

Miss Yavapai-Apache Pageant Committee & Royalty Guidelines

Mission Statement

The Pageant and its Royalty are an ambassadorship focused on cultural enlightenment, education, and public relations with the general public and other sovereign nations. YAN endeavors to uphold the concept of the highest moral and cultural way of life in meeting and selecting the Yavapai-Apache Nation's Ambassadors, which includes training, counseling, and advisement during their reign.

Empowerment

The Yavapai-Apache Nation's Tribal Council, under its legislative powers, has empowered the Yavapai-Apache Nation Culture Department to advise the Pageant Committee & Royalty (appendix I).

Definitions

- Pageant. An event where applicants are judged on their abilities to be Royalty
- Royalty. Those who are chosen to represent the Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Little Royalty. The younger Royalty, all except Miss Yavapai-Apache and Miss Teen
- Ambassadors. An official representative of the Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Attendants. Adults who accompany and attend Royalty
- Culture Managers. The managers of departments at the Yavapai-Apache Culture Center
- Pageant Committee. An appointed committee shall advise during their reign, remaining in office until resignation or until services are no longer required
- Clan/Band. The family tribal affiliation to which one belongs.

Policies and Guidelines

The Yavapai-Apache Culture Department strives to carry out the Pageant Committee Mission Statement through the following of objectives, guidelines and evaluations. There will be periodic evaluations and changes to ensure the highest quality of standards for the Pageant and Royalty. (appendix I).

Objective

The Pageant Committee needs authoritative guidelines to ensure that it functions in a culture-oriented fashion.

Guidelines

To meet the objective, the Yavapai-Apache Cultural Department will institute the following:

- I. The Pageant Committee will oversee and coordinate the pageant program
 - a. All decisions of the Pageant Committee will be final.
 - b. Pageant Committee will authorize and approve all expenditures for the pageant program
- II. Pageant Committee
 - a. General
 - i. The Pageant Committee shall be an appointed standing committee consisting of five members
 - ii. The Pageant Committee shall use Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline for how they conduct meetings.
 - iii. A quorum of three Pageant Committee members shall be required to hold and conduct meetings.

- iv. Pageant Committee attendance is important for the accomplishment of duties.
- b. Pageant Committee Duties
 - i. The Pageant Committee shall organize, coordinate, and conduct the Miss Yavapai-Apache Pageant.
 - ii. The Pageant Committee shall manage appearances, transportation, funding, and attendants for Miss Yavapai-Apache and Miss Teen.
 - 1. Shall advise the above-mentioned persons of upcoming meetings, activities or events via email, regular mail, or by telephone.
 - 2. Copies of notifications shall be kept in minutes book.
 - 3. Keeps financial records for Pageant Committee. Writes APs, manages per diem, and does other finance related duties.
 - 4. Makes event/activity arrangements at behest of Committee Chairperson. Arrangements to include making calls, hotel arrangements, vehicle requests, etc.
 - 5. The Secretary/Treasurer is the next in line to the Committee Chairperson, and will take over the Committee Chairperson's duties in their absence. The Secretary/Treasurer is expected to move into that position when the chairperson vacates that office.

c. Pageant Committee Terms of Appointment

i. In order to avoid the expiration of the terms of all five (5) pageant committee members at one time, each committee member appointed by the Council shall serve a 3-year term, except that the initial terms of the committee members appointed by the Council following the adoption of the amended Pageant Committee and Royalty Guidelines under Council Resolution No. 131-13 shall be staggered as follows:

- 1. The initial term of one committee member, as designated by the Council, shall be one year;
- 2. The initial term of two committee members, as designated by the Council, shall be two years; and
- 3. The initial term of two committee members, as designated by the Council, shall be three years.

ii. The only time that the terms of the committee members shall be 1, 2, and 3 years as specified hereinabove shall be limited to the committee members appointed by the Council immediately following the Council's adoption of Council Resolution No. 131-13 and the amended Pageant Committee and Royalty Guidelines. Thereafter, all appointments to the committee arising on the expiration of the initial 1, 2, and 3 year terms shall be for 3-year terms.

