



2014

*Miss Northern Navajo Pageant
Application Packet*

Application Deadline: September 12, 2014-5:00pm

Northern Navajo Fair Office



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Yaa'a'teeh,

Thank you for your interest in this year's 2014 Miss Northern Navajo Pageant. This pageant is held annually to honor young ladies who have the maturity, talent, desire and enthusiasm to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the Northern Agency of the Navajo Nation as well as promoting one of the oldest of Navajo Fairs on the Navajo Nation, and most importantly promoting cultural preservation. It will be an amazing year of community events, travel, public speaking, and many more events that will be demanded of you throughout your year as Miss Northern Navajo.

The following is a checklist of required documents; remember all documents must be submitted to be considered a contestant.

- Application form information
- Traditional and Contemporary Talent/ Skill Descriptions
- Expectations and Responsibilities of Miss Northern Navajo Agreement
- Policy and Procedure Agreement
- Media release
- Essay
- Two letters of Recommendation regarding your candidacy (Non Family members)
- CIB, Proof of Age (Identification)
- Application fee \$100.00 non-refundable (**money order ONLY made out to the Northern Navajo Nation Fair**)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me, from my above information.

On behalf of the Fair Board and Fair planning committee, I welcome you aboard in participation of this year's pageant. I look forward to meeting you at orientation Friday, September 19 at the Phil Thomas Performing Arts Center at 5:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Lynnelle

Lynnelle Washburn, Coordinator
Shiprock Navajo Nation Fair



Areas of Competition

- **Essay**
- **Photogenic**
- **Cooking Competition**
 1. Building Fire skills (Wood is provided)
 2. Mutton Fileting (mutton is provided)
 3. Tortilla Bread (flour, water, ingredients provided)
 4. Chil Chin (contestant must provide)
Everything else not listed as “provided” make sure you bring on your own. (knives, bowls, pots, fire grill etc.)
- **Traditional/ Contemporary Interview**
 1. PowerPoint presentation on Proposed platform
(6 slides max, nothing more than 6)
- **Contemporary**
 1. Skill
 2. Talent
 3. Impromptu Question (in English)
- **Traditional**
 1. Skill
 2. Talent
 3. Impromptu Question (in Navajo)
 4. Traditional Hair Tie



Contestant Information

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ Age: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ (Cell): _____ Email: _____

Maternal Clan: _____ Paternal Clan: _____

Maternal Grandfather Clan: _____ Paternal Grandfather Clan: _____

Guardian Information

Father's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relation: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relation: _____

Allergies (anything coordinator should know): _____

Education

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

College: _____ Major: _____

Year in College: _____ Employer: _____



Scholastic Honors/ Accomplishments: _____

Long-term/ Short-term Goals: _____

Previous Titles held: _____

If crowned Miss Northern Navajo what is your platform for the entire year? _____

Why did you want to participate in this year's pageant? _____

Talent Information

You will have **5 minutes** each to perform your talent and skill. You will perform a talent and skill for modern contemporary and for traditional. A talent is something that one is born with; it is your natural ability to do something without really thinking about it. A skill, on the other hand, is something that you acquire after putting in a lot of hard work; unlike talent, it is not inborn, but learnt.

***If there will be any accompaniment on stage please describe along in your description.**

Describe the talent/ skill you will be performing:

Contemporary Skill: _____

Contemporary Talent: _____

Traditional Skill: _____

Traditional Talent: _____



Expectations and Responsibilities of Miss Northern Navajo

In the event that you are chosen as the Miss Northern Navajo, your duties will include as follows:

- Miss Northern Navajo candidates must not have been married before, or will not get married during the duration of her reign. Violation of this will result in immediate surrender of the title of Miss Northern Navajo. The title will automatically be reassigned to whoever is 1st Runner up.
- Miss Northern Navajo candidates must not have been pregnant before, or will not become pregnant during the duration of her reign. Violation of this will result in immediate surrender of the title of Miss Northern Navajo and the title will automatically be reassigned to whoever is 1st Runner up.
- Must not be engaged in any sort of relationship with a significant other or cohabitate with a significant other.
- The reign is for one full year (date she received the title until date of the next Miss Northern Navajo)
- Be a positive role model, will be expected to act in an appropriate manner at ALL times throughout the course of the pageant and if chosen throughout the course of her reign.
- She will be expected to dress appropriate and professional at all times, when at events she will be required to wear traditional attire. Crown and sash must be worn the entire day's event. (unless specified by pageant coordinator)
- Responsible for the care of Crown and Sash, and will be expected to return Crown and sash at the end of reign to the next chosen Miss Northern Navajo.
- Represent the Northern Navajo agency, Northern Navajo Nation Fair, and most importantly the Navajo Nation.
- Will be expected to be a motivational speaker, and constant engagement with the community.
- Must be prepared to present a speech or talent of some form at public events.

