Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women
Miss Indian Oklahoma & Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma
May 3, 2014 – Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, OK
Application Packet

2014 Theme: “End Domestic Violence Through Empowerment”

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ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Guidelines apply to all candidates unless noted)
All Miss Indian Oklahoma (MIO) & Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma (JMIO) candidates must meet the following requirements:

- MIO Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 24 inclusive, must be 18 years of age before the pageant.
  - JMIO Candidates must be between the ages of 13 and 17 inclusive, must be 13 years of age before the pageant.
- Be one-fourth (1/4) or more degree of documented American Indian blood. (Federally Recognized Tribe)
- Be a legal resident of the State of Oklahoma.
- MIO must be in high school or a high school graduate with at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA). If enrolled in higher education, maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average.
  - JMIO must be in school with at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Must be of good character and not involved with the law. (the seriousness of the offense will be considered) No tobacco use of any kind, never been married, cohabited, or conceived a child.
- Identify a current issues platform to be the focus of the candidate’s reign, if selected as MIO/JMIO.
- Resign from any tribal or organizational princess titles, if selected as MIO/JMIO.
- Pay registration fee of $125 in full by 4/1/14. CASH OR MONEY ORDER ONLY (payable to OFIW).
  - REGISTRATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.
- Agree to sign and abide by the MIO/JMIO contract, if selected as MIO/JMIO.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES
- The application form must be completely filled out, the required fee paid, and all documentation received by April 1, 2014.
- Required documentation must be original or notarized photocopy.
- Submit school transcript.
- Submit two letters of recommendation with the application packet.
- MIO/JMIO will reign from one pageant to the next pageant.
- The MIO/JMIO silver crown and cedar box are the property of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women and are to be returned by MIO/JMIO at the end of her reign.
- Authentic tribal dress is required to be worn during the competition. Candidates who are a descendant of more than one tribe must choose one tribe that will be represented during the competition.
- Official chaperones will accompany the candidates at all times.
- Candidates will not have any contact with family or friends once arriving at the competition. Emergency messages will be given to an official chaperone only to be relayed to the candidate. Any candidates leaving the location without an official chaperone or having unauthorized outside contact will be disqualified from the pageant.
- Contestants may not bring cell phones, laptops or any device with the capabilities of communication.
- Candidates will be prepared to participate in all phases of the competition.
- The candidates will vote upon the Miss Congeniality Award. All other awards will be determined by the vote of judges to be selected by OFIW. The decision of the judges will be final. Ballots will be collected and tabulated.

Categories – Preliminary competition
- Written essay (Topic will be given to the candidates).
- Interviews (Candidates will be interviewed by judges regarding tribal and non-tribal current event issues, and issues regarding cultural heritage).

Categories – Stage production (OFIW retains the right to alter the format)
- Greeting & Traditional Dress - Candidates will introduce themselves in their tribal language and English and give a description of their tribal dress.
- Talent (Traditional or Modern) (3 min. limit) Only the contestant will be allowed on stage.
- Platform Presentation (in Contemporary dress) (2 min. limit) The contestant must choose a topic, issue, or concern facing Native Americans today to serve as her platform if chosen as MIO/JMIO. PowerPoint presentations will not be allowed.
- Impromptu Question (in Traditional Dress)

Awards to be presented
- Miss Congeniality Award (voted on by the contestants)
- Advertisement Award (most advertisements sold for the pageant program by April 1, 2014)
- Scholastic Achievement Award (determined by grade point average)
- Best Tribal Greeting, Tribal Dress Description, and Talent.
- 1st Runner-up
- Miss Indian Oklahoma/Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma
APPLICATION

( ) Miss Indian Oklahoma    ( ) Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma

Please print

The information listed below will appear in the pageant program
Candidates may submit a resume to attach to the application

Full legal name: __________________________________________ Email: (Will be primary source of communication)

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Age: __________ Date of birth: _______ Telephone: _______________________

Parent(s)/Legal guardian: ________________________________________________

Tribal affiliation(s): __________________________________________ Tribe representing: _______________________

School: __________________________________________ Grade: __________

School activities: ________________________________________________________

Hobbies & interests: ______________________________________________________

Native American activities: _______________________________________________

Honors & awards received: ________________________________________________

Have you been involved with the law? If you answered yes, please explain:

Platform Topic: __________________________________________________________

Talent Presentation: ______________________________________________________

Please list any props you will have and any equipment you will need: (CD player etc…)
REQUIRED SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand and agree with the terms and conditions of the attached guidelines governing this pageant as set forth by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. My signature verifies that all of the information contained in this application is true and accurate and I give my permission for the contestant’s name and photo to be used in pageant promotion.

Signature of candidate: ___________________________ Date: __________

Signature of parent/legal guardian: ___________________________ Date: __________

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Application
- Application Fee
- Color Photograph
- Proof of Indian Blood (Notarized copy of CDIB, Letter, or Tribal Enrollment Card)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Praise Ads (optional)

After your application is received and accepted you will receive an official letter from the pageant chair via email containing important information regarding the pageant.

Application deadline is April 1, 2014
All required documents must be submitted/postmarked on or before the deadline

Submit the application and all documents to Andrea Mann, Pageant Chair
103 West Larry Road Shawnee, OK 74804 or via email to andeemann@gmail.com
For any questions regarding the pageant you can contact Andrea Mann: 405.831.6394
PRAISE AD FORM

Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant

Praising Ads Deadline: April 1, 2014

The placement of praise advertisements in the 2014 Miss Indian Oklahoma and Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma program booklet are a good opportunity to promote and support your favorite candidate. The main focus of the advertisement is to be the contest. The audience usually attracts a wide variety of people, which include: Indian educators, tribal administrators, tribal leaders, tribal organizations and families of the competitors. The program booklet is of high quality and will be a keepsake for those attending the pageant. Placement of an advertisement will help local and statewide efforts in sponsoring this event.

AD RATES
[ ] Full Page (8.5” x 11”) $100 [ ] Half Page (8.5” x 5.5”) $75.00 [ ] Business Card (“2 x 3.5”) $30.00

Advertising Guidelines
1. Ads will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis.
2. All ads must be emailed camera ready. (Email jpeg, pdf, or tiff document to OFIW.Org@gmail.com)
3. If an ad is emailed and not in camera ready format the organization/ individual will be charged an additional $50.00.
4. Ads will be in color
5. All ads should have boxed borders and be in the dimensions indicated above.
6. OFIW reserves the right to refuse inappropriate ads.
7. Payment must accompany the ad application form.
8. Cash or Money Orders Only

Please make payments payable to: Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (OFIW)

Send your ad by deadline of April 1, 2014
Please return form to: Andrea Mann, 103 West Larry Road Shawnee, OK 74804 or email to andeemann@gmail.com