

## **Proposal for a Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant 2026**

The proposal for establishing a: **Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant**

**Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant** is intended to formally present a culturally grounded initiative that honors Indigenous identity, leadership, and community responsibility. This proposal reflects a commitment to strengthening cultural pride while providing Indigenous participants with an opportunity to serve as positive role models and ambassadors for the Tucson Indian Center.

The pageant is envisioned as a community-centered program that emphasizes cultural knowledge, traditional values, education, and service rather than appearance alone. It seeks to uplift Indigenous voices, encourage intergenerational learning, and create a respectful platform for participants to demonstrate leadership, cultural awareness, and dedication to community involvement.

Through this proposal, the Tucson Indian Center affirms its role is supporting cultural preservation, youth empowerment, and community unity. The proposed pageant would serve as a meaningful avenue to engage families, elders, and community members in celebrating Indigenous traditions while fostering leadership development and civic responsibility among participants.

# Qualifications for Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant 2026

- A candidate for the Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant must be between the ages of (16) through (24) years of age. Applicants must provide proof of tribal issued identification.
- Tribal Affiliation: A candidate must be an enrolled member of any Federally recognized Tribal Nation in the United States (US).
- Residency: The applicant must reside in the Tucson Urban area (State issued identification bearing address, school enrollment, utility bill, voter registration, etc.)
- Knowledgeable of the Tucson Indian Center: history, values, and department programs that are offered at the center.
- Have a high school diploma or GED; or be currently attending school or GED program.
  - Must have a GPA of 2.0 or above when application is submitted
  - A copy of high school diploma or transcript
  - GED certificate
- I will attend all meetings scheduled by the MTIC committee.
- I will always conduct myself in a manner that will not jeopardize the Tucson Indian Center and the title of Miss Tucson Indian Center.
- Be a recruiter for the next Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant and share your experience during your reign.
- Traditional clothing during all official engagements or appropriate attire.
- Appearance must be kept clean, neat, and well-groomed.
- Hair must be natural color.
- Single, no dependents, no partners, and never married.
- No facial piercings (eyebrows, dermal, septum, bridge, etc.).
- No offensive or degrading tattoos.
- No criminal background record.
- Miss Tucson Indian Center: email [misstic@ticenter.org](mailto:misstic@ticenter.org)

# Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant 2026

## Official Entry Form

*I enter the Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant and submit the following information for review.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

College/Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Official Entry Form – (continued)**

Platform Description:

Type of Description (*Cultural preservation, Youth empowerment, Education for higher learning, Community outreach, Advocacy, volunteerism, etc.*)

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Description of Modern Presentation:

Type of Talent (*Dance, Storying telling, Singing, Professional Presentation, etc.*)

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Description of Traditional Attire:

(*The Information describing your traditional attire will be read during the pageant while you are modeling the attire.*)

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**\*Can be filled out later if not available.**

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## Official Entry Form – (continued)

Description of Traditional Talent Presentation:

Type of Talent (*Dance, Storying telling, Singing, Professional Presentation, etc.*)

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- Interview Session
- Oral Presentation (**5 – minute time limit which includes introductions English or Traditional**).
- Modeling Traditional Dress
- Modern & Traditional Talent (**5 – minute time limit for both**).
- Impromptu Questions
- Miss Tucson Indian Center, [misstic@ticenter.org](mailto:misstic@ticenter.org)

**Reminder:** make sure to have an accurate description of your Traditional dress.



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**Official Entry Form – (continued)**

Your educational goals:

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Your personal goals:

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Special recognition or awards:

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Additional information:

List any other information you would like to share:

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## Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant 2026 Official Entry Form – (continued)

### Pageant Rules:

As a Miss Tucson Indian Center contestant, you will be judged on the following:

- Oral presentation (your introduction & platform Traditional or English).
- Modern Talent (Dance, Storying telling, Singing, Professional Presentation, etc.).
- Traditional Attire (modeling dress). Please have an accurate description of your traditional dress, this will be read while you are modeling the dress.
- Traditional Talent (Dance, Storying telling, Singing, Professional Presentation, etc.).
- Impromptu Questioning.

**Please be respectful of yourself, fellow contestants, and the pageant committee members.**



# Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant 2026 Official Entry Form – (Applicant Signature)

## Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form

I have read and understand the above information and the contestant Guidelines and Pageant rules. I am certifying that the information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information may cause disqualification from the Pageant.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

If the Contestant is under eighteen (18) years of age, the following must be completed by a Parent/Legal Guardian.

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby verify that \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to participate in the Miss Tucson Indian Center Pageant.

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Parent(s)-Legal Guardian(s)

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Date



