

CHEROKEE NATION

P.O. Box 948 Tahlequah, OK 74465-0948 918-453-5000 Bill John Baker Principal Chief

S. Joe Crittenden Deputy Principal Chief

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for requesting an application packet for the 2014 Miss Cherokee Leadership Competition. This packet contains the Policies and Procedures of Miss Cherokee, which we advise you read before filling out the application; a description of the Contestant Eligibility and Qualifications; a list of items that need to be submitted with the application; and the Miss Cherokee 2014 Application. The application and requested items need to be mailed and received with a postmark of **Friday**, **July 11**, **2014**. **Hand-carried or faxed applications will not be accepted.**

The applicants will receive notification that they are an official candidate for the 2014 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 2014-15 Miss Cherokee Committee

Enclosures

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Be between 17 and 22 years of age on August 23, 2014.
- 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 23, 2014, 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 2014 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. A copy of a utility bill for proof of address, must be in applicant's name or parent(s)/legal guardian's name.
- 6. One (1) 3" x 5" color photograph.
- 7. Three (3) letters of recommendation from community members (non-family).

THE APPLICATION AND REQUESTED ITEMS MUST BE MAILED AND RECEIVED WITH A POSTMARK OF <u>FRIDAY</u>, <u>July 11, 2014</u>. 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 2014 APPLICATION

Name:		Date:			
	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
Physical Address:					
T-11	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
		SSN:			
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Parents or Legal Guar	dian:				
Address:					
STREET Are you enrolled in a	higher educati	CITY on program (college, voca	STATE ational, certification)?_	ZIP CODE	
If yes, where?					
		d:			
List Cherokee cultural	activities that	t you participate in and cu	ltural skills you can der	monstrate:	
How do you serve you	ır community?	?			

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.