

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Native or Indigenous Female, 18-25 years of age. Candidate must have reached the age of 18 years old on or before the first day of pageant competition as evidenced by a certified copy of the candidates birth certificate presented to pageant official before competition begins.
- Verifiable Tribal Affiliation. An enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe of the United States or Native band of Canada as evidenced by certified enrollment records presented to pageant officials before competition begins.
- Single, never been married and NO Dependents (Children)
- Knowledge of Tribal Traditions

POINT SYSTEM: The selection of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial is based on a Point System.

- Essay/Written Test: Essay Prompt, *“Why would you like to become Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen? How will you provide a positive role model to the title? What goals would you like to execute throughout your reign as Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen?”*
- Public Speech: “How has a cultural way of life shaped me into a role model for others?” to be presented at the luncheon
- Private Interviews with Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Judges.
- Modern Talent Presentation
- Traditional Talent Presentation – Representative of your Tribe.
- Traditional Attire Presentation: Representation of your traditional regalia and tribe.

Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen will be crowned on Friday, August 12, 2016 at the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial at Red Rock State Park, Gallup, New Mexico.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
Pageant Coordinator, Virginia Ballenger at Virginia@NavajoSpirit.com
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 11, 2016 at 5pm (MST).

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PERSONAL INFORMATION: Please type or write clearly in the fields listed below.

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____
Indian Name: _____ Translation: _____
Tribe(s): _____
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email address is REQUIRED: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Tribe(s): _____
Father's Name: _____ Tribe(s): _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____
High School – City/State/Province: _____
College: _____ Major: _____
College – City/State/Province: _____
Year in College: _____
Date of Attendance: _____ FROM: _____ TO: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

AFFIRMATION: I affirm that the contents contained herein and other submitted documents, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Contestant: _____

Date: _____

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PHOTO RELEASE

This form will certify that the person named below is the author and copyright to the work described as a photograph and that the author consents and authorizes the reproduction of the work and that no one will be charged for the enlargement and the enlarged photograph will remain the property of the Ceremonial Queen Committee.

Photograph is required for the contest for:

Miss Photogenic for the Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen 2016

Copyright Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE 2016 -2017

As a contestant in the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant, I understand that should I win the title of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen, I will be responsible for representing the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial to the general public.

I understand the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant is a competition which recognizes a number of the contestants' attributes: traditional talent, cultural knowledge, personality, public speaking, and appearance. Therefore, it is my responsibility as the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen representative to act, speak and dress according to the esteem my title deserves at any time that I may be in the public eye.

If I am selected as Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen (MGITICQ), I agree to the following:

- To wear my crown and sash when appropriate and anytime I am acting in the capacity of my title;
- To attend specific scheduled events as requested by the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial office. That my official appearances must be approved by the Ceremonial office
- I agree to maintain close contact with MGITICQ committee chair and the committee to accomplish this with quarterly reports of activities (Due: 10/30/16, 1/30/16, 4/30/16 & 7/30/16)
- By submitting my entry form and this Liability Waiver and Release I acknowledge this is a contractual agreement between the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association, Inc., and myself;
- To uphold my title, encourage others to participate in future pageants and to assist in the promotion and production of the Pageant as designated;
- That I am a non-paid contestant and participant in the Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial Queen Pageant. I am aware that my title does not receive any salary. Pre-approved expenses throughout my reign will be reimbursed, upon submission of receipts otherwise they are my responsibility.
- I hereby release the sponsors, the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association, Inc. from any claim for damage or liability as a result of an accident or injury which may occur while participating in or traveling to any event required in the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant activities and/or during my reign.

I also release the right, title and claim of photography that may be taken by the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Association or any official photographer for their future use.

I have read this Liability Waiver and Release and fully understand and agree to abide by the terms therein.

