



NORTHERN
ARIZONA
UNIVERSITY

2010 Miss Indian NAU Scholarship Pageant APPLICATION PACKET

Pageant Date/Time/Location:

Friday, November 20, 2009

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm MST

NAU Cline Library Assembly Hall (bldg. 28)
Flagstaff, AZ

Application Deadline Date:

Friday, November 6, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. MST

Contestants should be available for pageant meetings on:

November 19th

5:00pm to 8:00pm

November 20th

10:00am to 1:00pm Interviews & Pageant 5pm to 10pm

For questions, contact a Committee Member:

Sharon S. Doctor, 523-6960, Sharon.Doctor@nau.edu

Kathleen Frank, 523-6229, Kathleen.Frank@nau.edu

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Scholarship Sponsored by Institute for Native Americans

Event sponsored by the Miss Indian NAU Organization (MINAUO)

An event celebrating American Indian Heritage Month

www.missindiannau.com/



2010 Miss Indian Northern Arizona University

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

As a student ambassador at Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the surrounding communities, Miss Indian NAU will help to promote cultural awareness and understanding of tribal/indigenous nations; support and represent the Native American student organizations; and participate in programs and activities to strengthen recruitment and retention efforts of students. She is expected to fulfill these goals and objectives with cultural pride, dignity, and honor.

Miss Indian NAU will serve as a role-model and leader, therefore, she must be honest, respectful, cooperative, and diplomatic. She must demonstrate leadership, communication skills, professionalism, and good work ethics at all times.

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY (at time of application and during reign):

- Be 18-29 years of age, female, single, never married, without children, and an enrolled member of a federally recognized Native American/Native Alaskan/Hawaiian Native tribe or nation
- Must have completed at least 29 credit hours with a 2.5 CGPA with NAU OR a combination of credit hours from other colleges/universities with a CGPA of 2.5
- Be currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate (12 hours or more) or graduate (9 hours or more) at the NAU Flagstaff campus and have cumulative 2.5 undergraduate GPA or a 3.0 graduate GPA
- Not be pregnant and/or have criminal record
- Must not be currently holding any other title at time of coronation as Miss Indian NAU and/or have previously held title of Miss Indian NAU
- Not be registered for active duty with military service
- Be knowledgeable of Native American history, cultures, customs, and traditions

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Experience in planning student-oriented programs or activities
- Ability and desire to mentor students
- Group presentation experience
- Experience in or ability to learn/enhance time and budget management practices
- Ability to coordinate and implement fund-raising activities as approved by Pageant Committee
- Effective communication skills (written and verbal)
- Ability and desire to work as part of a team
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to work with a diverse university population, including students, faculty, staff, and administration
- Good organizational skills and attention to detail
- Computer skills including experience with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, e-mail, and Internet

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COMPETITION INFORMATION:

The selection of Miss Indian NAU will be made on the basis of the contestant's knowledge and awareness of Native American culture, history, and government, as well as communicative skills and style, professional presentation, and personality conveyed and expressed during the pageant. Contestants are required to participate in all categories and adhere to competition timelines. The following competition categories will be conducted in the order indicated below:

Essay (to be included with application packet)

Each essay will be reviewed by the pageant committee and judges and examined based on content, form, and grammatical structure. Essays are limited to 2 pages and should be typed with font size of 12, double-spaced and signed.

Essay Question: "How does your Native American heritage enhance your ability to be a leader?"

Personal Interviews (Two)

Prior to the evening competition, each contestant will begin the first interview session (15-minutes) with the Pageant Committee. The contestant will demonstrate leadership qualities, character, planning skills and experience. The second interview will be with a selected panel of judges who will evaluate knowledge of Native American customs and practice, issues, education, and current events; judges will also assess personality traits and professional demeanor.

Contemporary Competition

Contemporary Outfit: Each contestant will model a gown or professional attire that should reflect semi to formal attire; no revealing, suggestive or inappropriate clothing, jewelry and accessories will be allowed; also, body piercings and tattoos must be covered. While contestant is modeling her gown or professional attire, the Master/Mistress (MC) of Ceremony will provide information about her personal and tribal profiles; the judges will assess attire, body language, and composure.

Public Speaking: After contestant models her gown she will be given three (3) minutes to introduce herself to the judging panel and audience. She will also conduct a 5-minute presentation on why she should be given the opportunity to be the next 2010 Miss Indian NAU (major, career plans). The judges will evaluate verbal skills, clarity, organization, and overall public presentation.

Traditional Competition

Traditional Outfit: Each contestant must wear tribal (authentic) dress that represents her tribe; a written description of the outfit (as provided on application) will be read by the MC while the contestant models her attire.

Traditional Talent: There is a 10-minute time limit on all presentations (time limit may change due to the number of contestants); talent and skills are limited to dancing, singing, and artistic abilities (i.e., weaving, painting, pottery, etc.), storytelling, sign language, poetry, musical instruments, and others approved by the committee. Microphones, podium, chairs, and table will be provided by the committee. No use of video and/or slide projection/PowerPoint allowed. Contestants can use pre-recorded music for presentation background. No lip synching allowed.

