



Meskwaki Annual Powwow Association

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Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess Application

BACKGROUND & RULES

Open to Meskwaki girls from the ages of 13-18. Deadline to submit application to Christina Blackcloud at 641-484-9594 cblackcloud79@gmail.com by July 26, 2018 4:30PM. Mailing Address: Meskwaki Annual Powwow Association 349 Meskwaki Road Tama, IA 52339. The Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess is selected by acquiring points in a variety of categories. These titles are a very important element of the Meskwaki Annual Powwow and how it is represented over the next year. Representing the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Association and the Meskwaki community to the best of your ability is something that you and your family will look back on with many fond memories. It will require a great deal of self-motivation, leadership qualities, and respect for the Meskwaki Annual Powwow as you will be the face of the powwow for the next year and recognized as a former princess for the rest of your life.

General Requirements

The Annual Powwow Princess MUST:

- Be a Meskwaki Descendant & Live with in 30-mile radius of Settlement
- Be 13-18 Years old at the time of Application Submission
- Be currently enrolled in school or have graduation from high school
- Never be married or have children.
- Be committed to attending both the Annual Powwow at which she is selected and when passing her crown on to the new princess.
- Possess knowledge of Meskwaki Annual powwow etiquette and protocols.
- Own or have access to traditional regalia
- Not currently hold another crown for any other powwow or organization
- Demonstrate family and community support, as parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles/guardians will be expected to provide transportation to events and accompany the princess to powwows and events thorough out the year as a representative of Meskwaki Annual Powwow.

Princess Responsibilities

The Annual Powwow Princess will be expected to:

- Perform duties and obligations while upholding the highest standards of leadership and community involvement, as well as serving as a positive role model to younger people.
- Participate fully in the current and upcoming Annual Powwow by dancing all grand entries and intertribal, and act as ambassador of the organization at other powwows during the interim period between Meskwaki Annual Powwows.
- Attend and represent the Meskwaki Annual Association at a minimum of 4 (four) additional powwows or Meskwaki community events during each year of her reign.
- Wear dance regalia for the entirety of the Meskwaki Annual Powwow program where dancing is required, and at other events deemed necessary by the powwow association.
- Be responsible for the care, maintenance, and safekeeping of the Annual Powwow Princess crown throughout her reign.
- Inform the association if she cannot continue to uphold her responsibilities during her reign so that the runner-up candidate can assume her responsibilities as Princess.



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Selection Process:

1. Official Entry Application
2. Signed Contestant Agreement
3. Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess Photo Release Form
4. Submit an essay describing the talents and knowledge you possess that make you the ideal candidate for the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess and why you are seeking to fulfill this obligation. This essay should be 1 to 2 pages long and written legibly or typed.
5. Short Bio: Submit a short essay with your application (1 page in length) about yourself. Share goals, ambitions, education, family, interest, hobbies, awards, and anything you would like to include. ***All contestants biographies with a photograph will be published in the August 2018 edition of the Meskwaki Nation Times, the Meskwaki Powwow Website, and all Meskwaki Powwow Social Media Sites.***

All contestants will be judged according to the criteria below. The contestant with the highest accumulated points will be crowned Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess for one year. If there is a tie among contestants, the tiebreaker will be the Biography.

- Dance Exhibition (50) Judging: Regalia, technique, overall dance style
- Public Speaking (30) Judging: Appearance, poise/posture, eye contact, voice projection, use of **Meskwaki** language
- Essay (20)– Essay describing the talents and knowledge you possess that make you the ideal candidate for Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess and why you are seeking to fulfill this obligation. Judging: Understanding of topic, writing style, grammar, and spelling
- In case of a tie: 5 extra points will be awarded to the candidate with the best Bio. Judging is based on grammar, spelling, and writing style.
- **Total Points Possible 100**



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OFFICIAL ENTRY APPLICATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Meskwaki/Indian Name: _____ Clan: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Dance Style: _____

Tribal Affiliation(s): _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Accept Text: YES OR NO

Email Address: _____ Social Media Info: _____

Guardian(s) Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Grandmother's & Grandfather's Name: _____

CONTESTANT AGREEMENT

- As a contestant for the title of Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess, I represent myself, my family, and the Meskwaki people.
- I shall conduct myself in a respectful way, especially when wearing the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess crown and/or sash. I will refrain from the use of alcohol, illegal substances (any drugs or narcotics), smoking in public, using profane language and/or having an outburst of any kind. I will refrain from inappropriate socializing with my significant other (i.e. displays of affection, etc.) in public and/or with friends.
- I affirm I am not married and have no dependents (children) nor have had any children.
- I will have a positive attitude before, during and after the contest. I understand I will be required to respect and cooperate with fellow contestants, the Powwow princess judges, the public and anyone else I may meet. I understand the major part of being the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess is to represent Meskwaki Nation.
- I understand I am expected to participate in and be on time for at least four powwows or events in my Meskwaki community.
- I understand I am responsible for the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess crown, both the crown and the sash are mine to keep as a memento.
- I understand these same rules apply when I am representing the Meskwaki people, outside of the Meskwaki Nation Community.
- I understand any infringement of these moral standards will result in disqualification as a Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess contestant.
- In the case of the chosen Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess, loss of the title, crown and sash. I understand should this unfortunate situation occur, the first runner-up from the most recent competition will be asked to assume the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess title and duties.

By signing this document, I have read and agree to the rules/regulations listed above.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____



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PHOTO RELEASE

I give the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Association my permission to use the information included in my biography for an article that may appear in the Meskwaki Nation Times Newsletter/Website/and Meskwaki Annual Powwow Social Media Sites.

If Crowned, I give the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Association permission to take a photo of my immediate family and myself after I am crowned at the Meskwaki Annual Powwow. I also understand that photos of me as the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess may be selected for use in other publications related to the Meskwaki Nation tribe, the Meskwaki Annual Powwow Princess program and/or the Annual Meskwaki Powwow.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____



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Biography: Please describe your interest, your family, hobbies, school you attend, and anything else that explains who you are
