

2019 Miss Cherokee



Application Packet

Program coordinated by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Miss Cherokee Royalty Board

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Royalty
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Thank you.

MISS CHEROKEE 2019

The purpose of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Miss Cherokee is to provide a beneficial representation of the contemporary society of Cherokee and its traditions and history. Miss Cherokee shall serve as a goodwill ambassador to all cultures and people encountered. Miss Cherokee shall proudly educate and inform others about her tribe, heritage, and other pertinent information relating to this title. Miss Cherokee is to promote Cherokee, North Carolina to the general public at all events in which Miss Cherokee is in attendance. Miss Cherokee shall strive to instill a sense of pride in our people, serve as a role model for our youth and community, and encourage preservation of our language and history.

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATION

- Must be an enrolled female member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
- Must be between 17 and 25 years of age.
- Must not have been previously or currently married.
- Must not be living with a significant other.
- Must not currently or previously have had children.
- Must not be currently pregnant, or ever have been pregnant.
- Must either be currently enrolled in high school, graduated with a diploma from high school, or have obtained a GED.
- Must never have previously held the title of Miss Cherokee.
- Must not have ever been convicted of any crime, nor have any criminal charges pending, including restraining orders.
- Must be willing to travel and make personal appearances upon request, which might require making adjustments to school or work schedules, within reason.
- Must be physically able to fulfill the duties of Miss Cherokee.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Contestants shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting the honor involved in acquiring this position. Any violations up to and during the pageant shall result in automatic disqualification. The Code of Conduct will be reviewed and an agreement signed acknowledging that each applicant will abide by these guidelines throughout the pageant process, prior to the first practice.

Miss Cherokee is an official representative of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Therefore, she must hold the highest social standards during her reign, which is one year. She is expected to show leadership by visibly demonstrating self-integrity, honesty, and emphasizing the importance of ethical conduct. She must report personal conflicts of interest or other problematic issues before others identify them.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process requires doing the following:

1. Complete application and turn in \$50.00 entry fee, due at the time of application submission. Please note that the \$50.00 application fee is non-refundable and an application will not be considered complete until this fee is paid.
2. A copy of your valid EBCI Identification Card is due at the time of application submission.
3. A 3 x 5 color photograph (no bare shoulders)

OTHER INFORMATION

Part of the pageant will involve preparing for the following:

1. A brief explanation of your personal reasons for pursuing the title of Miss Cherokee and how you want to contribute to your tribal community. This will eventually be developed into a presentation that will serve as your introduction to the judges during the Interview Portion of the pageant.
2. Preparing a Pageant Platform (3 minutes, based on community service)
3. Business Wear portion of the pageant where contestant will be asked a question that will help judge the contestants public speaking ability. (The question will be pulled from a list of possible questions which will be given to all the contestants ahead of time to allow for preparation.)
4. Talent portion of the pageant where contestant will be asked to provide a list of all props, background music, and individuals that will assist you in your talent. We ask that the talent be primarily featuring the contestant and that you limit performing assistants to 1 or 2 individuals.
5. Traditional Dress portion of the pageant where we ask that at least one item be handmade by the contestant.

This year we are allowing more time to allow for coaching and assistance in preparing for these events.

CONTESTANT RESPONSIBILITIES

(Before, During, and After the Competition)

- Contestants must provide your own transportation for the Fall Festival Parade.
- Contestants must provide your own dress and accessories.
- Contestants must provide and place a sign or poster securely on said vehicle for the Fall Festival Parade.
- Contestants must arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled activities and do their best to attend all practices, but especially mandatory practices. Unexcused absences or tardiness will be calculated into final scoring.
- Contestants must promote sportsmanship, cooperation, and respect for others at all times. This experience should be about promoting personal growth and self worth. Any contestant aiming to be Miss Cherokee should exhibit these qualities, both on and off the stage.
- Contestants must cover all tattoos and visible body or facial piercing(s). The contestant that wins the title of Miss Cherokee will not be allowed to have any facial piercings or additional tattoos during the reign.
- Contestants must maintain a natural look when using makeup. Hair and nails must be well groomed.
- Absolutely no "passion marks" allowed. If a passion mark is visible, this will result in the Contestant leaving the practice, dinner, etc. and may also result in disqualification as a Contestant for Miss Cherokee.
- Unruly conduct or malicious gossip by any of the Contestants, **or family members**, shall result in immediate disqualification. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE for this behavior. The Royalty Board strives to promote a safe, positive, and healthy environment for all contestants. In turn, the Contestants must conduct themselves in a professional behavior befitting Miss Cherokee.
- The Pageant Coordinators will provide a session on covering tattoos.

SELECTION PROCESS

Contestants shall possess the ability to communicate and interact in varied situations, activities, and social environments. Contestants must demonstrate leadership.

The criteria selection shall be:

1. Personal Interview - 30 points
2. Business Dress - 10 points
3. Public Speaking & Knowledge of Cherokee Language - 25 points
4. Traditional Talent - 15 points
5. Traditional Dress - 20 points

Contestants shall be knowledgeable regarding Cherokee traditions, culture, and language.

Interview:

Contestants shall complete a sit-down interview with the Pageant Judges. She shall answer questions about her life, cultural and economic topics, and current events occurring within the EBCI.

Business Wear:

Contestants shall wear appropriate evening wear attire. Contestants shall be judged on appearance and poise. Please be mindful of skirt length, neckline, fit, etc., when choosing an outfit. Also, please choose shoes that are comfortable to walk in.

Public Speaking:

Contestants shall give a 3 minute presentation on a platform of her choosing. Contestants shall be judged on clarity, expression of speech, self confidence, knowledge of the topic, and poise.