Impromptu Question

Each contestant will be given three (3) minutes to respond to randomly selected questions while on stage. Response time, fluency, and knowledge about subject will be observed.

FINALIST AND AWARD CATEGORIES:

◆ Miss Indian Northern Arizona University

Sterling silver crown*, sash banner, gifts and a \$1,600 scholarship (\$800 for spring 2010 and \$800 fall 2010)

*Crown belongs to the Miss Indian NAU Organization club and is lent to titleholder for events.

◆ Miss Indian NAU First Attendant

Sash banner, gifts, and \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 for spring 2010 and \$500 for fall 2010)

◆ Miss Congeniality

Keepsake memento gift

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Each contestant must submit the following items for consideration and approval to compete in the pageant:

- 1. Completed entry application
- 2. Pageant Code of Conduct and Official Duties Agreement (signed)
- 3. Release Form (signed)
- 4. One letter of recommendation (non-family member, use form)
- 5. Certificate of Indian Blood or Tribal Enrollment Card (photocopy)
- 6. Valid State I.D. (photocopy)
- 7. Two recent, color photos (no more than 6 months old, 4"x6" to 5"x7" size)
- 8. Current class schedule and unofficial LOUIE transcript (use Portal Mail user name and password to access LOUIE) OR college transcripts from other colleges/universities.
- 9. Essay (2 page limit, typed, double-spaced, 12-point font)

Note: All items described above become property of the Miss Indian NAU Pageant Committee and will not be returned; **NO** faxed application packets will be accepted.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Friday, November 6, 2009 by 5:00 pm MST

Submit completed application packet to:

Native American Student Services (NASS) – LEADS Center
c/o Sharon Doctor
University Union, Rm. 104, Building 30
Questions? call Sharon Doctor at 523-6960

The Pageant Committee will provide information about rules and regulations, competition schedules, and other program materials to each contestant by e-mail to the email address as indicated on the application.

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**** OFFICIAL APPLICATION ****

Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. MST

Please print legibly in ink or type.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ M.I. _____

NAU Student I.D. # _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Local Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tribal Affiliation _____ Hometown _____
City _____ State _____

Local Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Emergency Phone Number _____ NAU Email Address _____@nau.edu

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____ Guardian's Name _____

EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT

Student Status:

- Undergraduate (12 hours or more), please indicate Class Standing:
 Freshman (29 cr.hrs. minimum) Sophomore (30-59 cr.hrs.) Junior (60-89 cr.hrs.) Senior (90+cr.hrs.)
- Graduate (9+ cr. hrs. and degree seeking) and Status:
 Newly admitted into Graduate Program Continuing graduate student Post-degree

Major _____ Minor _____

NAU Cumulative GPA/Transfer GPA _____ Total Credit Hours Completed _____

Employer Name & Address _____

Employer Phone Number _____ If employed, indicate number of hours worked per week
and which day(s) you work? _____

PREVIOUS PAGEANT EXPERIENCE

Have you entered the Miss Indian NAU Pageant in the past? No Yes (date: _____)

TRADITIONAL TALENT INFORMATION

Describe your talent and traditional outfit; attach additional sheets, if necessary.

Traditional Talent _____

Traditional Outfit _____

PERSONAL PROFILE

(Please print clearly and use complete sentences; attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

Family and friends describe me as:

Describe your hobbies and/or interests:

List honors, awards, achievements, recognition, and/or community service:

Describe your educational and professional goals and ambition:

With submission of this application, I hereby enter the 2010 Miss Indian NAU Scholarship Pageant. I understand that all information I provide will be used for review purposes by Pageant Committee and judges. Furthermore, I authorize the Miss Indian NAU Pageant Committee to record on film, tape or otherwise, my name, likeness, voice, wardrobe and performance for use in website, promotional programs, and informational purposes for the Miss Indian NAU Scholarship Pageant.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

* Official Use Only *	
Received by _____	Date _____
Approved by _____	Date _____
Comments _____	

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PAGEANT CODE OF CONDUCT AND OFFICIAL DUTIES AGREEMENT

All contestants must review and initial after each guideline for pageant. A signature at the bottom is also required to complete the agreement. The Pageant Committee is referred to as "PC" throughout this agreement.

