



Miss  
WESTERN  
Navajo



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Ya'a't'eeh, to all the contestants of the Miss Western Navajo Pageant.

I am the reigning Miss Western Navajo 2014-2015, Tasheena Cree Banally. I am of the Salt People Clan, born for the Hopi Butterfly Clan, maternal grandfather's clan, Yucca Fruit Strung Out on a Line Clan, paternal grandfather's clan, Mexican. I reside near Leupp, AZ., a place called The Ranch.

I am excited to announce that this year's pageant will be at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Event Center. I would like to thank you for your interest in running for this prestigious title. As the new Miss Western Navajo 2015-2016 you will be traveling to new places and meeting people of different ethnicity. You will be meeting our Nations leaders, in and out of the Great Navajo Nation. Throughout the year you will be a role model to the youth and an advocate for your Navajo people. You will have the pleasure of teaching about your language, livelihood as a Navajo, respecting elders, and our Military personnel. You will be creating life long memories throughout the year. In addition to your services you will learn about yourself, your people, and public speaking.

The pageant committee, my family and I are excited to meet you at the Mandatory Orientation Meeting the day of the deadline, Friday, September 25, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. MST. (Mandatory Meeting will be announced later, please contact Tasheena or Committee for location.) You are all talented and beautiful-of course you are from the Western Agency!

I wish you all the best of Luck and I am excited to meet you all. I can be contacted for questions at the above address and phone number. Lastly, I would like to encourage all of you to be humble, respectful, and to be wonderful role models to our Navajo people throughout the year.

God bless you, and thank you.

Respectfully,

Tasheena Banally  
Miss Western Navajo 2014-2015



## 2015-2016 Miss Western Navajo Pageant

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### Contestant Check List

- Contestant Application
- Essay – 500 to 1000 words
  - “Contributions I would make as the New Miss Western Navajo”
- Letter of Recommendation
- Consent form
- Waiver of Responsibility
- Signed Ethics, Rules and Regulation Agreement
  - Certification of Indian Blood
  - State Driver License
  - Valid Voter Registration Card
  - High School Diploma/GED Certificate
  - 5X7 Photo Tradition Attire



# 2015-2016 Miss Western Navajo Application

47th Annual Western Navajo Fair

"Strength to Overcome the Impossible"

CONTESTANT INFORMATION									
Last Name:			First Name:			M.I.		Age:	
Address:									
City:			State:			ZIP:			
Home Phone:		Cellular Phone:		E-mail Address:					
Message Phone:		Work Phone:							
Date of Birth			Social Security No.			Census No.			
Mother's Name:			Clan:						
Father's Name:			Clan:						
Maternal Grandparent's Name:			Clan:						
			Clan:						
Paternal Grandparent's Name:			Clan:						
			Clan:						
Chapter Affiliation:									
In case of Emergency notify:						Phone:			
Are you willing to travel, if chosen to be Miss Western Navajo?									
EDUCATION									
High School					City, State				
Year Graduated									
College					City, State				
Did you graduate?					Degree/Year				
Other					City, State				
Did you graduate?					Degree/Year				
REFERENCES									
<i>Please list at least one professional references. Non-relatives or friends.</i>									
Full Name:					Relationship:				
Company:					Phone No.				
Address:					City, State, ZIP				

**Deadline to submit application is September 25, 2015 @ 5:00 PM**

**Application can be turn in at Tuba City Chapter House, C/O Pageant Committee**

<b>OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>									
What are your personal goals?									
What leadership skills do you possess?									
What achievements, awards, or special recognition have you received?									
<b>CONTEMPORARY SKILLS &amp; TALENT:</b>									
What is your modern skills:									
Briefly describe your modern talent:									
<b>TRADITIONAL SKILLS &amp; TALENT:</b>									
What is your traditional skills:									
Briefly describe your traditional talent:									
<b>ESSAY (At Least 500 words or more) Attach a sheet</b>									
<b>"Contribution I would make as the New Miss Western Navajo Agency Princess?"</b>									
<b>DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE:</b>									
I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge on this application and other documents submitted.									
Signature:							Date:		



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## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please submit with Contestant Application

**Deadline: September 25, 2015 by 5:00 PM**

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

TO: RECOMMENDATION WRITER

We are particularly interested in the contestant's ability to represent herself, tribe, and the Title of Miss Western Navajo.

A. Evaluate the contestant on each of the items, using a four point scale:

4 – Superior 3 – Outstanding 2 – Average 1 – Below Average

	Ability to express orally (Navajo/English)
	Ability to follow instructions
	Ability to resolve conflict/confrontation
	Courteous
	Fundamental Knowledge of Navajo History
	Fundamental of Self – Identity
	Personality
	Self-Motivated (energetic)
	Self-Sufficient

B. Please express in your own words on how this contestant particularly qualifies as the Miss Western Navajo. Please indicate the nature of your contact and the abilities she will impose on behalf of Western Navajo Nation.

Name(Print/Type) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PhoneNumber: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Consent Form

As a contestant in the 2015-2016 Miss Western Navajo Pageant, I do hereby agree to represent the Navajo People from Western Navajo Agency (WNA) at all functions and events as scheduled by a community/school in WNA area.

The Western Navajo Agency Pageant Committee will NOT be responsible for my travel arrangement(s) or expense(s).

I do hereby acknowledge that I meet the eligibility criteria and have all necessary documents attached. I have read and duly understand the Rules and Regulations and received a copy.

