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# *Little Cherokee Ambassadors*

LEADERSHIP COMPETITION

**APPLICATION**



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Office of the Chief

**Chuck Hoskin Jr.**  
*Principal Chief*

**Bryan Warner**  
*Deputy Principal Chief*

Osiyo!

Thank you for requesting an application for the 2023-2024 Little Cherokee Ambassador program. The following is information that will help you fill out the application and better understand what to expect during the Event. ***Applications must be received by Thursday, June 29, 2023.*** Hand delivered applications will be accepted on deadline day, from 3:00pm- 6:00pm, in the foyer of the W.W. Keeler Cherokee Nation Tribal Complex.

All participants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be between the ages of 4-12 years on August 18, 2023 (Age on the day of competition will determine age division)
- Must be a Cherokee Nation citizen
- Must reside within the Cherokee Nation's jurisdictional area
- Must be physically able to perform the duty
- Must not have previously served as Little Cherokee Ambassador in the same division
- Must provide a completed Little Cherokee Ambassador application by deadline

Must abide by all safety guidelines, and those that may arise even in a pandemic, including but not limited to: Executive Orders, Cherokee Nation Health and Safety Guidelines, CDC Guidelines, etc. These guidelines may be updated frequently based on the changing and fluid environment of the COVID-19 pandemic. All updates will be based on current information provided by the Centers for Disease Control, Cherokee Nation, State and Local Health officials.

Contestants will be judged based on the same criteria. Participants will be judged on the following:

- ***Personal Introduction (10-12 Year division ONLY):*** 10-12 year old contestants will introduce themselves. This is not a judged category for 4-6 and 7-9 year old divisions.
- ***Cultural Presentation:*** This presentation is of contestant's choice and judges will be looking for an accurate knowledge of topic, Cherokee cultural relevance and content. A table or chair will be available upon request for a display, if needed. This presentation should not exceed three minutes.
- ***Cultural Interview:*** The interview will be conducted by an emcee, and will consist of three questions selected from the information in the applicant packet. Each division will be asked different sets of questions.
- ***Overall Stage Presentation:*** Additional points will be given for overall knowledge, confidence and ability.

\*Contestants will not be judged on attire. However, if selected, Ambassadors must have traditional attire. The official dress of Little Cherokee Ambassadors is the traditional Cherokee Tear Dress or Ribbon Shirt and Hunting Jacket, pucker toe moccasins and appropriate accessories, i.e., woven belt, beaded, copper, clay bead and/or corn bead jewelry.

Upon verification of eligibility, you will receive a confirmation email including a Cherokee Cultural Packet, program policies and procedures and details about competition day. Please provide an email in the application, as all communication from here out will be sent electronically. We look forward to receiving your application.

Applications can be emailed to [Little-Cherokee-Ambassadors@cherokee.org](mailto:Little-Cherokee-Ambassadors@cherokee.org) or hand delivered to the Cherokee Nation Tribal Complex on June 29, 2023. It is ***not recommended*** to mail applications, but if absolutely necessary, mail to: Cherokee Nation Little Ambassador Program, Attention: Lisa Trice-Turtle, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465. Please follow up on any mailed applications. All applications **MUST** be received by the deadline of June 29, 2023.

Respectfully,

Little Cherokee Ambassador Committee/ Miss Cherokee Committee

**2023-2024 Little Cherokee Ambassador  
Application**

Deadline: Thursday, June 29, 2023

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth or Adult

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served as Little Cherokee Ambassador? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

What will your cultural presentation be? Will you need a table or chair for your presentation?  
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What does being Little Cherokee Ambassador mean to you?  
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Please provide a short biography.  
The biography will be used for all age division winners.  
(4-6 & 7-9 age division participants: This will be read during the competition as your introduction.)  
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**2023-2024 Little Cherokee Ambassador  
Application  
PARENT AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, responsible for the minor, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Guardian name) (Child name)

have received the eligibility criteria of the Little Cherokee Ambassador program. My child is eligible to participate and serve as Little Cherokee Ambassador, if selected. Additionally, I

- Fully understand that I will in no way attempt to bribe, persuade, and extend gratuities or false information to the contest judges or committee to gain favoritism for my child.

- Fully understand that decisions of the judges are based on a point system and are final.

- Fully understand that parents cannot interfere with the program or schedule of events, in any way. This includes being on stage, at any time during the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Citizenship Number \_\_\_\_\_

Residency eligibility confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

LCA Committee Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Cherokee Nation Media Release Form

*Little Cherokee Ambassador*

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