



2012-2013 Miss Indian World Pageant

WANTED Miss Indian World Contestants

29th Annual Gathering of Nations Powwow & Miss Indian World Pageant

Albuquerque, N.M. USA

April 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28th, 2012

Miss Indian World is truly an ambassador for all Native people and represents Indian Country as she travels around the world. Miss Indian World 2012 will be crowned on April 28th, 2012 (Saturday) at the Gathering of Nations Powwow.

The crown and Title of Miss Indian World are registered under the Gathering of Nations Ltd. A 501 C-3, Non-Profit Organization. Proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets help meet the expenses of the Miss Indian World Program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Native or Indigenous Woman, 18-25 years of Age
- Verifiable Tribal Affiliation
- Singer, Never been married and No Dependents (Children)
- Knowledge of Tribal Traditions

POINT SYSTEM: *The selection of Miss Indian World is based on a Point System.*

- **TRADITIONAL TALENT PRESENTATION** – Representative of your Tribe.
- **PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRIVATE INTERVIEWS** with Miss Indian World Judges.
- **DANCE COMPETITION** – Expression through Powwow music, 4 push-ups.
- **RAFFLE TICKET SALES** – Raffle points are **ONLY** used for Tie Breakers and 10% of the Ticket Sales will be returned to **EACH** Miss Indian World Contestant. Listed below are Special Awards given for the number of tickets sold:
 - 1500 raffle tickets – MP3 Player
 - 2500 raffle tickets - DVD Player
 - 3500 raffle tickets – Four Day Ocean Cruise

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

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Official 2012 Miss Indian World Entry Application

The concept for Miss Indian World originated in 1983 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Indigenous, young women from all over North America compete for this most prestigious crown.

Miss Indian World is selected by acquiring points in a variety of categories and must be knowledgeable about the Tribe(s) and Traditions she will be representing. At the end of the five day competition, the contestant with the highest accumulated points will be crowned Miss Indian World to reign for one year.

The Application process requires submitting the following items to the Miss Indian World Committee. **All Contestants are encouraged to apply As Soon As Possible and submit their application by the deadline March 20, 2012** in order to prepare for the Competition, Pageant, and Raffle Ticket Sales.

If you have any questions please email, Miss Indian World Committee Member at Melonie@gonmail.com or zell@gonmail.com.

2012 APPLICATIONS CHECK LIST - A Completed Miss Indian World Application consists of the following:

- Official 2012 Miss Indian World Entry Application**
- Code of Conduct and General Guidelines Agreement**
- Traditional Talent Information - Part 1 and Part 2**
- Personal Essay about Yourself** - Double spaced, legible size 12 pt font and on plain white paper. *(I.e. your educational goals, family, extracurricular activities, etc.)*
- 2 Letters of Recommendation including Part 1 and Part 2** - Someone other than a family.
- Proof of Age** *(I.e. Copy of Birth Certificate, or Current Drivers License)*
- Certification of Indian Blood (CIB) or Tribal Affiliation**
- Current Photograph** - Preferably a 5 x 7 Color Photo
- Raffle Agreement** * *Will be sent after receipt of Application Packet.*

MISS INDIAN WORLD COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

- **TRADITIONAL TALENT PRESENTATION** – Representative of your Tribe.
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- **DANCE COMPETITION** – Expression through PowWow Music.
- **RAFFLE TICKET SALES** – Raffle points are ONLY used for Tie Breakers! Special awards are given for the number of tickets sold.

MISS INDIAN WORLD PRIZES - *Miss Indian World 2012 will receive the following prizes.*

- Prize Money
- Travel Stipend to travel to selected PowWows, Conferences/Workshops, Festivals, etc.
- Miss Indian World Shawl and Banner
- Four Day Ocean Cruise
- Other Miscellaneous Gifts

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:			Please type or write clearly in the fields listed below.		
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:			
Indian Name:	English Meaning:				
Tribe(s):					
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):		Place of Birth:			
P.O. Box/Street Address:				Apt./Unit #:	
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Home Number: () () ()	Cell Number: () () ()	Work Number: () () ()			
Email Address IS REQUIRED: * If you don't have an E-mail, register for a FREE E-mail address at www.gonmail.com .					
Mothers Name:			Tribe(s):		
Fathers Name:			Tribe(s):		
Brother and/or Sisters Names:				Age:	
High School:			Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy):		
High School - City/State/Province:					
College:			Major:		
College - City/State/Province:					
Year in College:			Date of Attendance (mm/dd/yyyy):		
			FROM:		TO:
Employer:			Position:		

AFFIRMATION: I affirm that the contents contained herein and other submitted documents, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian*: _____ Date: _____
* If under 21 years of age, Parent/Guardian Signature is required.



