



Zuni Royalty Organization



2017-2018 Jr. Miss Zuni Contestant Application General Information

The mission of the **Zuni Royalty Organization** (formerly Miss Zuni Organization) is to provide an environment that encourages Zuni youth to embrace Zuni culture and traditions, through positive interaction and representation of the Zuni People.

The purpose of the Jr. Miss Zuni title is to provide a personal and professional platform for young Zuni women to promote culture and the community. It provides a forum for today's young Zuni women to express their pride in Zuni culture and language/traditions through their viewpoints, talents and accomplishments.

Participation in publicly promoting health, education, and economic status in the community is a must for an individual vying for the title of Jr. Miss Zuni. Therefore, it is very important that the young lady vying for this title be able to articulate and express herself in public. A positive and healthy attitude is essential during the pageant.

The following information is provided as you consider candidacy for the Miss Zuni title:

- Candidacy is open to any single Zuni female between the ages of 15 and 17.
- Must be single. Single status means that during the time of the application, she must have never been married or be cohabiting. Cohabiting is defined as "living with" a significant other in a sexual relationship. Must not cohabit nor be in a relationship with a significant other during the duration of her reign. Also the individual must have never conceived a child.
- Must be registered with the Zuni Tribe, documenting one-half (1/2) or more degree of Zuni blood.
- Must reside on the Zuni Indian reservation.

- Must not be using drugs and/or alcohol or be involved in any negative social behavior.
- Will be required to wear the Zuni traditional outfit during all activities of the pageant.
- Must participate in closed interview to demonstrate communication skills, knowledge of Zuni culture and traditions, knowledge of current events and issues, and present oneself in personality and appearance that is recognized as positive social behavior and attitude.
- Must participate in a public demonstration of a traditional and a contemporary talent such as cooking, singing, dancing, etc. Both the closed interviews and the talent contest will be in front of a panel of judges selected for each category.

Name of School: _____ Current level: _____

HOBBIES/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please indicate what your hobbies and interests are:

If you participate in extra curricular activities, please list them:

LIABILITY WAIVER

I understand that by signing this release of liability, the Zuni Royalty Organization and/or their volunteers will not be liable for any theft, mishap, injury, illness or accident which may occur during any/all pageant activities.

Applicant

Date

I understand that by signing this form, I am providing permission for _____
to be a contestant in the Jr. Miss Zuni Pageant.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Relationship to Applicant

Date

TALENTS

NAME of Contestant: _____

Each talent should reflect the true essence of who you are as a Zuni young lady. Each talent should be done individually as it demonstrates independence as an individual contestant.

The traditional talent should consist of a demonstration that highlights the cultural and traditional ways that our Zuni people have passed on through generations. The contestant should be able to articulate and show mastery of the traditional talent and understand the meaning and significance behind the talent.

The modern talent should consist of a demonstration that highlights a talent in a modern sense and show how it has influenced and contributes to your life as a young Zuni lady. Lip syncing and lip singing are discouraged. Any form of physical demonstration has to be meaningful and an explanation of how it is beneficial to you and your people.

It is highly encouraged that these talents are original and fully demonstrate as your own talent.

The talents can be presented using videos, pictures, posters, displays or PowerPoint etc. along with detailed explanations to the judges.

Talents will be limited to 10 minutes and will be enforced. It is highly encouraged that you are fully prepared and ready at time of presentation. Only 1 person will be allowed to assist you in your presentation.

Traditional Talent: _____

Brief Description: _____

Contemporary Talent: _____

Brief Description: _____

Equipment Needed (ie. Table, Chairs, Technology) and /or layout requested: _____

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Required Attachments to Application

Listed are the required documents that need to accompany your application:

- ☐ A copy of your Census Card and Birth Certificate
- ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (From teachers, coaches, counselors, employers, etc.)
- ☐ Completed Medical Examination Form (This will be done at the Zuni Teen Health Center for all)
- ☐ A current photograph of yourself (Photo will be returned)
- ☐ A two to three page essay that includes: Your personal and/or educational goals and how you plan to achieve those goals. The reason(s) for your interest in running for the title of Jr. Miss Zuni and how you would promote the status and efforts of young Zuni women in the community.

If you have any questions about the application or need more information, please contact one of the following: Darlynn Panteah-782.2383, Janis Bowekaty-495.1096, Verina Seoutewa-495.8511, Cheryl Sandy-782.2651, Juanita Edaakie-870.3806, Monica Chapito-Soseeah-385.4036 or send email to misszuni2015@gmail.com

Please turn in application and all required documents by **Friday, August 11, 2017 at 5pm.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND INTEREST IN THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Committee Use Only:

Date of application received: _____

Received by: _____

All required documents attached? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, what is missing?

_____ *Census Card*

_____ *Letters of Recommendation*

_____ *Medical exam form*

_____ *Photo*

_____ *Essay*

NOTES: _____

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Zuni Royalty Organization

Deadline August 11, 2017

The applicant has chosen you to provide a letter of recommendation for her competing in the Miss Zuni / Jr. Miss Zuni Pageant. We are grateful for your willingness to serve as her reference and kindly request that you address each of the questions below. You are welcome to transcribe them to your own letterhead if you wish.

Please be sure your letter contains the following information:

- a) Your name
- b) Your address
- c) Your phone number
- d) Your email address
- e) The best time to contact you (if we have follow-up questions)

Please address the following questions in your letter of recommendation:

- a) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- b) What do you consider her strengths?
- c) What do you consider her challenges?
- d) Do you feel that the applicant would thrive in the title of Miss Zuni / Jr. Miss Zuni?
- e) What else do you feel would be useful for us to know for our evaluation of this applicant?
- f) Be sure to include the applicant's full name.