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About the Pageant

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant provides an educational scholarship opportunity for young Mvskoke women. Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation promote our Nation as goodwill ambassadors and public relations representatives during their year long reign through various educational, social, cultural and public appearances as well as speaking engagements. Through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant, young women develop their sense of self-confidence, poise, public speaking skills, social skills, and expand their cultural knowledge of Mvskoke history, customs and traditions.

The pageant logo is representative of our ancient Mvskoke cultural motifs and is taken from the "Perpetual Blessing" Limited Edition Series Pendleton Blanket issued by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Application Submission Instructions

1. Read the Miss and Jr. Miss Job Description, Qualifications and Application Checklist to ensure you are aware of requirements for the application and responsibilities as the Nation's ambassador, including the mandatory Royalty Retreat.
2. Complete the Introduction Letter and Application. All required documentation must be turned in by **5:00 pm** in person or by email or post-marked by **April 20, 2020**.

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3. Attend the mandatory **Royalty Retreat at River Spirit Casino Resort (Date TBA)**.
4. All contestants will receive their free limited edition MCN Pageant t-shirts at the Royalty Retreat.

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

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Miss & Jr. Miss Job Description

Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation are ambassadors and public relations representatives of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and for her chosen platform. She is a young lady who is confident, comfortable and commands presence. She is an intelligent, talented individual who takes personal pride in her physical appearance and health. She is an articulate, independent, an eloquent communicator with the spirit of her Mvskoke beliefs. She is a proven achiever at her academics and in her personal life. She is a role model who inspires others and relates well to people of all ages. She is energetic, charismatic, compassionate and outgoing as well as cooperative, flexible and punctual.

Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation is expected to perform a variety of duties to promote Muscogee (Creek) Nation and its programs and mission as well as her personal platform issue. She will make personal appearances when her schedule permits and will be required to attend and participate in the Royalty Orientation (Date TBA) in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Holiday (4th weekend in June 2020), 2021 Royalty Retreat, 2021 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.
- Jr. Miss must be at least 14-17 years of age and Miss must be 17-24 years of age by January 1, 2020.
- Must be enrolled in school within the State of Oklahoma (high school or higher education).
- Must reside in the State of Oklahoma.
- Own or have access to traditional Mvskoke clothing.
- Never been married, conceived a child, and not cohabiting with a significant other.
- Winning contestants must be able to sign the official Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee Creek Nation contract prior to the beginning of her reign.
- Attend *Royalty Retreat*, **Date TBA**. (Location: River Spirit Casino & Resort).
- Application and all required documentation must be turned in by **5:00 pm** in person or by email or post-marked **by April 20, 2020**.
- All contestants and/or Parents/Guardians of the contestants are responsible to have reliable transportation to and from all appearances/events.

Application Checklist

- ☐ COPY OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CITIZENSHIP CARD
- ☐ COMPLETED APPLICATION
- ☐ ONE PAGE, TYPED INTRODUCTION LETTER
- ☐ PROOF OF CURRENT GPA (TRANSCRIPT OR REPORT CARD)
- ☐ PROOF OF SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (LETTER FROM SCHOOL)



Pageant Guidelines

Contestants are scored on the judging criteria as approved by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Royalty Coordinator. The points are tallied for total score by each individual judge and then combined for one total score to determine the overall winner. The contestants will be judged on the following criteria: Introduction letter, essay, interview, self-introduction, traditional dress, cultural talent/presentation, and the ability to answer an impromptu question. Each contestant will have the opportunity to gain ten "bonus" points by taking a Mvskoke Knowledge Quiz at the Royalty Retreat. All contestants will vote for one Miss Congeniality winner on pageant day.

Judging Criteria

This section provides a brief description of each area of the judging criteria.

STAGE 1-Due with application

Introduction Letter: Contestants should include 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.

STAGE 2-Due at the Royalty Retreat

Essay: The essay topic will be given at the Royalty Retreat and contestants will be given an allotted time to write an essay on that topic.

Mvskoke Knowledge Quiz: A study guide will be provided to all candidates who successfully complete the application process.

STAGE 3-Due Day of the Pageant

Interview: Interviews will be conducted with judges on pageant day. It is encouraged to wear business dress attire. Maximum of 15 minutes.

STAGE 4-Due at the Pageant

Self-Introduction & Traditional Dress: Contestants will give an oral self-introduction on pageant day. Traditional dress will be worn at the time of introduction and should be culturally appropriate, neat, and clean.

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.

Impromptu question: Impromptu questions will be asked on stage during the pageant. Contestants will be given an allotted amount of time to answer.

Judging Criteria Scale	
Introduction letter	20
Essay	30
Interview	40
Self-Introduction & Traditional dress	30
Cultural talent or presentation	40
Impromptu	40
Mvskoke knowledge quiz	10 Bonus points



Pageant Information

- The Pageant will be held at Faith Church in Glenpool, OK on **Saturday, June 6th, 2020, @ 2pm.**
- Day of the Pageant activities will begin at 9:00 am. Only contestants, judges, and volunteers will be allowed in at that time. A detailed schedule of Day of the Pageant activities will be given at Royalty Retreat for rehearsal, interviews, and reception times.
- Come dressed business casual and bring your traditional clothing and talent presentation materials with you.
- Interviews will be 15 minutes long.
- Talent cannot exceed 3 minutes. We cannot have duplicate talents so we will honor talent requests on a first come basis.
- Contestants will be asked one impromptu question developed by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Royalty Coordinator.



Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant Contestant Application

Please select one

☐ Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Ages 17 – 24 years old/Higher Education or College)

☐ Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Ages 14 – 17 years old/High School)

Applicant Information

Full legal name: _____

Name you wished to be called by: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____

Email Address: _____ Contact Number(s): _____

School: _____ Grade/Classification: _____

Current GPA: _____ Expected Graduation Year: _____

Major (Miss only): _____ Citizenship Roll #: _____

Clan: _____ Tribal Town: _____

Church: _____ T-Shirt Size: Adult - S / M / L / XL / XXL / XXXL (Circle)

Name of parents/guardians: _____

Email Address: _____ Contact Number(s): _____

Career Ambition: _____

Honors & Awards: _____



Application continued...

Hobbies & Interests:

Activities:

Other interesting facts about yourself:

Platform Statement (Describe the issue or cause that you will promote during your reign):

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.

Applicant Signature

Date

(Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18 yrs of age)

Date



Applicant Agreements

1. As a contestant, I understand and agree to the following:
 - a. Attend the Royalty Retreat (Date TBA).
2. If selected as the Winner of the 2020 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. (Time/Date TBA)
 - c. I will be available for appearances and events as specified by the Royalty Coordinator 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 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Holiday (4th weekend in June 2020).
 - e. I will attend and represent at the 2021 Royalty Retreat (Spring 2021).
 - f. I will attend and represent at the 2021 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant (Date TBA).
 - g. I will attend and represent at all Quarterly Meetings of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council (July, October, January, April) and Inauguration (If Applicable).
 - h. I will provide a quarterly report to the MCN Royalty Coordinator on scheduled dates and deadlines.
 - i. I will be sure to provide my own adequate transportation to all MCN Royalty appearances/events.

Signature of Contestant

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian if under 18 yrs of age

Date