I will notify the Western Navajo Agency Pageant Committee of any address and phone number changes.

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Contestant Signature/Date



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## Waiver of Responsibility

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of

Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: ( )18 ( )19 ( )20 ( )21 ( )22 ( )23 ( )24 ( )25

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, for myself, executors of or administrators, I hereby waive and release any rights and claims for damages you may have against The Navajo Nation, **the 47TH ANNUAL WESTERN DINE FAIR, MISS WESTERN NAVAJO PAGEANT COMMITTEE, PERSONNEL & VOLUNTEERS** and other sponsoring organizations and their representatives, for any injuries sustained by me in any activity, sponsored by the Navajo Nation, **47TH ANNUAL WESTERN DINE FAIR, MISS WESTERN NAVAJO PAGEANT COMMITTEE**, Personnel & Volunteers, including transportation to and from such competition related directly or indirectly to my participation in said contest.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to cooperate, observe the general rules code of the conduct, and obey all rules and regulations set forth.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant's Signature/Date





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## Rules & Regulation

The following rules and regulation that is set forth for the Contestants and the new selected Miss Western Navajo. The rules that are written will be abided by and amendment can be made if necessary.

The requirements that will be put upon Miss Western Navajo will represent womanhood and fulfill the role of “Grandmother, Mother, Aunt and Sister” to the Dine people. As a role model, Miss Western Navajo must exemplify the essence and characters of First Woman, White Shell Woman and Changing Woman and to display leadership as the goodwill Ambassador.

The selected Miss Western Navajo will maintain the Title for one year and is responsible for the expense of traveling, lodging and other expenses that might be required.

### I. CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Must be a female and enrolled member of the Navajo Tribe with a census number.
- B. Must be 18-25 years of age, never married, have no dependent nor have any children.  
**Absolutely No Boyfriend!**
- C. Must have a valid voter registration card for one of the eighteen chapter of Western Navajo Agency. (Chapter Affiliation).
- D. Must possess a High School Diploma or GED Certificate by date of pageant.
- E. Must be knowledgeable of Din’e Culture, History and Traditional value.
- F. Must speak fluent Navajo and English.
- G. Must have valid/active State Driver’s License.
- H. Must NOT registered for Active Duty with any military branch
- I. Must NOT previously hold a title or crown at the time of Pageant.
- J. Submit 500 to 1000 word Essay on the following topic: “Contributions I would make as the New Miss Western Navajo”
- K. Submit one (1) letter of recommendation from any of the following professional; Local Chapter Official, Clergy, Academic Counselor, Community Leader or other profession.

### II. COMPETITION:



A. Contemporary Skills and Talent – Contestants must demonstrate one skill and one talent, entirely in English.

1. Examples of skill include modern dance, acting, gymnastics or a fitness demonstration.
2. Examples of talents include singing (modern or classical; lip-syncing is not allowed), literary arts or musical performance.

**“Absolutely no coaching from parents or sponsors. Equipment/  
Props and set-up will be provided by the contestants”**

B. Traditional Skills and Talent – Contestants demonstrate one skill and one talent of their choice entirely in Navajo language.

1. Such skills might include dancing, skits, weaving, storytelling, making jewelry, and grinding corn.
2. Acceptable talents include singing, musical performance or hobbies presented in an artful or musical format.

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C. Public Speaking (Navajo & English) –

1. This category involves a presentation of the essay contestants submitted with the application on “Contributions I Would Make as the New Miss Western Navajo.” This competition also determines the contestants’ fluency level of both Navajo and English languages.

### III. INTRODUCTION: (Traditional and Contemporary)

Each contestant must introduce herself and identify her four clans, parent’s name, grandparent’s name, age, education, home, interest, career, and hobby in Navajo/English languages.

### IV. ATTIRE: (Traditional & Contemporary)

All clothing, footwear, jewelry, hairdo, and hair pieces must represent accordingly. The Contemporary attire, choose conservative attire that shows respect to elders in the audience. Display proper Etiquette and Respect a positive attitude.

### V. PRINCESS TITLE HOLDER:

A participant must be a Navajo from the Western Navajo Agency Region. Former runner-ups are eligible to compete.

VI. AGENCY ENROLLMENT:

Participants must be enrolled in The Western Navajo Agency. The crown must be given to the Pageant Committee before transferring to another agency.

VII. RULES AND ATTENDANCE:

All contestants and winners are expected to follow rules, be prompt (arrive 30 minute early) have a good academic standing and proper behavior in public are required of all "PRINCESSES". The crowned princess has the sole financial responsibility to participate in any event within or outside the Navajo Nation, and Western Navajo Agency when called upon to represent her people.

All contestant family members must act with appropriate behavior.

VIII. OWNERSHIP OF THE CROWN:

The crown is the property of Western Navajo Agency Pageant Committee. If the crown is lost or damaged in any way, it is the responsibility of the "PRINCESS" and her parents to pay for a comparable replacement. If the "PRINCESS" wishes to use another crown, Western Navajo Agency Pageant Committee will not be responsible for its replacement, in case of loss or damage. If current Miss Western Navajo Princess wants to keep current crown, she must replace crown with the same value.

**\*\*Miss Western Navajo Agency Pageant Committee has the authority to amend the rules and regulation, and eligibility criteria, without notification. Please be advised to communicate with the committee.**