



# UNITED TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA

## Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant Application

### 42th Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference

March 08-09-10-11 , 2017

Miss Indian North Carolina serves as an ambassador for the Indian people of North Carolina. During her reign she will not only represent herself and her tribe, but all of the tribes in North Carolina.

Miss Indian North Carolina is selected by acquiring points in a variety of categories and must be knowledgeable about her tribe and traditions, and have some understanding of the other tribes and organizations throughout the state.

Miss Indian North Carolina Qualifications:

- Indian women between the ages of 18-26
- Single, never married, no dependents (children)
- Must possess knowledge of tribal heritage and tradition(s)
- Must be an enrolled member of a State or Federally Recognized Tribe in the United States
- Show lineage and Certificate of Indian Blood to a North Carolina Tribe
- Must show primary residency in the state of North Carolina during the reign of Miss Indian NC

**Current and past tribal princesses are welcome and encouraged to apply!**

Miss Indian North Carolina contestants will be judged in the following categories:

Personal Essay	20 points
Personal Interview	20 points
Regalia	15 points
Cultural Engagement	20 points
Traditional Talent	10 points
Platform Speech	15 points
Evening Gown	10 points
Stage Question	10 points
Total Points Available	120 points

**\*Application Deadline – December 31, 2016.** Late applications will not be accepted. If selected, contestants will be required to attend an all-day pageant meeting on **January 21<sup>st</sup>**, **time and location: TBA**

If selected, contestants will be required to check in the Wednesday (3/8/17) before the UNITY Conference to begin rehearsals. Check-in will be Wednesday March, 8, 3:00pm, 2016 with a check-out on Saturday, March 11, 2017. After awards contestant's room arrangement will be furnished by United Tribes.

**\*Please Note-** All submitted application materials will become property of United Tribes of North Carolina. These items will not be returned.

**The application process requires submitting the following items to the Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant Committee:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal Essay: Walking In Two Worlds-Due: 11/30/16</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Completed Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Application, Due: 12-31-16               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official Entry Application</li> <li>• Traditional Talent Information Form</li> <li>• Signed Contestant Agreement</li> <li>• Signed Promotional Release Statement</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>One (1) 5x7 color photograph in regalia-(professional)</b><br/><b>No crown to be worn on picture</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Certification of Tribal Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Age</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sealed Official Transcript (college and high school)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Resume (community/tribal/academic activities)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three letters of recommendation from: Due 12/31/16               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (1) Letter from contestant's tribe or organization</li> <li>• (1) Educator</li> <li>• (1) Community Member (NO RELATIVES)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Application fee of \$200.00 payable to: Due 12/31/16<br/><b>United Tribes of North Carolina</b><br/>c/o Jessie L Jacobs<br/>432 Hartford Ave, Charlotte, NC 28209<br/>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:minc@united-tribes.org">minc@united-tribes.org</a><br/><b>(Application fee includes Full registration for Contestant only)</b></li> </ul> |
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Name:		Parent(s) Name:	
Home Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:		Email Address:	
Date of Birth:	Age:	Tribal Affiliation:	
Indian Name (if applicable):			
Meaning:			

### Sponsoring Organization Information (IF None State None)

Sponsoring Organization Name:			
Sponsoring Organization's Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Contact Person's Name:		Title:	
Phone:		Email Address:	

### Education

High School:		Date of Graduation:	
Address:			
College/University:			
Address:			
Major:		Degree:	
Grade Point Average:		Date of Graduation:	
Academic Honors and/or Awards (use a separate sheet if more space is needed):			

### Career Summary

Current Employer:		Position:	
Employer's Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:

### Hobbies and Special Interests

List any hobbies or special interests, including any clubs/organizations that you are involved in:

### Honors/Awards

List any honors/awards you have received (academic and non-academic):

### Traditional Talent Information

Title:	
Description of Talent:	
List any special equipment you may need for your talent presentation (microphone, radio, etc):	
**Note: Talent presentations should last 2-3 minutes.**	
_____	_____
Applicant's Signature	Date

