

2026

**MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**

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Application Packet

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 17TH, 2026 AT 5 PM**



Perpetual Blessing

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ABOUT THE PAGEANT

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant offers an educational scholarship opportunity for young Mvskoke women. The titleholders, Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation, serve as goodwill ambassadors for our Nation. During their year-long reign, they participate in various educational, social, cultural, and public events, including speaking engagements. Through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant, young women build self-confidence, poise, public speaking, and social skills while deepening their understanding of Mvskoke history, customs, and traditions.



MISS & JR MISS DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation are ambassadors of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, of education and of their chosen platform. Miss and Jr. Miss serve as role models who inspire others and relate well to people of all ages. Miss and Jr. Miss are energetic, charismatic, compassionate, cooperative, flexible, punctual, take instruction well, and love to learn.

Miss and Jr. Miss will make personal appearances, do public speaking and will be required to attend and participate in the **2026 Royalty Orientation**, (June 17th, 2026) **Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival** (June 25-28th, 2026), **2027 Royalty Retreat**, **2027 Royalty Ready**, **2027 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant**, **all Quarterly Meetings of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council** (July, October, January, April) **and Inauguration** (if applicable).

QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ Have a current GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- ❖ Must be an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, cannot be dually enrolled with another tribe.
- ❖ Jr. Miss MCN must be at least 14-18 years of age (as of January 1, 2026) and attending school grades 9-12 within the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma chartered or accredited virtual academy for the 2026-2027 school year.
- ❖ Miss MCN must be 17-24 years of age (as of January 1, 2026) and attending a Oklahoma college or technical school within the State of Oklahoma for the 2026-2027 school year.
- ❖ Must reside in the State of Oklahoma.
- ❖ Own or have access to traditional Mvskoke clothing.
- ❖ Have access to reliable transportation.
- ❖ Cannot be engaged, married, divorced or cohabiting with a significant other.
- ❖ Cannot be pregnant or parenting.
- ❖ Must be drug and alcohol free.
- ❖ All winning contestants are required to sign the official contracts before their reign officially commences.
- ❖ **Attend the Royalty Retreat, (03-28-26) and the Royalty Ready (05-02-2026).**
- ❖ **Application and all required documentation must be submitted by 5:00pm on March 17th, 2026.**

PAGEANT/JUDGING GUIDELINES

Three judges will evaluate each contestant, who will score them on a scale from 1 to 10 in six different categories. A contestant's maximum score is 10 points from each judge for each category, allowing for 30 points per category.

Tiebreaker

All contestants will take the Mvskoke Knowledge Quiz during Royalty Ready to earn up to ten points, which will be used to resolve any tie situations.

Miss Congeniality

All contestants will vote for one other contestant to be named Miss Congeniality. Qualities of Miss Congeniality are that of a contestant that shows kindness, helpfulness, and is friendly.

JUDGING SCALE

Introduction Letter	10
Essay	10
Interview	10
Self-Introduction & Traditional Dress	10
Cultural Talent or Presentation	10
Impromptu Question	10
Mvskoke Knowledge Quiz	10

Pre-Pageant Competition

Application

Introduction Letter

Due with the application, Contestants are asked to share information about who they are, what makes them the best candidate, how they will use the title to promote their platform and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This will introduce the judges to who you are. The letter should be typed in 12-point font and must contain a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words.

Please consider the following:

- ❖ Career Ambition
- ❖ Honors and Awards
- ❖ Hobbies and Interests
- ❖ Activities
- ❖ Other interesting facts about yourself
- ❖ Platform Statement
(Describe the issue or cause that you will promote during your reign)

Royalty Retreat

Essay

During the Royalty Retreat, contestants will receive an undisclosed essay topic and 45 minutes to type their response.

Mvskoke Knowledge Quiz

Bonus points from the knowledge quiz will be given incase of a pageant competition tie. A study guide for the quiz will be given to the contestants at Royalty Retreat. The knowlegde quiz will be taken at Royalty Ready. 20 minutes will be provided to complete the quiz.

Royalty Ready

Traditional Dress Description

A traditional dress description will be recorded at Royalty Ready. The dress description form will be handed out at Royalty Retreat. The recording of the dress description will be played during the pageant while the contestants model their traditional clothing. Dresses should be culturally appropriate, neat, clean, and pressed.

PAGEANT DAY

Sunday, June 7, 2026
River Spirit Casino & Resort
8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, OK 74137

Pageant Day Competition

Interviews

Interviews will be 12 minutes long with an additional 2 minutes opening statement and a 1 minute closing statement.

Self-Introduction & Traditional Dress

Contestants will introduce themselves following the conclusion of their traditional dress recording/modeling. A language coach will be assigned during the Royalty Retreat to prepare for this portion of the competition.

Cultural Talent/Presentation

Cultural talent/presentations may consist of, but not limited to: singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatic reading, speech, storytelling, art display, dress designing, etc. and may not exceed 3 minutes. Contestants may not duplicate talents. All talents will be honored on a first come basis.