Contestant Signature _____

Date _____

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CODE OF CONDUCT & GENERAL GUIDELINE AGREEMENT

As a Contestant for the title of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen,

- You represent yourself, your family, your Tribe(s), and the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial.
- It is not be in your best interest to conduct yourself in any way that would have an unfavorable affect on yourself, your family, your Tribe(s), and the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen or the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial.
- It is very important for you as a Contestant and an individual to maintain certain moral standards for yourself now and in the future. It is mandatory that you and your fellow contestants conduct yourselves in good morals standards. This means that you will refrain from arguing, yelling, fighting, or swearing; smoking, chewing tobacco, drinking alcoholic beverages, using drugs, or socializing in locations where alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed. This type of behavior will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification.
- You may not have any dependents nor have/had any children. Should you be selected as Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen, you may not reside with your significant other/intimate companion, and may not get married or pregnant at any time during your reign. Violations of this rule will result in immediate involuntary relinquishment of the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial title.
- You must have a positive attitude about yourself before, during and after the Pageant. You are required to respect, obey and participate with fellow contestants, the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Committee, Judges, staff, general public and anyone you may come in contact with.
- You must be present at the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant Orientation that will take place August 10, 2016. (Schedule of events will be sent to you with your official acceptance letter into the pageant).
- You are responsible for your personal belongings at all times. The Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Committee, the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial, and the City of Gallup, are not responsible for Contestant's belongings, loss of articles, theft/or injury.

I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above Code of Conduct & General Guidelines as a Contestant of the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant. I understand that I may be disqualified as a Contestant of the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant if I depart from the conditions and guidelines outlined above.

Signature of Contestant: _____

Date: _____

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TRADITIONAL AND MODERN TALENT INFORMATION

Please complete and return this information as soon as possible, but no later than July 11, 2016.

The Committee will need this information before any further action can be taken. Once your Traditional and Modern Talent Presentation is submitted, reviewed and accepted by the MGITICQ Committee you may not change it.

Your Traditional presentation should reflect some Tradition(s) of your Tribe.

There is a 10 minute time limit on all presentations. You will be given 5 minutes to set up. You must be able to perform, present and demonstrate within the 10 minute time frame. You will be judged based on your knowledge of the culture, language and creativity of your presentation. All contestants must provide all materials and props needed for their talent presentations.

Title of the Traditional Talent you will be presenting _____

Description of Traditional Talent Presentation:

Title of the Modern Talent you will be presenting _____

Description of Modern Talent Presentation:

The Queen Committee will provide a microphone. You are responsible for providing any further material or props for your Talent Presentations.

Any request made to use slide presentations or video will not be approved. You are being judged on your presentation of a Traditional talent (example of a traditional/cultural talent within your tribe) and a Modern Talent.

Musical background music is encouraged or live supplement to your presentation as it pertains to your presentation. Please be aware that your CD's are recorded very clear and are queued to your presentation.

- Please check here if you will be using pre-recorded music in any way during your presentation.

- Please check here if you will have live supplement on the stage.

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FORM Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Deadline July 11, 2016

The applicant has chosen you to provide a letter of recommendation for her competing in the Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen Pageant. We are grateful for your willingness to serve as her reference and kindly request that you address each of the questions below. You are welcome to transcribe them to your own letterhead if you wish.

Please be sure your letter contains the following information:

- a) Your name
- b) Your address
- c) Your phone number
- d) Your email address
- e) The best time to contact you (if we have follow-up questions)

Please address the following questions in your letter of recommendation:

- a) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- b) What do you consider her strengths?
- c) What do you consider her challenges?
- d) Do you feel that the applicant would thrive in the title of Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen?
- e) What else do you feel would be useful for us to know for our evaluation of this applicant?
- f) Be sure to include the applicant's full name.

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PERSONAL ESSAY

Please be sure your essay is a minimum of 2 pages, double spaced, font size 12 point on plain white paper, clearly answering the following question.

- a) “Why would you like to become Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen?”
- b) “How will you provide a positive role model to the title of Miss Gallup Inter-tribal Ceremonial Queen.?”
- c) What goals would you like to execute throughout your reign as Miss Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial Queen?”

This essay allows you the opportunity to introduce yourself. Give as much information about your goals, education, family, interest, hobbies and any additional information you would like to include.

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