Miss Yavapai-Apache Pageant Committee & Royalty Guidelines

Female Categories of Royalty

Miss Yavapai Apache	18-24 years
Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache	13-17 years
Miss Princess Yavapai-Apache	9-12 years
Little Missy Yavapai-Apache	5-8 years
Tiny Tot (Boy and Girl)	1-4 years

Application Process

I. Application

Notification (flyers, press release, etc.) shall be released by the Pageant Committee six months in advance of the Pageant. Notification shall emphasize it is the applicant's responsibility to consult with the Culture Department prior to the application process in order to prepare for the Pageant and possible Reign. This is to ensure the applicant has ample time to prepare without stressing the resources of the Culture Department.

Applications shall be prepared and distributed three months in advance of the Pageant by the Pageant Committee. By this time, applicants should have consulted with the Culture Department regarding lessons, classes and protocol.

Each parent or guardian of each contestant will read the appropriate contestant guidelines and submit a completed application prior to the deadline. Appendix Ia, Ib, Ic

II. Qualifications, Requirements & Regulations

Applicants shall agree to the qualifications, requirements, regulations outlined for each category in the application (Appendix Ia, Ib).

III. Deadlines

Deadline for applications will be 30 days prior to the Pageant. There will be no exceptions and no extensions.

IV. Notification of Acceptance

Notification of acceptance to the participant in the Pageant will be given two weeks after closing of the application period. Notification at this time allows approximately **two** weeks for training and preparation for pageant.

V. Timeline for Applications

Distribution of application	mid November
Application submission deadline	mid December
Notification of acceptance	end January
Pageant	mid February
Exodus	last Saturday of February

V. Contract

Applicants shall sign a Behavior Contract agreeing to adhere to Royalty Guidelines and Rules of Conduct for her reign at the time of the application (Appendix II – Contract).

VI. In Event of no applicants

The Royalty whose reign has just completed shall hold that position for another year. Should she refuse, her 1st attendant will take the crown for one year. If either Royalty should refuse, the Pageant Committee may extend the closing date for applications with public notice and the Pageant Committee shall recruit potential applicants.

Pageant

The Pageant will be organized and conducted by the Pageant Committee with volunteer assistance.

I. Pageant Event

Meetings

Pageant Committee meetings shall be held bi-weekly during the year. During the planning phase of the Pageant, meetings may be held more frequently and as needed

Volunteers may attend meetings and contribute to the needs for Pageant

The following Pageant arrangements are to be organized by Pageant Committee:

- Setup and decoration
- Volunteers

The Pageant Committee shall choose an emcee for the event

Entertainment should be from outgoing Royalty derived from what they have learned during their reign.

II. Pre-Orientation Meetings

There will be a pre-orientation meeting with the Applicants to prepare them for the Pageant and general protocol that will cover the following areas:

Responsibilities, duties and obligations

Demeanor, behavior and conduct

Protocol of meeting dignitaries

Requirements for knowledge of culture, traditions, language and mandatory attendance at classes.

Explanation of qualifications, requirements, regulations, and rules of conduct as outlined in the application

Contract, violations, penalties, suspensions, forfeiture of title.

Applicants shall attend the rehearsal for Pageant

II. Judging & Tallying

There will be a 5-member panel of judges to be chosen by Pageant Committee based on the following criteria:

Two Yavapai tribal members, two Apache tribal members, one non-tribal member.

To the extent possible, judges shall not be closely related to the applicants, or have any close relationship with the applicants such as a teacher or counselor

Judges choose Royalty based on fair judgment of applicable qualifications as outlined in the application.

Judges will make selections based on a pre-approved critique form (Appendix IV – Judges Assessment).

Tallyers – Judges rating shall be tallied using a standard form by two tallyers chosen by Pageant Committee (Appendix V).

III. Performance Requirements

Miss Y-A & Miss Teen

Traditional Attire

Contestants shall model traditional attire, which includes, but is not limited to, camp dresses and accessories, buckskin wear, etc.

Traditional Talent

Contestants shall perform a traditional talent (singing in language, dancing, crafts) Lifeway tasks are a part of daily life and not considered special talents (for example, the making of bread, cooking, sewing)

Modern Attire

Contestants shall model formal or business/casual attire such as in the workplace and/or for special occasions (t-shirts, pajamas, or revealing clothing are not acceptable).

Modern Talent

Contestants shall perform a special modern day talent (singing, sports, public speaking)

Essay Writing

Contestants shall write a 100-word essay on a topic chosen by the Pageant Committee and present that essay at the Pageant.

Question & Answer

Contestants shall respond to a series of questions given by the Pageant Committee

Miss Princess & Little Missy

Traditional Attire

Contestants shall model traditional attire which would be appropriate for a young girl

Traditional Talent

Contestants shall perform a traditional talent (singing in language, dancing, crafts) Lifeway tasks are a part of daily life and not considered special talents (For example, the making of bread, cooking, sewing)

Modern Attire (Miss Princess only)

Contestants shall model modern attire such as might be worn for school or for special occasions

Modern Talent (Miss Princess only)

Contestants shall perform a modern day talent (singing, sports, public speaking) that will serve them in their future lives in a modern world.

Question & Answer

Contestant shall respond to a series of questions approved by the Pageant Committee for the younger girls

Tiny Tot Royalty

Tiny Tot shall be judged on their attire **and** talent (**singing, dancing**).

IV. Awards - Gifts shall be provided to the following royalty categories:

Miss Yavapai Apache	Trophy, Crown & Sash
Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache	Trophy, Crown & Sash
Miss Princess Yavapai-Apache	Trophy, Crown & Sash
Little Missy Yavapai-Apache	Trophy, Crown & Sash
Tiny Tot (Boy and Girl)	Trophy, Tiara for girl and hat for boy

Orientation for Selected Royalty

All awarded Royalty and their parents shall attend all orientations. At this time, the responsibilities and requirements for Royalty will be addressed by the Pageant Committee. The Orientation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Responsibilities, duties and obligations

Demeanor, behavior and conduct

Protocol in greeting dignitaries

Public Speaking

Knowledge of culture, traditions, language. Mandatory attendance at classes

Rules of Conduct and contract

Violations, penalties, suspensions, forfeiture of title

Royalty must be willing to forgo other obligations when necessary so that they may give all their attention to the responsibilities of their reign

Royalty

I. Rules of Conduct Agreement

Royalty shall adhere to the Application Qualifications, Requirements, Regulations and the Rules of Conduct Agreement.

II. Event Appearances

All event appearances shall be reported and approved by the Pageant Committee. Acceptance of proposed event appearance and funding shall be based on the following:

Miss Yavapai-Apache and Miss Teen event appearances

Sponsored event appearances at outside events shall be limited to two per month based on funding available

Event appearances at invitational events shall take priority over other events.

Sister tribe events are preferred.

Appearances at local events shall be encouraged by the Pageant Committee

If possible, requests for event appearances outside the local events should be requested in writing to the Pageant Committee two weeks in advance of event with exception of local events. Royalties are required to travel together. If parents go they are responsible to pay their own expenses.

Little Royalty event appearances

Little Royalty attend primarily local events at the discretion of the Pageant Committee.

Funding

Funding for approved Events (Miss YA & Miss Teen) shall be from the Pageant Committee budget and shall cover travel expenses for Royalty and Attendants.

Pageant Committee encourages fundraising for Miss Yavapai-Apache and Miss Teen.

Transportation

Transportation shall be provided by the Pageant Committee based on the above-approved events.

Attendants

One attendant shall always accompany each member of Royalty.

Attendants shall be either a parent/guardian or a Pageant Committee member, approved by the Pageant Committee.

Attendants shall adhere to the Chaperone Duties as laid out by the Pageant Committee. See Appendix III

II. Classes

Royalty shall attend mandatory classes at least twice a month during their reign

Class shall encompass areas of Language, Culture, Tribal History and Traditions, knowledge of their Clan/Band composition and membership.

