



2005-2006

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2005**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- 1) Contestant must be 17-25 years of age on or before October 1, 2005;
- 2) A citizen of an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe or village with proof of enrollment;
- 3) Current High School Senior, full-time under graduate student (12+ credits) or full-time graduate student;
- 4) Single, never married, no children.

**ENTRY FEE**

The \$400 (nonrefundable fee is used to defray the cost of the pageant. Please make check payable to the National Congress of American Indians. Do Not Send Cash.

**JUDGING AND PERSONAL INTERVIEWS**

The selection of Miss NCAI will be made on the basis of the contestant's knowledge of tribal government, tribal culture and tribal history as well as scholastic achievement, communicative skills, presentation and personality. Most importantly, contestants will be judged on their knowledge of traditional customs and practice, their concerned interest in present and future issues, and the conditions affecting the well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native governments and people.

Two panels of judges will conduct separate interviews, limited to 10 minutes per contestant. Judging will be conducted by a panel of prominent Native individuals, as well as NCAI Youth Commissioners. Judges' decisions will be final.

The NCAI scholarship will be paid directly to Miss NCAI's school of choice and will not be disbursed to the winner directly.

Due to safety and supervision concerns NCAI requires that all individuals under the age of 18 be chaperoned by a responsible adult.

**ALL CONTESTANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ORIENTATION ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2004 AT 1:00 P.M.**

Contestants will be judged in authentic traditional tribal dress and modern attire. The judges will conduct individual interviews, limited to ten minutes per contestant. Time of scheduled interviews will be announced after arrival. Contestants are responsible for providing an escort to accompany her on stage during the pageant.

**AWARDS**

The finalists will be presented as follows:

- Miss NCAI
- Miss NCAI First Runner-up
- Best Talent
- Miss Congeniality

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Completed official application form.
- 2) Three letters of recommendation from a school official, tribal official, and/or professional individual. Letters from relatives will not be accepted.
- 3) Entry fee of \$400. Please make checks or money order payable to NCAI.
- 4) Copy of Birth Certificate.
- 5) Certified Copy of Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (American Indian or Alaska Native citizenry) or proof of enrollment
- 6) Signed copy of Rules and Regulations for Miss NCAI Pageant.
- 7) Certified and sealed copy of most recent academic transcripts.
- 8) Black and white photograph in full traditional dress. Photos will be used for publication purposes. Label all photos with name and address on the back. Photos will not be returned.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2005. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Please send all materials to:  
Miss NCAI Scholarship Pageant  
c/o Jen Rackliff

National Congress of American Indians  
1301 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: (202) 466-7767  
Fax: (202) 466-7797

**2005-2006 Miss NCAI SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT APPLICATION**  
**62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION ♦ OCTOBER 30- NOVEMBER 4, 3005 ♦ TULSA, OK**

**Official Application (please Type or Print Clearly)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Indian Name \_\_\_\_\_

English Meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe in Which You Are Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Chaperone Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Background**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

List Title(s) you hold or have held in the past. (You do not need to have received any title to compete for Miss NCAI).

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Answer Each Question On a Separate Sheet of Paper:

- ♦ Explain briefly why you would like to become Miss NCAI 2005-2006 and the platform that you plan to use should you be chosen as Miss NCAI 2005-2006. (Limit 2 pages).
- ♦ Provide Information about your personal background, your family, interests, hobbies, short & long range goals and objectives. (Limit 2 pages).
- ♦ Essay titles: "An Important Indian Issue of Concern to Me." (Limit 1000 words).

**CHECK LIST:** Please initial & date the following requirements to ensure your application is complete.

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| _____ 1) Completed Application                 | _____ 6) Signed copy of rules for Miss NCAI             |
| _____ 2) Three letters of Recommendation       | _____ 7) Copy of Academic Transcript                    |
| _____ 3) Entry Fee of \$400 enclosed           | _____ 8) Black & white photograph                       |
| _____ 4) Copy of Birth Certificate             | _____ 9) Typed Essay (see application for instructions) |
| _____ 5) Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood |   |

Upon receipt of completed application, attachments, and fee, additional wardrobe, talent, and other program materials will be sent by email to each contestant and chaperone. Contestants and chaperones are responsible for all travel, lodging, and meal costs during the event.

Note: If the preceding requirements are not complete and submitted by the established deadline, I may be disqualified for the Miss NCAI Pageant Competition. I understand that all decisions made by the Pageant Committee and Judges are final.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature (if contestant is under 18)

**MISS NCAI SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- ◆ You are required to be Tulsa, OK, on the first day of the competition (Sun. Oct. 30, 2005). Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- ◆ Parents, relatives, friends, sponsors or unauthorized chaperones will not interfere with the contestants, pageant committee members, Miss NCAI Pageant Committee staff, or pageant competition. Any interference will result in loss of points or disqualification of contestant.
- ◆ All contestants must dress appropriately for all activities and always be ready for unscheduled and/or unannounced appearances. All contestants are required to wear contestant ribbons throughout the duration of the competition.
- ◆ Contestants are required to attend all scheduled activities and arrive at scheduled time. Contestants also must be prepared to participate fully upon arrival.
- ◆ Absolutely no illegal drugs, tobacco, cigarettes or alcohol substances will be allowed during pageant competition. Failure to do so can result in disqualification.
- ◆ Boyfriends will not be permitted to fraternize or distract contestants during the pageant. You are responsible for appropriate behavior during your role as a contestant. Failure to do so can result in disqualification.
- ◆ Use of abusive or vulgar language will not be tolerated any time during the pageant competition.
- ◆ Contestants that currently hold titles may wear their banners, however, you are not allowed to wear crowns during the three day competition.
- ◆ You will need to bring all items needed for your competition to rehearsal. This includes individuals that will be a part of your talent presentation (drummers, singers, etc.). Chaperones/parents are not allowed to attend dress rehearsal. Contestants will be responsible for setting up all props/audio by themselves.
- ◆ Contestants must have a good attitude before, during, and after the pageant.
- ◆ You are responsible for your belongings at all times. The Miss NCAI Scholarship Pageant Committee and NCAI are not responsible for contestants' personal belongings, loss of articles, theft or injury.

*I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above Miss NCAI Rules and Regulations as a contestant of the Miss NCAI Scholarship Pageant.*

*I understand that I may be disqualified as a contestant of the Miss NCAI Pageant if I deviate from any of the conditions outlined above.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**TALENT RELEASE**

I AUTHORIZE THE Miss National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Pageant Scholarship Committee and NCAI to record on film, tape or otherwise, my name, likeness, image, voice and performance for use in various programs, which I understand may be produced and recorded for duplication, broadcast and possible distribution throughout the United States and abroad, in such a manner as may be determined for promotional, educational and or informational purposes for the Miss National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Scholarship Pageant Program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature (if contestant is under 18)