Miss Cherokee
Leadership Competition
Application
Dear Applicant,

Thank you for requesting an application packet for the 2019-20 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 2019-20 Application. The application and requested items must be received by the DEADLINE of no later than 7 pm, Monday, July 16, 2019. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

We will accept hand carried applications Tuesday, July 16, 2019, between Noon – 7:00 p.m. in the lobby of the W.W. Keeler Cherokee Nation Complex, Tahlequah. However, early completed applications can be submitted prior to the deadline of July 16.

The applicants will receive notification that they are an official candidate for the 2019-20 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 or Lisa Trice-Turtle at (918) 207-4991.

Sincerely,

The 2019-20 Miss Cherokee Committee

Enclosures
MISS CHEROKEE LEADERSHIP COMPETITION
CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be between 18 and 22 years of age on August 24, 2019.
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, 2019, immediately following the crowning and contract signing.
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 2019-20 Application form.
2. A copy of her Cherokee Nation Tribal Citizenship (blue) card.
3. Submit your most recent official transcript or GED scores, from your High School, College, University or Higher Education Institution.
4. A copy of a utility bill for proof of address, must be in applicant’s name or parent(s)/legal guardian’s name.
5. One (1) 4” x 6” color photograph.
6. Three (3) letters of recommendation from community members (non-family).

The application and requested items must be received by the DEADLINE of no later than 7 pm, Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Hand carried or mailed applications will be accepted prior to the deadline. Mailed applications should be mailed to the following address and (MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE OF 5 PM, TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019).

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

FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Any application received via mail or hand delivered after the deadline of July 16, 2019, will not be accepted. ALL THE ITEMS/DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE MISS CHEROKEE COMMITTEE.
MISS CHEROKEE LEADERSHIP COMPETITION
2019-2020 APPLICATION

Name: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________
STREET          CITY          STATE          ZIP CODE

Physical Address: __________________________________________________________
STREET          CITY          STATE          ZIP CODE

Home Phone: ___________________ Cell: __________________ SSN: ___________________

Email: ___________________________________ T-Shirt Size: ______________________

Place of Birth: ___________________________ Date of Birth: _____________________

Tribal Enrollment Number: ________________________ Age (on 8/24/19): ___________

Parents or Legal Guardian: ______________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________
STREET          CITY          STATE          ZIP CODE

Emergency Contact: Name: ___________________________ Cell: ______________________

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

If yes, where? _______________________________ Classification: __________________

Chosen Field of Study: _________________________________________________________

If employed, where? _________________________________________________________

List any pageant(s) you have entered: _____________________________________________
Answer the following questions. If additional space is needed, please list on a separate paper that is same size and color.

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

2-How do you serve your community? ____________________________________________
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3-Provide a list/history of your leadership skills (i.e., honors, awards, club membership, etc.).
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Cherokee Nation Media Release Form

Miss Cherokee

Event Name

I hereby allow the Cherokee Nation or its entities to use my image for non-commercial purposes, including publication and release to media outlets and web sites. I release, discharge, and agree to save the Cherokee Nation and its entities from any liability for non-commercial use of my image.

I have read this authorization and release prior to its execution. I have not been induced, other than by the consideration received, to execute the same by any representation or statement made by the Cherokee Nation.

Participants Name (print)          Phone

Address               State       Zip

Participants Signature     Date

Parent or Guardian Signature  Date
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CULTURAL PRESENTATION

(Three (3) Minute Time Limit)

Name: ____________________________________________________________________

Describe your cultural presentation: __________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

List any props you will be using: _____________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Once you are notified you are an official contestant for the Miss Cherokee Leadership
Competition, you are required to submit a cultural presentation form that is your final idea and
submitted by Saturday, July 27, 2019. Once submitted you will not be allowed to make changes
to your cultural presentation.

If you are going to use music, please bring it to the first rehearsal.

Accompaniment by another person will not be allowed for the Cultural Presentation. The AV
equipment at the church does not have remote capability to change slides so any slides used for
presentation must be set as a timed slideshow by the contestant.

The Cultural Presentation information form is due Saturday, July 27, 2019, by 9:00 am.
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CONTESTANT PLATFORM GUIDELINES
(Three (3) Minute Time Limit)

Once you are notified you are an official contestant for the Miss Cherokee Leadership Competition, you are required to select a platform, that supports the Cherokee Nation Mission Statement, that you will spend the year advocating if selected as Miss Cherokee.

**Cherokee Nation Mission Statement:** The Cherokee Nation is committed to protecting our inherent sovereignty, preserving and promoting Cherokee culture, language and values, and improving the quality of life for the next seven generations of the Cherokee citizens.

Your personal connection to the platform should be understood. You may be asked why you selected the platform from various people. Select an issue that reflects who you are or what you’ve accomplished and where your heart lies. It should be clear that you have researched, thought about and understood the platform and its impact on others.

Numerous requests are received for Miss Cherokee to present her platform when she appears before groups/organizations, etc.

Some of the platforms of past Miss Cherokee contestants:

- Environmental Issues
- Education
- Diabetes awareness
- Preservation of culture
- Language preservation
- Women Empowerment

The written platform is **due Saturday, July 27, 2019, by 9:00 am**, via 1- hard copy and also send an electronic file via email to lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org.

The composition of the platform must be as follows:

Two (2)-pages in length, typed, double spaced, in 12-point font. Instead of giving the paper a title, put the topic and your name on the top on each page.