

**2024  
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**

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# Application Packet

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2024**



## **Perpetual Blessing**

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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 represent our Nation as goodwill ambassadors. Their year-long reign includes 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.



## **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 2024 Royalty Orientation, (June 5th, 2023) Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival (June 14th-16th and 20th-23rd, 2024), 2025 Royalty Retreat, 2025 Royalty Ready, 2025 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 14-17 years of age (as of January 1, 2024) and attending school grades 9-12 within the State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma chartered or accredited virtual academy for the 2024-2025 school year.
- ❖ Miss MCN must be 17-24 years of age (as of January 1, 2024) and attending a Oklahoma college or technical school within the State of Oklahoma for the 2024-2025 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.
- ❖ 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 the Royalty Retreat, (4-6-24) and the Royalty Ready (5-4-24) (Location: TBD).
- ❖ Application and all required documentation must be submitted by 5:00 pm on March 15, 2024

# PAGEANT GUIDELINES

Contestants are scored on the judging criteria provided on the following page. The points are tallied for total score by each individual (3) judge and then combined for one total score to determine the overall winner. The contestants will be judged on the following criteria and an Impromptu Question:

Each contestant will have the opportunity to gain ten "bonus" points by taking a Mvskoke Knowledge Quiz at the Royalty Ready, that will be used in case of a tie.

All contestants will vote for one Miss Congeniality winner on pageant day. Individual score sheets will be mailed to contestants following the pageant.

# 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. 250 word minimum and 500 word maximum.

## STAGE 2 - Due at the Royalty Retreat:

### • *Essay*

The essay topic will be given at the Royalty Retreat and contestants will be given 45 minutes to write an essay on that topic.

### • *Mvskoke Knowledge Quiz*

#### *[max 10 bonus pts] Given at Royalty Ready*

A study guide will be provided to all candidates who successfully complete the application process. 20 minutes will be provided to complete the quiz. Bonus Points used in case of a Pageant competition tie.

## STAGE 3 - Due at the Royalty Ready:

### • *Self-Introduction & Traditional Dress Description*

Contestants will record an oral self-introduction during the Royalty Ready. The recording will be played during the pageant while the contestants model their traditional clothing. Dresses should be culturally appropriate, neat, and clean.

## STAGE 4 - 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.

### • *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.

### • *Impromptu Question*

Impromptu questions will be asked on stage during the pageant. Contestants will be given 1 minute to answer, Question may be asked to be repeated once.

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

# INTRODUCTION LETTER

Typed Introduction Letter 250 words minimum and 500 words maximum. The panel of judges will score the Introduction Letter with a maximum of 10 points. This letter should introduce the judges to who you are, your chosen platform, and reasons for choosing this platform.

*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)

# PRIZES



## **MISS:**

\$5,000 (paid quarterly)

## **JR MISS:**

\$2,500 (paid quarterly)

## **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

\$500 Traditional attire allowance

T-Shirt

Luggage

Back Pack

Jacket



# PAGEANT INFORMATION

The Pageant will be held on Saturday, June 1st, 2024, at noon,  
(location TBD)

Day of the Pageant activities will begin at 8:30 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 Ready for rehearsal, interview, and pageant times.

Come dressed business casual and bring your traditional clothing and  
talent presentation materials with you.

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

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

# APPLICANT 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.
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 15th, 2024.

Return Applications by one (1) of the methods listed below:

## **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  
(Old Okmulgee Indian Community Building)

## **EMAIL:**

[mcnpageant@muscogeenation.com](mailto:mcnpageant@muscogeenation.com)

(G-mail may not be accepted, please call (539)286-4695 to verify email has been received)

3. Attend the mandatory Royalty Retreat on April 6, 2024 at the College of the Muscogee Nation.
4. Attend the mandatory Royalty Ready on May 4, 2024 at TBD.

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  
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# 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 2024-2025)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jr Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation

(Ages 14-17 years old and attending an Oklahoma High School, Oklahoma chartered school, or accredited virtual academy in 2024-2025)

## Application Information: (Please Print)

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you want to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ MCN Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Clan: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Ceremonial Ground: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major (Miss only): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Attending 24-25 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Please, provide the following information:*

Name of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

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 years of age*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# APPLICANT AGREEMENTS



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

A: Attend the Royalty Retreat, Saturday, 4-6-24 at the College of Muscogee Nation

B: Attend the Royalty Ready, Saturday, 5-4-24 at the TBD.

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 5, 2024), 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 2024 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival (June 14-16 and 20-23, 2024).

E. I will attend and represent at the Royalty Retreat (April 2025).

F. I will attend and represent at the Royalty Ready (May 2025).

G. I will attend and represent at the 2025 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 quarterly report to the MCN Royalty Coordinator on scheduled dates and deadlines.

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*Signature of Contestant*

*Date*

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*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 15th, 2024**



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