- Must be able to understand and speak the Navajo language she must be open and responsible for expanding her knowledge throughout her reign.
- Must be willing and open to attend all kinds of events. (Powwows, Song& Dance, Dinners, Receptions, Parades, Graduations etc.)
- She will be responsible for her own transportation to and from scheduled events, unless arranged otherwise.
- Miss Northern Navajo must be sensible in her actions throughout the course of her reign. Any report of misconduct of any form will NOT be tolerated and will be thoroughly investigated by the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board, Northern Navajo Nation Fair Planning Committee and Pageant Coordinator.
- Mandatory attendance at Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board Meeting and Pageant committee meetings.
- Monthly report of events attended should be submitted to pageant Coordinator the last day of every month.
- Miss Northern Navajo will be expected to present quarterly presentations to the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board/ Planning committee when requested.
- Miss Northern Navajo will receive \$1000.00 scholarship upon the successful **completion** of her reign as Miss Northern Navajo. If she is unable to complete and fulfill in any way her duty as Miss Northern Navajo, the \$1000.00 scholarship becomes null and void.
- The Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board, Northern Navajo Nation Planning Committee and the Miss Northern Navajo Pageant Committee and Coordinator reserve the right to terminate Miss Northern Navajo due to ANY kind of misconduct.
- Miss Northern Navajo must agree to the expected behavior and responsibilities of Miss Northern Navajo prior to the pageant. The Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board/ Planning committees and Miss Northern Navajo Pageant Coordinator has full authority in making final decisions regarding Miss Northern Navajo.



By signing this contract you agree that:

- I. You agree to follow ALL Miss Northern Navajo policy and procedures during the pageant and throughout the duration of her reign.
- II. That you dismiss and release any responsibility for loss, injury, accident, theft, or damage to contestant or property from the Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board, Northern Navajo Nation Planning Committee, Miss Northern Navajo/ Teen Pageant Coordinator/ Committee and the Phil Thomas Performing Arts Center.
- III. Understand that ANY violation of any policies may result in disqualification from pageant or dismissal from the title of Miss Northern Navajo title.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Chaperone/ Guardian Signature; _____ Date: _____

Coordinator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fair Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

NNNFB Member: _____ Date: _____



Policies and Procedures

1. All contestants must be of good moral character and must not exhibit careless behavior.
2. Contestant shall not have a criminal record or have been convicted of a crime (felony).
3. Contestants will conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner at all times, this includes family members.
4. Contestants must not and will not defame the pageant organization, Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board, Northern Navajo Nation Fair Committee, other participating contestants, the pageant coordinator and or committee, through any action at all: whether it is oral, written and including any statements or remarks displayed on the internet through social media sites. (Facebook, myspace, Instagram, etc) Shall a contestant defame any of the above during or after she will be prohibited in participating in the pageant as well as future Miss Northern Navajo/ Teen Pageant. Shall she receive the title of Miss Northern Navajo/ Teen; she will be terminated from her title.
5. During the pageant or any activities surround the pageant there shall be no use of illegal; drugs, tobacco, or alcohol.
6. The pageant committee expects each contestant to display the highest degree of sportsmanship during the pageant.
7. Each contestant should be mindful that they are representing themselves, their family, and their community.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct of any sort from contestants and/ or Family members could result in the disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete for Miss Northern Navajo/ Teen Pageant.
9. Contestant must be present at all required competitions and activities related to the pageant.
10. Contestants must arrive on time and fully dressed 30 minutes prior to each competition round
11. All contestants must be ready and dressed for their competition, along with sashes and numbers.



12. Contestants will provide their own transportation and lodging to and from the pageant activities.
13. A pageant judge must not be approached by a contestant or a contestant's family member with the intent to influence or harass. Action of this type can and will result in disqualification of the contestant at the discretion of the pageant committee and the coordinator.
14. Decisions of the judges will be final and all scores will be kept confidential.
15. Only contestants, pageant committee helpers, PTAC workers are to be allowed in backstage area. All others are prohibited and will only be allowed to enter with an ID badge.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chaperone/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Media release

I consent to and authorize the use and reproduction, in any electronic media to the Miss Northern Navajo pageant committee and Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board/ Planning committee of any and all recorded images with my name or without my name that have been taken during the duration of the pageant for publishing purpose or any other purpose not specifically mentioned herein, without compensation, in perpetuity.

I acknowledge that all images----electronic, negatives, and prints---are owned by the Miss Northern Navajo Pageant Organization and Northern Navajo Nation Fair Board/ Planning Committee.

I agree that the Miss Northern Navajo Pageant Coordinator, shall have the right to edit and distribute said recordings, in any and all electronic media as needed, and to reproduce still shots or video clips in media, electronically as needed, or any other form of media.

I acknowledge that this release is irrevocable, and that I have read and understood the terms of this release.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chaperone/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Essay Competition

Requirements

- **Typed**
- **12pt font**
- **3 page max**
- **No shorter than 2 pages**

The youth and children are our future, therefore what and how would you contribute to the younger generations of the Navajo Nation and what message do you plan on sending them throughout your reign as Miss Northern Navajo?