III. Portfolio/Notebook/Album

Royalty shall keep a notebook or album containing memorabilia, photos, reports, lessons, accounts and other materials that represent and describe their accomplishments and duties performed during their reign.

Royalty shall write and be prepared to present a 100-word essay describing the major events they attend. She should also be prepared to submit regular articles to the newspaper, newsletter, or Yavapai-Apache website.

Royalty shall keep an accounting of expenditures, both from the Pageant Committee, from fundraising efforts, and from private sources.

Royalty shall be expected to utilize their journal material to support a final project (a digital story, PowerPoint, entertainment, a new talent) at the end of their reign that illustrates their activities, learning, and experiences during the year.

IV. Violations & Misconduct

Reports of violations or misconduct shall be reported to the Pageant Committee.

Violations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Penalties shall be handled according to severity of infractions:

1. Failure to appear at scheduled event appearances or violating other penalties will also be considered as misconduct and subject to penalties.

All decisions made by the Pageant Committee as to the determination of violation of agreement shall be final.

V. Resignation and Termination

1. A member of Royalty who wish to resign must do so in writing.
2. If a Royalty's reign is terminated, she will be notified in writing.
3. Royalty who forfeits her title or resigns within 3 months of reign shall return the following items to the Pageant Committee in acceptable condition:
 - Beaded crown
 - Beaded Sash
4. If the above items are not returned or if they are damaged, the girl (or parents) shall be responsible for the monetary value of the items.
5. If said items are not returned, the Pageant Committee reserves the right to take judicial action

Miss Yavapai-Apache
Pageant Committee & Royalty Guidelines
APPENDIX

- Appendix I Resolution from Council accepting Pageant Committee & Royalty Guidelines
- Appendix II Application Packet
- a. Cover Sheet
 - b. Application for Royalty
 - c. Qualification, Requirements, Regulations for Miss YAN and Miss Teen
 - d. Qualification, Requirements, Regulations for Princess and Little Missy
 - e. Qualification, Requirements, Regulations for Tiny Tot and Baby
- Appendix III Nominee Acceptance Packet
- a. Cover Sheet
 - b. Parent Guardian Acknowledgement Form
 - c. Rules of Conduct Behavior Contract
- Appendix IV Application for Pageant Committee or Advisory Board
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- Appendix VI Judge and Tally Materials
- a. Judges Assessment
 - b. Tally forms

Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation Pageant Application



2022-2023
Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation Pageant
Entry Application

Deadline for all applications is

Please check appropriate category for which you wish to be a contestant:

Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation	_____	18-24 Years of Age
Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache	_____	13-17 Years of Age
Miss Yavapai-Apache Princess	_____	09-12 Years of Age
Little Missy	_____	05-08 Years of Age
Tiny Tot Boy or Girl _____	_____	01-04 Years of Age

Please print clearly for the following information:

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

My Indian Name is: _____

Name of school which I attend is: _____ Grade: _____

Hobbies/Accomplishments: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Tribe: _____

Father's Name: _____ Tribe: _____

**All applications must be received by the close of the day January 21, 2022 by 5:00pm.
Applications may be turned in to Administration Front Desk at the Yavapai-Apache Nation
Administration Office (567-3649).**

No Applications will be accepted after the Posted Deadline

**Miss Yavapai-Apache
Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache
Qualifications, Requirements, and Regulations**

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.
- Must reside within the State of Arizona.
- Miss Yavapai-Apache must be between 18 – 24 years of age.
- Miss Teen Yavapai-Apache must be between 13-17 years of age.
- Must not marry, cohabitate or become pregnant prior to or during her reign
- Must have a working knowledge of Yavapai or Apache traditions, history, culture, customs and issues regarding our government.
- Must not have previously held the title or hold any other title at the time of the pageant.
- Must not participate or be arrested in a criminal act, engage in promiscuous or inappropriate behavior as described in the Rules of Conduct.
- Must be a positive role model and be a willing representative of the Yavapai-Apache Nation

Requirements:

As a contestant of the Miss Yavapai-Apache Pageant, all contestants shall participate in the following as outlined in the guidelines:

- Traditional Attire
- Traditional Talent
- Modern Attire
- Modern Talent
- Essay Writing – 100 word
- Question & Answer

Regulations:

- Royalty shall serve for one year.
- Royalty shall adhere to the Code of Conduct as described in the Contract
- Contestants shall be respectful of themselves, other contestants, and other people they encounter during their reign.
- Royalty has the responsibility of communicating with the Pageant Committee on appearances and events.
- Contestant is responsible for their personal belongings at all times during the pageant events. The Pageant Committee is not responsible for loss of articles, theft or injury
- Must cooperate with appointed chaperones and accept all recommendations of the Pageant Committee.
- Be ready and willing to represent the Yavapai-Apache Nation

Miss Princess Yavapai-Apache Little Missy Yavapai-Apache Qualifications, Requirements, and Regulations

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.
- Must reside within the ten (10) mile radius of any reservation of the Yavapai-Apache Nation.
- Miss Princess Yavapai-Apache must be between 9 – 12 years of age.
Little Missy Yavapai-Apache must be between 6-8 years of age.
- Must not have previously held the title or hold any other title at the time of the pageant.
- Must be a positive role model and be a willing representative of the Yavapai-Apache Nation

Requirements:

As a contestant of the Miss Yavapai-Apache Pageant, all contestants shall participate in the following as outlined in the guidelines:

- Traditional Attire
- Traditional Talent
- Modern Attire
- Modern Talent
- Question & Answer

Regulations:

- Royalty shall serve for one year.
- Royalty shall adhere to the Code of Conduct as described in the Contract
- Chaperones, Parent or Guardian have the responsibility of communicating with the Pageant Committee on appearances and events.
- Contestants shall be respectful of themselves, other contestants, and other people they encounter during their reign
- Contestants or chaperones are responsible for their personal belongings at all times during the pageant events. The Pageant Committee is not responsible for loss of articles, theft or injury
- Must cooperate with appointed chaperones and accept all recommendations of the Pageant Committee.
- Be ready and willing to represent the Yavapai-Apache Nation

Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation Pageant
Tiny Tot Boy & Girl
Qualifications, Requirements, and Regulations

Qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation
- 1-5 years of age
- Must reside on the reservation or live within a 10-mile radius of a Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Community

Requirements:

Tiny Tot contestants will be judged on the following criteria:

- Presentation/Poise
- Traditional Attire

Miss Yavapai-Apache Nation Nominee Acceptance Packet



2022-2023

**Yavapai-Apache Nation
Pageant Committee**

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form

We/I hereby certify that _____ has my/our permission to participate in the Yavapai-Apache Nation Pageant.

Contestant is applying for the following category: _____

We/I have read the Royalty Guidelines and agree with and meet all the requirements.

We/I have read, understand and agree to the Rules of Conduct, Qualifications, Requirements, and Regulations and agree that We/I and the contestant shall adhere to such rules subject to disqualification or removal (denouement) as necessary.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Age at time of Application: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip code _____

Parental Telephone: _____

Contestant's Telephone _____

Miss Yavapai-Apache Rules of Conduct Behavior Contract

I, _____ swear to uphold the following Rules and Regulations should I receive the title of Miss Yavapai-Apache or their attendants.

1. Act with respect, appropriate behavior, and in a truthful manner when serving as Miss Yavapai-Apache in that I shall:
 - a. Not engage in such inappropriate behaviors such as drinking, smoking, drug use, fighting, swearing, verbal or physical abuse, or rude behavior;
 - b. Not engage in promiscuous behavior such an inappropriate public display, getting hickies, or other immoral conduct;
 - c. Not dress in an inappropriate manner for the occasion, nor wear exotic hair styles or color, nor display inappropriate makeup or body ornament, and have no visible tattoos; and
 - d. Not cohabitate with a lover, nor marry during my reign, and not have been pregnant prior to or during my reign,
2. Must wear traditional attire at any and all Tribal/Cultural functions. On other occasions, must dress appropriately.
3. Participate in as many Tribal functions as possible (based on type of request, funding, transportation, chaperones, approval of Pageant Committee)
4. Communicate directly with the Pageant Committee on all upcoming appearances and special events. All appearances shall be approved by the Pageant Committee. Must accept recommendations of Pageant Committee on all matters.
5. Attend mandatory language, cultural, clan/background, and history classes at least twice a month.
6. Shall cooperate with appointed attendants.
7. Not participate in any criminal acts (underage drinking, using illegal drugs, etc.). There must be no violations of Tribal, State, or Federal laws.
8. All complaints or problems will be registered with the Pageant Committee to decide a course of action. I understand that if I break the rules I am subject to discipline by the Pageant Committee that may include forfeiture of my title as Miss Yavapai-Apache or Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache.