Traditional Talent:

Contestants shall perform a 3 minute traditional talent. Contestants shall be judged on originality, crowd involvement, creativity, self-confidence, and poise.

Traditional Dress:

Contestants shall dress in 18th century-style clothing. Contestants shall be judged on self confidence, poise, presentation, and posture.

PRIZES

Miss Cherokee shall receive the following prizes to keep:

1. Trophy
2. Sash (name will be embroidered later)
3. Beaded Pin with Seal
4. Seasonal Bouquet of Flowers
5. Woven Purse Basket
6. Pendleton Blanket
7. Two T-Shirts given at a later date.
8. A Beaded Crown shall be provided to Miss Cherokee at the successful end of her one-year reign.

If the title is taken away from the individual, for whatever reason, she is required to return ALL winning items. Items shall be returned in the same condition as provided to Miss Cherokee. Should she fail to do so, she shall be fined for each of the items individually, beginning at \$100.

JUDGES

There shall be a panel of up to five (5) judges. The EBCI Royalty Board and Pageant Coordinators shall select the judges. The judges selected shall have experience in the field of pageantry. A portion of judges will be from other various Native American communities. A cultural specialist will be provided to the judges for the sole purpose of ensuring that the native language is spoken properly and traditional details are correct. The cultural specialist will not be participating in the judging. The EBCI Royalty Board and Pageant Coordinators will take extraordinary caution to make sure that the Judges are from outside the immediate area, can be objective, and have little to no knowledge of the contestants personally. The judges shall be introduced to the contestants at the banquet. Names shall not be released prior to this time. To ensure that scores are correct and accurate, two individuals shall certify the contestant scores.

All measures will be taken to ensure the safety of our judges. Neither the Contestant **or** family members are allowed to speak to the judges before, during, or immediately following the pageant. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in disqualification from the Miss Cherokee Pageant, as well as possibly resulting in ineligibility to run for the Miss Cherokee title in the future.

SCORE SHEETS

Score sheets shall not be available the night of the pageant. Should you have any questions about your score sheet, please email ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com in order to schedule a date and time to receive your score sheets. Each Contestant may ask for their score sheet and ONLY their score sheet. Contestants are not permitted to contact the judges regarding their scores. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in disqualification and/or loss of title. This includes reaching out to thank the judges. Any ill behaviors reported by the Judges, Royalty Board, or Pageant Coordinators shall result in disqualification and/or loss of title. The Royalty Board will handle all disputes and will make the final decision. Examples include, but are not limited to: ill behavior, gossip, disrespect, slander, etc.

TIE BREAKER

In the event of a tie, Miss Cherokee shall be selected by a tiebreaker question. Each Contestant shall answer ONE question. Each contestant shall write down one question prior to the competition. One of these questions shall be blindly drawn and asked as the tie breaker.

Procedures:

1. Each Contestant who is affected by the tie shall randomly draw a question from a basket.
2. Judges shall then select a winner based on the best answer given.

DRESSING ROOM

Contestants may keep their things in the dressing room during the pageant. Due to space, only two (2) people shall be allowed in to assist you. Should you need different people to rotate in and out, please submit a written request and explain the reasoning behind having more than the allowed amount of people helping.

Throughout the evening of the pageant, upon leaving the stage, Contestant shall proceed immediately to the dressing room and change, or proceed behind the stage and remain in order.

FINAL NOTICE

All applications, fee, and required documentation are **due by Friday, June 28, 2019 by 3:00 pm. Applications can be picked up and returned to Cherokee Historical Association Administrative Building at 564 Tsali Boulevard from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Applications can also be submitted by scanning and sending to ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com. The application fee of \$50 should be turned into the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Finance Office at 106 Council House Loop, Cherokee by Friday, June 28, 2019 by 3:00 pm.** Please make sure you get a receipt. We will notify you via email or text when we receive your application.

All contestants shall abide by the aforementioned rules. If any rule is violated, it shall result in the disqualification of the Contestant from the Miss Cherokee Pageant.



PAGEANT NIGHT
Cherokee Indian
Fair Grounds

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

8:00PM

(Arrive at the stage by 6:00PM)

Time is subject to change.

Banquet / Interview Portion

Details subject to change

Date: Monday - October 7, 2019

Location: Chestnut Tree Inn

Photo Shoot begins promptly at 4:30 pm
DO NOT BE LATE - Contestants should arrive and be ready at 4:15 pm ready and dressed.

Reception shall begin around 6:00 pm or when interviews with the contestants are complete.

- Contestants shall engage in an official photo shoot prior to the banquet.
- Once the contestant has completed their photo shoot, she may wait in the reception location while the remainder of the contestants finish.
- A professional photographer has been booked for this photo shoot.
- DVDs shall be available upon request and payment in full.

Contestants may bring immediate family to reception, maximum of 5 guests per contestant

PARADE

Date: Tuesday - October 8, 2019

Location: Harrah's Parking Lot - line up in your designated parking spot

NO LATER THAN 3:00 pm

Parade begins at 4:00 pm

**Contestants are responsible for getting their own car, candy, and car signs.*

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*Attach Additional Paper if Necessary *** Late or Incomplete Applications will not be accepted*

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthday: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Enrollment #: _____	Contact #: _____
Community: _____	Clan: _____
Mother: _____	Father: _____

Sponsor(s):

Hobbies/Interests:

High School Attended: _____ Graduation Year: _____
College Attending (if Applicable): _____
Date obtained GED (if Applicable): _____

Clubs/Organizations:

