



Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship program. Enclosed, you will find materials that describe all aspects of the program. This packet is composed of several sections, these are:

- Eligibility Criteria - Participants in the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program must meet the listed criteria
- MIA Regulations - These regulations must be followed by Miss Indian Arizona, as well as the 1st and 2nd Attendants
- MIA Duties – These are the duties that Miss Indian Arizona and her court will be expected to fulfill
- Scholarship Rules - These rules apply to scholarship funds awarded to Miss Indian Arizona, as well as the 1st and 2nd Attendants
- Program Rules - These rules pertain to the Scholarship Program, and should be read thoroughly. Failure to comply with these rules could potentially result in lost points or disqualification.
- Application Checklist - Using this checklist will help you ensure that your application packet is complete and the checklist must be submitted with your application
- Application - Participants must fill out the 3 page application completely. You are also required to submit the following, which are included as a part of your application:
 - Physician’s Statement – The original form must be completed and submitted
 - Description of Talent
 - Description of Traditional Dress
 - Essay
- Community Service Paper
- You must also submit the following documents with your application:

Two letters of recommendation	Color photo in tribal dress in two sizes
Proof of tribal enrollment	8 x 10 & 4 X 6
Copy of official grade transcripts	
Description of your Community	



MISS INDIAN ARIZONA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- You **must** be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe within the State of Arizona, and a resident of Arizona.
- You **must** be at least seventeen (17) years of age and be no older than twenty-six (26) years of age at the time of the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program.
- You are and you have always been a female.
- You are not now and you have never been married.
- You are not now and you have never cohabitated.
- You are not now pregnant, and you have never been pregnant. You are not the adoptive parent of any child.
- You are of good moral character and have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.
- You have never been convicted of any criminal offense, and there are no criminal charges presently pending against you.
- You do not use, possess, or consume any illegal controlled substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.
- You are in good health and can, to the best of your knowledge, participate fully and without limitation in any Program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede your ability to complete your year of service or fulfill your obligations.
- You must be knowledgeable of your culture, history, values, traditions and issues of your tribe and current issues of all Arizona Tribes.
- You must have a high school diploma or GED or be currently attending high school, GED classes, college or technical school and plan to continue your education toward obtaining a degree. You must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
- You must not be registered for active duty with any military service.
- You must not have previously held the title of Miss Indian Arizona.
- You must be willing and able to communicate with the public.
- You must comply with all program requirements, rules, and regulations.
- You must participate in all program activities.



MISS INDIAN ARIZONA REGULATIONS

Participants must read these regulations carefully to understand and prepare for participation in the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program. Miss Indian Arizona and her court represent themselves, their families, and all Indian people in the State of Arizona and are expected to uphold their titles with respect, honor and dignity. Miss Indian Arizona and the 1st and 2nd attendants must adhere to the following regulations:

1. Must relinquish any tribal titles or crowns if selected as Miss Indian Arizona, 1st or 2nd Attendant. Waivers may be requested for royalty titles with 3 months or less remaining at the time of the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program.
2. Must maintain Arizona residency throughout the year of service.
3. Traditional dress must reflect the Arizona tribe that they represent.
4. Shall serve for one year.
5. Will travel as designated by the Miss Indian Arizona Association and will travel with an adult female (25 years or older) chaperone approved by the Association. Miss Indian Arizona may also travel with an adult male who is a member of her immediate family (father, step-father, brother, etc.). If an adult member of Miss Indian Arizona's family is unable to serve as chaperone for an approved event, she must inform the Executive Director no less than one week prior to the event.
6. Must not marry or cohabitate during the year of their reign.
7. Must not become pregnant during the year of their reign.
8. Must not be seen in bars, frequent liquor establishments, use alcohol or illegal drugs, including tobacco products or use profanity at any time during their reign.
9. Pregnancy, incarceration, conviction of a crime, use of alcohol or illegal drugs, marriage and cohabitating shall be immediate cause for relinquishment of Miss Indian Arizona titles. In the event of relinquishment all benefits, royalties, gifts, and honors derived from the scholarship program and reign shall be returned to the Miss Indian Arizona Association.
10. Must not seek any other title during reign as Miss Indian Arizona title holders. Should another title be sought, relinquishment of Miss Indian Arizona titles will be immediate.



MISS INDIAN ARIZONA DUTIES

- Miss Indian Arizona (MIA) and her court will always be positive role models and are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner above reproach.
- Miss Indian Arizona or the first or second attendant will appear on time at all scheduled events. Should an emergency arise which prevents an appearance, immediate notification will be made to the Miss Indian Arizona Association (MIAA) Executive Director.
- Miss Indian Arizona will set a goal related to her platform that can be reasonably achieved during her reign in the area of community service. The goal must be submitted to the Miss Indian Arizona Association within 90 days of her crowning.
- Miss Indian Arizona is responsible for the care and safe-keeping of the crown and sash during her reign and is financially responsible in the event of loss or damage to the crown. The crown is a perpetual crown, which will be handed down to the next MIA and remains the property of the Miss Indian Arizona Association.
- Miss Indian Arizona and her court are considered members of the Miss Indian Arizona Association and will present a written quarterly report to the Miss Indian Arizona Association during regular scheduled meetings.
- Miss Indian Arizona and her court members will take an active role in recruiting future participants in the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program.
- Miss Indian Arizona is responsible for planning and executing her farewell event to be completed before September 15th of her reigning year. Thirty-day notice of the event will be given to the Miss Indian Arizona Association.



MISS INDIAN ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RULES

Each Tribe may be represented by no more than two participants. Participants may be tribal royalty sponsored by a Tribe or "At Large" participants, sponsored by a Tribe, a family, organizations, businesses, etc. The first two complete applications received from a Tribe which met the eligibility criteria will be the tribal participants.

Participants will be judged in **five** categories: Personal interview, talent, evening dress, traditional dress, oral presentation.

Special scholarship awards will be presented for Best Essay and Best Community Service Paper. Points for these two scholarship awards are not computed in the overall selection of Miss Indian Arizona.

Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program participants must be on time for all scheduled events (i.e., workshops, activities, rehearsals, etc.) unless advance permission is granted for an absence by the Miss Indian Arizona Association.

A two-minute talent presentation is required. You must provide a written description which will be used in your introduction. The talent presentation may be either traditional or contemporary in nature (i.e., singing, dancing, explanation of a tradition of your tribe, etc). You may use pre-recorded music as background to your presentation. You must provide a CD clearly marked with your name for rehearsal and program use. No other individual will be allowed on stage during the talent presentation. Any accompaniment must be off stage. Presentations, which are over **two** minutes, will be penalized 10 points.

The use of stage props will be limited to those that will be physically utilized by the participant. All props must be approved by the Program Director.

A two-minute oral presentation based on the Scholarship theme is required. Oral presentations are spoken words. Oral presentations shall not include the following: singing, sign language, dancing or audience involvement. Oral presentations which are over two minutes will be penalized 10 points.

The use of video, power point and/or slide projections is not allowed in any presentation.

You must provide a description of your traditional dress. The description should have a minimum of 120 words and a maximum of 180 words.

You must wear a floor/ankle length gown for the Evening wear portion of the program. A 10-point penalty will be assessed to participants who disregard this rule.

You must submit an essay based on the scholarship theme.

You must submit a paper describing your community service work.

You must submit two letters of recommendations and a description of your community.



MISS INDIAN ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RULES

Participants are responsible for reading/complying with all scholarship rules.

These rules apply to Miss Indian Arizona and the First and Second attendants.

Scholarship funds shall be expended for tuition and related educational expenses. Room/board and other educational expenses must be approved by the Executive Director of the Miss Indian Arizona Association. Room /board will not be reimbursed for contestants living at home or with relatives.

Requests for scholarship funds are processed upon receipt of proof of enrollment, (Registration & class schedule) and receipt of invoices for education expenses.

Scholarship funds may be used for current educational expenses. Participants may submit invoices for payment directly to the provider of the educational service or may submit a receipted bill and request reimbursement. **All invoices and receipts must be originals.**

Scholarships may be used for future education expenses. Participants must begin use of their scholarships within one year of the date of the award. If a contestant has no activity in her scholarship account during this period, **the funds in her account will be forfeited.**

A participant, who begins use of her scholarship within time designated above, will be required to show continuous activity in her scholarship endeavors up to the limit of four years following the date of the award.

An exception to the time limits described above maybe made if a participant, prior to the four year expiration date, makes a written appeal to the Miss Indian Arizona Association citing compelling reasons for the time extension. The Association will review request and determine if an extension is warranted.

Scholarships, which have been forfeited, will remain in the scholarship account for future awards.

All Association decisions are final and binding.



Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program Application Checklist

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

_____ APPLICATION ENTRY FEE:
\$250 IF POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30th
\$350 IF POSTMARKED AFTER JUNE 30th

Final date for submission of applications is July 31th.