### References (NO RELATIVES)

#### Reference #1

Name:	Occupation:
Address:	Phone: Email:

#### Reference #2

Name:	Occupation:
Address:	Phone: Email:

#### Reference #3

Name:	Occupation:
Address:	Phone: Email:

#### Reference #4

Name:	Occupation:
Address:	Phone: Email:

### Pageant Rules/Contestant Agreement

- If I am selected as a contestant in the Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant and accept the invitation to participate, by signing below I agree to fully participate in any and all activities associated and in conjunction with the competition.
- I understand that all contestants must meet certain criteria and agree to abide by all the rules set forth by the Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant Committee and approved by United Tribes of North Carolina.
- No contestant will be allowed to wear a crown or banner associated with a current or past title during the competition. Tribal princesses will be permitted to wear their crowns and banners during the opening banner ceremony but must remove them before the contestants are announced. They will not be permitted at any other time during the conference.
- If a contestant is a current title holder, she must relinquish her current title. Miss Indian NC will NOT carry two titles.
- No smoking, drinking or use of illegal drugs by a contestant will be tolerated! Any contestant proven to have broken this rule will be immediately disqualified.
- The use of profane or abusive language is strictly prohibited during the competition.
- Contestants will be required to attend all scheduled events, appearances and meetings and are to be dressed appropriately. Contestants should notify a pageant committee member if she has a problem attending an activity.
- Contestants will be assigned an agent upon arrival at the conference. Contestants should check in with their agent regularly for any information or instructions during the pageant. If at any time during the conference a contestant must leave the hotel for any reason, she must notify their agent. If she cannot locate her agent

she should notify another agent or someone from the pageant committee.

- Full participation includes my voluntary consent to be tested for pregnancy and/or the use of illegal drugs upon my arrival. It is understood that any contestant testing positive may be immediately disqualified, but that all results will remain confidential. I also understand that Miss Indian North Carolina must voluntarily consent to periodic random drug testing at any time during her reign.
- I understand that if I am the contestant chosen as Miss Indian North Carolina, I must make arrangements with the President/Vice President of United Tribes of North Carolina to sign my contract within one week of the crowning.
- I understand that any contestant deemed unmanageable by the pageant committee, after due process and with the agreement of the President of United Tribes of North Carolina, will be immediately disqualified.
- All contestants are expected, by their conduct, to represent their family, endorsing tribe or organization, United Tribes of North Carolina and the Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant with respect, dignity and integrity.
- Contestants are to wear their contestant sashes at all times.
- Should I be selected as Miss Indian North Carolina, I understand that I will be a spokesperson for the title of Miss Indian North Carolina and its sponsoring organization, United Tribes of North Carolina. I will be expected, at every Miss Indian North Carolina appearance to acknowledge the Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant and United Tribes of North Carolina for giving me this opportunity. I also understand that upon signing the Miss Indian North Carolina contract, I will be responsible to United Tribes of North Carolina.
- Attitude, appearance and lifestyle of Miss Indian North Carolina needs to be exemplary at all times. Openness to learn, grow and benefit from experiences is important.
- Miss Indian North Carolina's lifestyle must always exemplify high moral values and ethical standards the Miss Indian North Carolina Pageant has established in past years.
- I understand that during the year of her reign, Miss Indian North Carolina cannot participate in any competition such as, but not limited to: pageants, powwow dance competitions, etc. Miss Indian North Carolina is not permitted to judge any competition without prior approval from the pageant committee.
- The silver crown is the sole property of United Tribes of North Carolina and is on loan to the current Miss Indian North Carolina for her use and recognition during her reign. She is expected to keep it in her personal possession at all times and maintain it in a professional condition. If it is damaged, lost or stolen during her reign, it will be her responsibility to fix and/or replace it, unless proven by criminal act via police report at the time of the theft. Miss Indian North Carolina will receive funds for a beaded crown, beaded by an artist of her choosing and under approval of the MINC Committee. Miss Indian North Carolina will keep her one of a kind beaded crown.
- I understand and agree to not misuse any form of social media. This includes, but is not limited to: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Voy Boards and Videos. I agree that any conduct on any social media site found unbecoming by United Tribes could result in a disciplinary review by the Pageant Committee "