Impromptu Question

Contestants will be asked one impromptu question developed by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant Committee.

Contestant may ask the question to be repeated once and then given
1 min to answer.

All contestants are required to arrive by 9 a.m. in business casual attire. You must also bring traditional clothing and all the necessary materials for your talent presentation. A detailed schedule of events will be provided at Royalty Ready.

It is important to note that no parents, guardians, or other guests will be permitted into the venue; please plan accordingly. The doors for all guests will open approximately 30 minutes prior to start time.

PRIZES



MISS:

\$7,000 (paid monthly)

*partial monthly payments

JR MISS:

\$4,500 (paid monthly)

*partial monthly payments

BOTH MISS & JR MISS RECEIVE:

Silver Crown (used during reign)

Beaded Crown

Sash

Flowers

Woven Basket Purse

Basket Trophy

Pendleton Blanket

GIFTS

Photo Souvenir Cards

\$1,000 Traditional attire allowance

T-Shirt

Luggage

Back Pack

Jacket

Crown Cooler

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS



1. Review the Miss and Jr. Miss Description of Duties, Qualifications, and Applicant Agreements to understand the requirements for the application and the responsibilities as ambassadors of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

2. Complete the application and introduction letter. Submit all required documentation in-person, by email or by mail postmarked no later than **5:00 pm, March 17th, 2026.**

Return Applications by one (1) of the methods listed below:
(please call (539)286-4695 to verify application has been received)

MAIL:

Mvskoke Nation Youth Services
Attn: MCN Royalty Coordinator
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447

IN-PERSON:

Mvskoke Nation Youth Services
Attn: MCN Royalty Coordinator
2710 N. Miami Ave
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(Former Okmulgee Indian Community Building)

EMAIL:

mcnpageant@muscogeenation.com

3. Attend the **mandatory** Royalty Retreat on March 28, 2026. Location TBA

4. Attend the **mandatory** Royalty Ready on May 2, 2026. Location TBA

We look forward to having you as a contestant.
For questions regarding the application process, contact:

LuAnn Bear, MCN Royalty Coordinator
O: 918-549-2601
C: 539-286-4695
Email: **MCNPageant@muscogeenation.com**

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT CONTESTANT APPLICATION

Select One:

_____ **Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

(Ages 17-24 years old and attending an Oklahoma College or Technical School in 2026-2027)

_____ **Jr Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

(Ages 14-18 years old and attending an Oklahoma High School, Oklahoma chartered school, or accredited virtual academy in 2026-2027)

Application Information: (Please Print)

Full Legal Name: _____

Name you want to be called: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ MCN Roll Number: _____

Contact Information

Contestant Email: _____

Contestant Phone: _____

Name of Parents/Guardians: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Parent's Contact Number: _____

Biographic Information

Clan: _____

Tribal Town: _____

Church: _____

Ceremonial Ground: _____

Education

Current GPA: _____ Must be 2.5 or higher Grade/Classification: _____

Major (Miss only): _____

Expected Graduation Year: _____

Name of School Currently Attending: _____

Name of School Attending 25-26 School Year: _____

T-Shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL

APPLICANT AGREEMENTS



1. As a contestant, I understand and agree to the following:

A: Attend the Royalty Retreat, Saturday, 3-28-26, 9am | Location TBA

B: Attend the Royalty Ready, Saturday, 5-2-26, 9am | Location TBA.

2. If selected as the Winner of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant, I understand and agree to the following:

A. I will serve as Miss/Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation until my successor is selected.

B. I will attend the Royalty Orientation with my Parent/Guardian to sign contracts. (10:00 am, June 17, 2026), Executive Building.

C. I will be available for appearances and events as specified by the Royalty Coordinator, outlined in the contract, and notify the Royalty Coordinator of any and all requests for public appearances to obtain approval for all official appearances.

D. I will attend and represent at the 2026 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival (June 25-28, 2026).

E. I will attend and represent at the Royalty Retreat (Mar/Apr 2027).

F. I will attend and represent at the Royalty Ready (May 2027).

G. I will attend and represent at the 2027 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant.

H. I will attend and represent at **all** Quarterly Meetings of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council (**July, October, January, April**) **and Inauguration** (if applicable).

I. I will provide a monthly report to the MCN Royalty Coordinator on scheduled dates and deadlines.

My signature verifies that all of the information contained in this application is true and accurate and I give my permission for the applicant's name and photo to be used in pageant program and/or Promotion.

Signature of Contestant

Date

*Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian if under
18 years of age*

Date



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Copy of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship card
- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ One page, typed Introduction Letter
(250 words minimum and 500 words maximum)
- ☐ Proof of current GPA (transcript or report card)
- ☐ Proof of school enrollment (letter from school)

Application Deadline:

5:00 PM

March 17th, 2026



Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Youth Services
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