1. _____ I have met each of the eligibility requirements and am eligible to compete for the title of Miss Indian NAU. As a contestant of the pageant I shall compete in all competition categories.
2. _____ I shall respect and cooperate with my fellow contestants, Pageant Committee, judges, and the general public during the pageant.
3. _____ I understand that I will conduct myself above and beyond approach. I will refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, smoking in public, profane language, outburst of any kind, and unacceptable socializing with a boyfriend (i.e., intimate display of affection, etc.) in public. I understand that this type of behavior will not be tolerated. Any infringement of these standards will result in disqualification as Miss Indian NAU contestant and titleholder.
4. _____ I affirm that I have no dependents (children) nor have had any children. I also agree to not cohabitate with an intimate companion (male or female). I also agree to not marry, not become pregnant, nor commit any crimes, and/or to not compete in other pageants during my entire reign.
5. _____ If I am selected as the titleholder, I will serve from January 2010 to December 2010, be enrolled full-time at the main NAU Flagstaff campus, and maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 for my entire reign; and I understand that grade checks will be conducted every month with instructors by the PC.
6. _____ I will attend public functions upon official and approved invitation as an ambassador of NAU; plus participate in university programs or activities as recommended/required by PC (a list of events will be provided by the PC). I also agree to attend and assist at the annual NAU Foundations & Institute for Native Americans Golf Tournament held in fall 2010.
7. _____ I have a valid State Driver's license in case I need to provide my own transportation to/from approved events OR coordinate with PC about transportation arrangements at least two weeks in advance of the event.
8. _____ I will comply with the rules of conduct as outlined in the NAU Code of Conduct and PC policies and regulations. Family members of titleholder shall respect decisions made by the PC.
9. _____ I agree to communicate and work collaboratively with Native American clubs/organizations, including the Miss Indian NAU Organization, on campus and as well as with the PC on all official activities, programs, and fundraising events.
10. _____ I agree to coordinate fundraising events and communicate with Pageant Committee and/or Miss Indian NAU Organization to deposit funds into a designated bank account and accessible only through approval by the Pageant Committee.
11. _____ I will be responsible for checking out/in the crown before/after each approved event and submit timely trip reports to a PC member and give in-person reports at PC and Miss Indian NAU Organization meetings.
12. _____ I will dress appropriately and behave/cooperate accordingly as Miss Indian NAU.
13. _____ I will review and revise any and all self-promoting Internet sites (MySpace, Facebook, Hi5, blogs, etc.). I agree that my Internet site(s) will abide by the Miss Indian NAU Philosophy & Policies.
14. _____ I will coordinate monthly meetings with the PC and Miss Indian NAU Organization.
15. _____ I will abide by and uphold philosophy of Miss Indian NAU. I understand that if I am involved in any activity or behavior which brings dishonor to the title, Northern Arizona University, Miss Indian NAU Organization, and PC, I will be required to explain my actions to the PC. Any action or decision affecting my reign (continuance or discontinuance) will be made by PC.
16. _____ I will read my e-mail on a daily basis and respond to any messages from PC members and will have access to a telephone and communicate promptly to PC and other public contacts.
17. _____ I will be expected to relinquish title, crown, banner, gifts, and any unawarded scholarship to the First Attendance, if I am dismissed before the end of my reign. In the event the current title holder is dismissed, the First Attendant will assume the responsibilities of Miss Indian NAU for the remainder of the reign. I also agree to assist with planning the next pageant to include fundraising.
18. _____ I will pay for the crown replacement (\$600.00) if the crown is stolen or damaged. Fee may be forfeited **IF** an official police report is submitted to the PC within 1 month of filing police report.

I, _____, hereby agree and promise to abide by the above guidelines regarding the 2010 Miss Indian NAU Scholarship Pageant and Official Duties. I also affirm that the contents contained in application packet are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. **I understand that an official Pageant Contract will be given to me if I should be selected as the 2010 Miss Indian NAU titleholder. I understand that I will be disqualified as a titleholder if I deviate from any of the conditions outlined above and I will not keep the sash and scholarship fund.**

Signature _____

Date _____

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CONTESTANT RECOMMENDATION FORM

This form must be completed by a non-family member.

Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2009 by 5:00 pm MST

Contestant Name: _____

The Contestant named above has requested your assistance in providing a recommendation for her for the 2010 Miss Indian NAU Scholarship Pageant. The form should reflect your observations or knowledge of planning skills and experience, leadership roles, cultural awareness, and relevant qualifications. Information you provide will be kept confidential. Feel free to include additional pages. For questions, please contact a Pageant Committee member: Sharon.Doctor@nau.edu (928) 523-6960; Kathleen.Frank@nau.edu, (928) 523-6229; Laverne.Kescoli@nau.edu, (928) 523-8312. Thank you for your assistance.

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Recommender's Name (please print)	Date
Signature	Employed at (if applicable)
Title (if applicable)	Phone Number

Attach separate page if needed.

1. How long have you known contestant?

2. In what capacity have you known contestant?

3. Please rank the contestant using the following scale:

0 = not observed	1 = lacking	2 = fair	3 = average	4 = good	5 = excellent
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Maturity 0 1 2 3 4 5 Dependable/Responsible 0 1 2 3 4 5 Planning skills 0 1 2 3 4 5 Teamwork 0 1 2 3 4 5 Ability to lead/mentor 0 1 2 3 4 5 Cultural Awareness 0 1 2 3 4 5	Communication skills 0 1 2 3 4 5 Ability to work cooperatively 0 1 2 3 4 5 Organizational skills 0 1 2 3 4 5 Judgment 0 1 2 3 4 5 Self-confident 0 1 2 3 4 5 Initiative 0 1 2 3 4 5
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4. Do you recommend the contestant for the title of Miss Indian NAU? YES NO
5. Comments:

