

PRINCESS PAGEANT GUIDELINES

Behavior to be conducted in a professional manner at all times.

Respect and honor all reasonable requests from Royalty Coordinators

All pictures taken during term of Princess are property of Okla Chahta Clan of CA Inc. and/or Choctaw Nation of OK

Should Princess become, married, pregnant, resign, become guilty of any illegal acts, not perform duties or not complete her reign title. Crown and sash will be surrendered upon request.

If title of Little Miss OCC, Junior Miss OCC or Miss Okla Chahta has been **won**, there should be one year between this title and running again for same title. Exception at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Requirements to run:

Resident of California or western united states

Between ages of 6 and 25 by Gathering (*must be no older than 25 yrs old at the time of crowning*)

Single (unmarried) with no children

Have a CDIB (certificate of Indian Blood)

Drug and Alcohol Free

Be willing to learn Choctaw History and Culture

Be willing to be at Okla Chahta events and participate in CCYA (California Choctaw Youth Association) activities

Be available for Crowning Ceremony, gatherings and other Choctaw functions (*you will not be expected to make long travel trip if that you cause a hardship*)

Wear your traditional Choctaw dress with crown and sash for all functions attended

Provide own traditional dress and accessories

Provide:

Bio on yourself

Photo of self

Reflection essay (explained in detail on criteria page)

Tie Breaker essay (explained in detail on criteria page)

CDIB (Certificate of Indian Blood) provide copy of

Tribal Membership (provide copy of)

Sell raffle tickets (must sell at least 150 tickets - ticket sales help with cost of crowns)

Show talent to Judges during interview

If contestant is under 18, must have parent or guardian's approval – parent/guardian is responsible for see that girl adheres to guidelines, royalty agreement and is responsible for all raffle tickets/money.

By signing below, I understand & agree to the guidelines as stated

Signature of Royalty

Date

Guardian (if under 18) signature

Date

Please sign and return (keeping a copy for self)

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Princess Application



Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Parent contact info	
Choctaw Parent's Name	
Contact Parent's name	
Contact Parent's email	
Parent's phone	

Personal Information

___ age	Date of birth: _____
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___ Can you be available for crowning ceremony following year, gatherings & other Okla Chahta Clan Functions

HERITAGE

Please answer yes or no below

Do you have and can you provide a copy of your CDIB and Tribal Membership?

___ CDIB

___ Tribal Membership

___ Tribal Membership - MS

___ Single

___ Do you have a traditional Choctaw Dress

___ provide Bio on self

___ Photo of self

___ Essay – reflection

___ Essay – tie breaker

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Misc.

___ selling raffle tickets	___ ticket numbers _____ to _____
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Person to Notify in Case of Emergency - If different from above

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as Choctaw Royalty, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	
If under 18 Name of guardian (printed)	
If under 18 Signature of guardian	

Our Policy

Applying to run for Okla Chahta Clan of CA Princess Royalty title in NO way guarantees winning a title. Girls are judged on various aspects of knowledge of culture/history of the Choctaw people and a point system determines the outcome of being chosen in particular category. Contestants must meet the minimum requirements to be considered for a title. The decision of the Judges is final

Okla Chahta Clan of CA, Inc.

Princess Contest Judging Criteria

BIO:

Provide a Bio of yourself, telling us a little about yourself. Things like where you go to school, your hobbies, pets, family etc.

Reflection Essay:

This is a very big part of the point system. The essay should reflect the contestant desire to be princess, her pride in and knowledge of her tribe.

- Ⓢ Must be in the contestant's own thoughts, wording and feelings. If written by parent/ guardian or sponsor...we need to know why i.e. – child is too young or has a disability. We are very understanding and this will **not** affect the points at all. Should you chose not to turn in an essay at all you will **not** receive points for this part.

Traditional Dress: - This is a **MUST!!!**

- Ⓢ Dress
- Ⓢ White Apron

Dress Includes & points will be added or deducted for having or not having the items below.

- Ⓢ Beaded Choctaw Necklace
- Ⓢ Beaded Hair Comb
- Ⓢ Moccasins
- Ⓢ Ribbons
- Ⓢ White Scarf worn in traditional manor.

Each dress item will be given separate points so even if you do not have everything, you can still run. If you need help finding items let us know and we will be glad to help. **Dress Ruffle MUST be the SAME color as dress, NOT white if you are ordering your dress from an outside source, you MUST request this to make sure. This white ruffle is NOT traditional and may count AGAINST you for dress points.**

If you need a dress, please contact us for assistance if finding a dress or person to make your dress.

Talent:

This can be singing, musical instrument, poetry, beading (bring examples of your work), cheerleading, dance etc. Anything you feel you can do well...such as these the talent doesn't have to be traditional. However, Pow Wow Dancing not preferred.

Interview with the Judges:

The judges will be looking for knowledge & history of tribe and traditions; traditional clothes & why we wear them; poise; talent; self-confidence and desire. The judges will include as part of their scoring, their observations of you during the gathering, to include your participation in and interest in Gathering events such as dancing, classes, games as well as your attitude during the day.

This is in *NO* way a beauty contest so do not feel shy. Your beauty is in your desire to learn and carry the traditions of the tribe.

Photo(s):

Photo **Must** be real photo, not a photocopy. You are not being judged on looks but the photo is needed for publications, etc. **NO PHOTO...NO (photo) POINTS!**

Dance:

Participation in the traditional dances at the gathering are not required however are observed by judges. Participation shows incentive. As well as participation in the Lord's Prayer ceremony (if you do not know how we will show you or give you a CD on how to).

Ticket Sales:

These will be pre-determined by what you sell on a point per amount basis ~ please see point sheet for more info. *This may be subject to change. You should sell a minimum of 150.

Tie Breaker Essay:

This will be a written essay on "What I would like to say to my peers" or "What I would like to say to my elders" concerning being Choctaw or My Goals while reigning as Princess. *This essay may also be used for other reasons such as acceptance speech or in announcements or publications.*

Tribal Membership/CDIB

Please submit a copy of your CBIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) and tribal membership cards

Please contact us for ANY & ALL questions, for help on or approval of the above.

For more info please contact

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It is best to contact Victoria via email:

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All rules and criteria are subject to Board approval

Board can be petitioned for special circumstances - Board decisions is final

Ticket Sales Point Sheet
(Points determined by # per amount)

1-10	1 point
11-25	2 points
26-50	3 points
51-75	4 points
76-100	10 points
101-125	15 points
125-150	25 points
151-200	35 points
201-250	45 points
251-300	55 points
301-350	65 points
351-400	75 points
401-450	85 points
451-500	95 points
501-550	105 points
551-600	115 points
601-650	125 points
651-700	135 points
701-750	145 points
751-800	155 points
801-850	165 points
851-900	175 points
901-950	185 points
951-1000	195 points
1000 - up	250 points