CHEROKEE NATION
P.O. Box 948
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Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for requesting an application packet for the 2013 Miss Cherokee Leadership Competition. This packet contains a description of the Contestant Eligibility and Qualifications; a list of items that need to be submitted with the application; and the Miss Cherokee 2013 Application. The application and requested items need to be mailed and received with a postmark of **Friday, July 12, 2013**. **Hand-carried or faxed applications will not be accepted.**

The applicants will receive notification that they are an official candidate for the 2013 Miss Cherokee Leadership Competition. The official contestants will be required to attend an orientation for an overview of the activities that will be occurring during the competition. Only those who meet the criteria as a contestant will be notified of the time and place of the orientation.

Thank you for expressing interest in serving the Cherokee Nation. The Miss Cherokee Committee is looking forward to meeting and working with you. If you have any questions, please call Tonnette Mouse Hummingbird at (918) 207-3577.

Sincerely,

The 2013-14 Miss Cherokee Committee

Enclosures

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be between 17 and 22 years of age on August 24, 2013.

2. Be a Cherokee Nation tribal citizen.

3. Reside within the 14-county tribal jurisdiction.

4. Be a high school graduate or have successfully completed a GED testing program for high school equivalency.

5. Must not have been married or have ever cohabited

6. Must not have children.

7. Must not have previously served as Miss Cherokee.

8. Must never have been convicted of any crime nor have any criminal charges pending.

9. Must be physically able to fulfill the duties of the position. Official appearances begin Saturday, August 24, 2013, immediately following the crowning.

10. Contestants will be judged on Cherokee language usage during their introduction and cultural presentation.

CONTESTANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

1. A completed Miss Cherokee Competition 2013 Application form.

2. A copy of her CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) Card.

3. A copy of her Tribal Citizenship (blue) card.

4. A copy of her most recent transcript or GED scores.

5. One (1) 3" x 5" color photograph.

6. Three (3) letters of recommendation from community members (non-family).

THE APPLICATION AND REQUESTED ITEMS MUST BE MAILED AND RECEIVED WITH A POSTMARK OF FRIDAY, July 12, 2013. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Cherokee Nation
Miss Cherokee Competition
Attn: Londa Cox
P. O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465

HAND-CARRIED OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
ALL THE ITEMS/DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE MISS CHEROKEE COMMITTEE.

MISS CHEROKEE LEADERSHIP COMPETITION
2013 APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Physical Address: _____

STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Telephone: _____ SSN: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Tribal Enrollment Number: _____

Parents or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____

STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Are you enrolled in a higher education program (college, vocational, certification)?_____

If yes, where?_____

Chosen Field of Study: _____

If employed, where? _____

List any pageant(s) you have entered:

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List Cherokee cultural activities that you participate in and cultural skills you can demonstrate:

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How do you serve your community? _____

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Provide a list /history of your leadership skills (i.e., honors, awards, club membership, etc.).

If additional space is needed, please list on separate paper that is same size and color.