NO REFUNDS

_____ Official Physician's statement
_____ Description of Talent
_____ Description of Traditional Dress
_____ Essay based on Scholarship Theme
_____ Community Service Paper
_____ Two letters of recommendation
_____ Proof of Tribal Enrollment
_____ Copy of official grade transcripts
_____ Community Description
_____ Color photo in tribal dress in two sizes:

1 - 8" x 10" and 1 - 4" x 6" color photo. Home printouts on photo paper are NOT acceptable – Photos should be high resolution (at least 800x600, JPG, PNG OR TIFF only)

Mail completed application with a **check made payable to ITCA/MIA** for the application fee to:

Miss Indian Arizona Association

306 Laguna Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344

Tel:(928)575-3037

executivedirector@missindianarizona.com

DEADLINE – JUNE 30th FEE (\$250) - LATE DEADLINE – JULY 1st - JULY 31st FEE (\$350)

THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE APPLICATION



Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program Application

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____ HEIGHT _____

Mailing Address _____

City

State

Zip Code

Tribe of Enrollment _____ Enrollment# _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email Address _____ @ _____

Enrollment # _____

Other Tribal Affiliations (if any) _____

Mother's/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Father's/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Number of Brothers and Sisters: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Status: High school student

College student

Not currently in school

Current GPA _____

Provide information for all levels of education completed or in progress:

Name of High School/GED Program _____ Graduation Year _____

Name of College/University _____ Graduation Year _____

Type of Program Certificate Program

Pursued: Associate's Degree

Bachelor's Degree

Master's Degree

Area(s) of Study _____

Other training completed or in progress _____

V. CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION AND REQUIRED SIGNATURES

I have read and understand all rules and regulation of the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program and certify that the information I have provided for consideration is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false, erroneous or incomplete information may result in my disqualification.

I also understand that I am responsible for my personal belongings at all times during the scholarship program and its related events. The Miss Indian Arizona Association is not liable for any damage, loss or theft of belongings or bodily injury sustained during said events.

I understand that all Association decisions are final and binding.

_____ Signature of Participant Date: _____

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We/I do hereby certify that _____ has my/our permission to participate in the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program.

We/I acknowledge we/I have read and understand the: "Eligibility Criteria" and "Rules and Regulations" of the Scholarship Program, and do agree with all the requirements and do submit that all these guidelines will be adhered to.

We/I acknowledge that all Association decisions are final and binding.

_____ _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Please Print Name: _____

Address/Street Number: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Location: _____



OFFICIAL PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT

Participant's name: _____

I hereby certify that on this date I have examined the above-named participant, and that she:

- was given a pregnancy test and the results were negative.
- is physically able to participate in all activities of the Miss Indian Arizona Scholarship Program with no restrictions.

Provider's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Provider's Name: _____

Please print

Provider's Phone # _____

Additional comments:

This original form must be filled out by an M.D., D.O. or a Certified Nurse Practitioner.



DESCRIPTION OF TALENT

A two-minute talent presentation is required. The talent presentation may be either traditional or contemporary in nature (i.e., singing, dancing, explanation of a tradition of your tribe, etc). You may use pre-recorded music as background to your presentation. If you have background music, you must provide a CD clearly marked with your name, for rehearsal and program use. Please bring background music to orientation. No other individual will be allowed on stage during the talent presentation. Any accompaniment must be off stage and must be available for rehearsal.

The use of stage props will be limited to those that will be physically utilized by the participant. All props must be approved by the Program Director.

Use the space below to explain your talent.

Name: _____



DESCRIPTION OF TRADITIONAL DRESS

You must provide a description of your traditional dress. This description is used to write the script for the traditional dress portion of the evening program. Include any information you feel is relevant, such as the methods used to make the clothing, the meaning of certain articles, or celebrations that the dress is worn for.

Use the space below to describe your traditional dress. The description should have a minimum of 120 words and a maximum of 180 words, and may be edited by scriptwriter for timing. The traditional dress description cannot be changed after the Pre-Orientation meeting in mid-September.

Name: _____



ORAL PRESENTATION

A two-minute oral presentation based on the Scholarship theme is required. Oral Presentations are spoken words. Oral presentations shall not include the following: singing, sign language, dancing or audience involvement.



ESSAY COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Participant must write an essay, which reflects the program theme.

Essay must contain a cover page, which contains the Title of the essay, participants name and Tribal affiliation.

Format of the essay: No less than 300 words or more than 500 words typed and double spaced.

Essay must be clear, organized and effective.

Essay must reflect the use of good grammar and punctuation.

Essay must flow smoothly and logically.

Essay conclusion must be logical.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PAPER REQUIREMENTS

Participant must write a Community Service paper, which should describe her involvement in Community Service/Volunteer work. The paper should include the following:

- . A cover page with the participants name and tribal affiliation.
- . Quality of service participant has provided.
- . Effects of service upon the community and the individual.
- . The participant's commitment to the service.

The Community Service Paper must be accompanied by a letter from someone in the organization which was provided the service verifying participant performed the community service work. The verification letter must be on the organizational letterhead.