### Certification of Pageant Rules

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand all of the rules and guidelines stated above and do agree to abide these rules and guidelines as long as I am a contestant in the Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship. I further understand that violation of these rules will be grounds for immediate disqualification from the pageant. If parent(s) will not be accompanying the contestant(s), a chaperone will be assigned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Promotional Release

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give United Tribes of North Carolina permission to use any or all photographs, videos, and audio recordings of me as a contestant in the Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship for the sole purpose of future promotional projects associated with the Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Explanation of Judged Events

**Personal Essay (20 points)** Interested participants must complete a personal essay for review by the pageant committee. The committee will review the essay before the pageant. At that time, the committee will accept or deny entry as a contestant. IF you are approved as a contestant, the personal essay will be judged on site at the UNITY conference by a panel of judges and count toward your total overall score. Personal Essay Requirements: Title "Walking in Two Worlds", two pages, 1.5 spaced, and 12 pt. font.

**Personal Interview (20 points)**

Contestants will be questioned on their background as presented on their fact sheet, their educational and career goals, their opinions on current events and social issues, tribal history, cultural awareness, knowledge and understanding of North Carolina Indian history, and their interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities. Scoring is based on overall communication skills, including personality, intelligence, validated opinions, emotional control, overall first impression and personal appearance, and whether the contestant possesses the overall qualities and attributes of Miss Indian North Carolina. Interviews will last ten (10) minutes.

**Regalia (15 points)**

Contestants will model traditional regalia reflective of their cultural heritage. Scoring is based on overall first impression, sense of confidence, personality and stage presence, walk and posture, and style and fit. If a contestant has regalia that is representative of her tribe that is what she should wear for regalia competition.

**Cultural Engagement (20 points)**

Contestants will be observed throughout the conference on personal appearance, conduct, and personal/public interaction. Contestants must attend specific events as noted in the contestant itinerary. Contestants should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

**Traditional Talent (10 points)**

Contestants will perform a 2-3 minute traditional talent of their own choosing. These could include, but are not limited to: pottery, basket weaving, beadwork demonstration, storytelling, performing a traditional song, traditional dance (other than general powwow dancing), tying tobacco, etc. Talents should be representative of the contestant's tribe, but must be representative of Southeastern Indian culture. Scoring is based on contestant's skill and personality, knowledge, interpretive ability, technical skill level, knowledge of talent presented, stage presence and the totality of all elements.

**Platform Speech (15 points)**

Contestants will speak 2 minutes during Thursday Night event on a subject they are passionate about and would like to bring awareness on the subject. Such as: Cultural awareness, children literacy, HIV, Alzheimer, Cancer, etc. This platform Speech is a topic she will speak on during her reign at appearance.

**Evening Gown (10 points)**

Each contestant appears on stage in an outfit of her own choosing, representative of what she would wear to a formal "after five" social event. Cocktail dresses and evening gowns are all appropriate for this phase of the competition. NO PANT SUITS. Scoring is based on overall first impression, sense of confidence, personality and stage presence, walk and posture, appropriateness of attire, sense of grace and elegance.

**On Stage Question (10 points)**

Contestants will pull a question from the box to answer. Scoring is based on the ability to answer with confidence and support answers with evidence and/ or personal experience. Contestants will NOT be notified of questions prior to pageant.

**United Tribes Member Organizations**

Tribes

Coharie Intra-Tribal Council, Inc.  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, Inc.  
Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina  
Meherrin Indian Tribe  
Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation  
Sappony Tribe  
Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe

Organizations

Cumberland County Association for Indian People  
Guilford Native American Association  
Metrolina Native American Association  
Triangle Native American Society  
Legal Aid of North Carolina - Pembroke  
N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs