

Greetings!

We are excited that you are interested in becoming a Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant Contestant! As a contestant, you will gain lifelong friendships and network with leaders from across the state of North Carolina. Contestants will have the opportunity to gain Professional Development training to include Interview Skills, Current Indigenous Issues, and Modeling Techniques during our Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant Contestant Conference -TBA.

We've made a few exciting changes this year! **All interested Ladies will be screened by the Pageant Committee before acceptance as an official Contestant.** The screening tool consists of the following:

- Full Name, Proof of Age (18-26)
- Tribal Card/ CIB (NC Tribe), NC Residency
- **Submit an essay entitled, "Walking in Two Worlds"** (12 point font, 2 pages, 1.5 spaced). **Deadline for submission: November 30, 2016- 5pm.** Please send all information electronically to: Jennifer J. Locklear at mizjones73@gmail.com All information will be reviewed by the Pageant Committee and applicants will be notified of their status no later than December 16th. **After acceptance, your complete application and fee will be due: December 31, 2016.** Please send complete application electronically to: Jennifer J. Locklear at mizjones73@gmail.com
- If selected, contestants will be required to attend an **all-day pageant meeting on January 21st**, time and location: TBA. We will review include tips for fundraising, a contestant ribbon that you may wear at community events to rally support, and a sample press release for your tribal newspaper and local media to gather sponsors. An agenda of important dates and committee member contacts will also be included.
- Contestants will be judged in the following categories and the following awards will be added to the traditional court:

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	10Points
Total Points Available	120 points

Best Regalia
Best "Walking in 2 Worlds Essay" Winner
Miss Photogenic
Most Facebook Likes
Miss Congeniality
Community Service Award

If you have any questions about the screening or application process, please feel free to contact April W. Locklear, AprilWhittemoreLocklear@gmail.com or 910-977-7796.

Walking In Two Worlds,

The Miss Indian North Carolina Scholarship Committee