I have read and understand the listed rules and I agree to adhere to them or risk the relinquishment of my title as Miss Yavapai-Apache.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Yavapai-Apache Nation Pageant Committee

Attendant Duties

You have been assigned one of the most important duties of the Yavapai-Apache Pageant Committee, to be “An Attendant.” You will be using Integrity, Truth, Loyalty and Honor in performing your duties as a Yavapai-Apache Pageant Committee Attendant.

- Attendant will take our Royalty to parades, PowWows, rodeos, pageants, community events, speaking engagements, culture events, fairs, other Tribal Governments, state and local government events as deemed appropriate by the Pageant Committee or Tribal Council.
- Your duties start the moment you pick up and arrive with your Nation’s Royalty until you return them home safe and sound to their parents/guardians.
- Attendant will be kind to others and act respectfully at all times.
- Attendant will be visible at all times with our Royalty and under no circumstances should Royalty be left unattended.
- Attendants will ensure that Royalty’s basic needs are taken care of.
- Attendants are representatives of the Pageant Committee and will act accordingly. Attendants will not be under the influence of any alcoholic beverages or under the influence of any narcotic, stimulants or inhalants. If you are a smoker, you are to use designated smoking areas.
- Attendants will take Royalty around at events for the “Meet/Greet” including, but not limited to, other Royalty, singers, drum groups, Veterans, announcers, MCs, vending booths and most of all the general public at any event.

Signature of **Attendants**: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache Rules of Conduct Behavior Contract

I, _____ swear to uphold the following Rules and Regulations should I receive the title of Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache or their attendants.

1. Act with respect, appropriate behavior, and in a truthful manner when serving as Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache in that I shall:
 - a. Not engage in such inappropriate behaviors such as drinking, smoking, drug use, fighting, swearing, verbal or physical abuse, or rude behavior;
 - b. Not engage in promiscuous behavior such as an inappropriate public display, getting hickies, or other immoral conduct;
 - c. Not dress in an inappropriate manner for the occasion, nor wear exotic hair styles or color, nor display inappropriate makeup or body ornament, and have no visible tattoos; and
 - d. Not cohabit with a lover, nor marry during my reign, and not have been pregnant prior to or during my reign,
2. Must wear traditional attire at any and all Tribal/Cultural functions. On other occasions, must dress appropriately.
3. Participate in as many Tribal functions as possible (based on type of request, funding, transportation, attendants, approval of Pageant Committee)
4. Communicate directly with the Pageant Committee on all upcoming appearances and special events. All appearances shall be approved by the Pageant Committee. Must accept recommendations of Pageant Committee on all matters.
5. Attend mandatory language, cultural, clan/background, and history classes at least twice a month.
6. Must maintain a passing grade in school (GPA 2.0) with no truancy or reported infractions of school rules.
7. Shall cooperate with appointed chaperones.
8. Not participate in any criminal acts (underage drinking, using illegal drugs, etc.). There must be no violations of Tribal, State, or Federal laws.
9. All complaints or problems will be registered with the Pageant Committee to decide a course of action.
10. I understand that if I break the rules I am subject to discipline by the Pageant Committee that may include forfeiture of my title as Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache.

I have read and understand the listed rules and I agree to adhere to them or risk the relinquishment of my title as Miss Teenage Yavapai-Apache.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