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Code of Conduct & General Guidelines Agreement

As a Contestant for the title of Miss Indian World,

- You represent yourself, your family, and you're Tribe(s).
- It would not be in your best interest to conduct yourself in any way that would have an adverse affect on yourself, your family, your Tribe(s), and the **Miss Indian World Program** or the **Gathering of Nations Powwow**.
- It is very important for you, as a Contestant and an individual, to maintain certain moral standards for yourself now and in the future. It is mandatory that you and your fellow contestants conduct yourselves above and beyond reproach. This means that you will refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, smoking in public, profane language, and/or outbursts of any kind. Unacceptable socializing with a boyfriend (i.e. intimate displays of affection etc) in public is not allowed. **This type of behavior will not be tolerated. Any infringement of these moral standards will result in disqualification as a Miss Indian World Contestant.**
- You affirm that you have no dependents (children) or have not had any children. Should you be selected as Miss Indian World, it would not be acceptable to cohabituate with an intimate companion.
- You must have a good attitude about yourself before, during, and after the Pageant. You will be required to respect, cooperate, and participate with fellow contestants, the Miss Indian World Committee, Judges, Gathering of Nations Powwow staff, the general public, and anyone else you may come in contact with at all times.
- You are expected and required to be in Albuquerque, NM for an Informational Meeting on **TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 24, 2012** at the Host Hotel (Schedule of Activities will be sent to you).
- You must attend Registration the first day of the Pageant, **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012** (Schedule of Events will be sent to you). Failure to do so will result in disqualification. It is unfair to Contestants who arrive on time and are ready for the Pageant.
- You must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone who is 25 years or older at Registration **WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 25, 2012**. Your chaperone may be your mother, aunt, grandmother, or personal acquaintance.
- **You must sell a minimum of 500 Raffle Tickets to be considered a Miss Indian World Contestant.**
 - a. You are solely responsible for the Raffle Tickets assigned to you.
 - b. You must turn in any unsold tickets including the money you raised from your sales during Registration. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification.
- **You are responsible for your personal belongings at all times.** The Miss Indian World Committee, the Gathering of Nations, and the University of New Mexico, are NOT responsible for Contestant's belongings, loss of articles, theft and/or injury.

I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above Code of Conduct & General Guidelines as a Contestant of the Miss Indian World Pageant. I understand that I may be disqualified as a Contestant of the Miss Indian World Pageant if I deviate from the conditions and guidelines outlined above.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

***NOTE: Please make a COPY FOR YOUR records, and return this Agreement with your original Signature.**



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TRADITIONAL TALENT INFORMATION Part 2

Microphones, straight back chairs, and a table will be provided by the Miss Indian World Committee. You are personally responsible for providing ANY additional props for your Talent Presentation.

Requests to use video and/or slide projection, smoke machines, and special lighting CANNOT be accommodated or allowed. You are being judged on your presentation of a Traditional nature (i.e. singing, dancing, and/or explanation of a Tradition in your Tribe).

You MAY use pre-recorded music or live accompaniment as background to your Talent Presentation if it pertains to your presentation. You MUST provide two CD's:

- One for your use.
- One for Rehearsals and Program use.

Please make sure that your CD's are recorded very clearly and are queued to your presentation (only the music or sound you will be using should be on the CD). This will help eliminate the wrong music or sound being used during your Talent Presentation.

CHECK HERE IF YOU WILL BE USING PRE-RECORDED MUSIC IN ANY WAY DURING YOUR PRESENTATION.

CHECK HERE IF YOU WILL HAVE LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT ON THE STAGE.

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PERSONAL ESSAY

Please be sure to limit your essay to **2 pages** (*double spaced, legible size 12 pt font and on plain white paper*) and answer the following question in your essay:

What does the *Title of Miss Indian World* mean to me and why?

This is your opportunity to introduce yourself. Give as much information about your goals, ambitions, education, family, interests/hobbies, extracurricular activities, and any additional items you would like to include in your Personal Essay. Please submit your personal essay with your Miss Indian World Application before the deadline.

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Applicant's Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

***MIW Applicant: Before you give this form to the individual acquainted with you, please sign below:**

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

TO WRITERS OF LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

We are particularly interested in the Applicant's ability to represent herself, her Tribe, and the Title of Miss Indian World.

Please rate the Applicant on each of the following items by circling, using the following scale:

- 5 = *Truly Outstanding*
- 4 = *Superior*
- 3 = *Above Average*
- 2 = *Average*
- 1 = *Below Average*
- X = *Inadequate Knowledge to Rate*

- Fundamental knowledge of Tribal history/background X 1 2 3 4 5
- Motivation and Drive X 1 2 3 4 5
- Ability to express self verbally X 1 2 3 4 5
- Emotional maturity and stability X 1 2 3 4 5
- Self-reliance and independence X 1 2 3 4 5

1. How long have you know the applicant? _____

2. Do you recommend the applicant for the Title of Miss Indian World? YES NO

3. What is your nature of contact with the applicant?



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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM Part 2

Please use a separate sheet of paper to express in your own words your assessment of this Applicant's particular qualifications for the Title of Miss Indian World.

Signature

Date

Print or Type Name

Title

Address

(____) _____

Phone Number

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