

A hand is holding a large, ornate gold trophy. The trophy is shaped like a Native American headdress and features the letters 'NSU' in a large, stylized font. The words 'Miss Native American' are engraved at the top, and 'NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY' is engraved at the bottom. The trophy is highly reflective and has intricate details.

**Miss Native American**

**NSU**

**2018-2019**

**Application**

## General Information

Miss Native American NSU shall properly represent the Native American student population at various activities on and off the campus. The responsibilities of Miss Native American NSU will include:

1. Be an active member in at least one of the Native American organizations on campus
2. Meet with Miss NA NSU committee monthly or as needed for updates on appearances
3. Attend the Symposium on the American Indian Pow-wow after being crowned and the Cherokee National Holiday pow-wow
4. Serve as an ambassador at community functions, school assemblies, pow-wows and other cultural activities, and gatherings to promote tribal customs and cultures of indigenous peoples
5. Assist in planning Miss NA NSU competition for the following year

\*Organizations referred to are only those who have agreed to be represented

## The Miss Native American NSU Pageant

The pageant itself will be judged by three judges. The qualities we look for in a Miss Native American NSU is someone who strives to be successful in college and someone who wants to impact their community. The candidates for Miss Native American NSU will be judged on the following.

1. Personal interviews with the judges
2. Traditional talent
3. Explanation of traditional regalia
4. Platform
5. Impromptu Questions on issues currently affecting American Indians

The winner of the pageant will be selected on the night of the pageant (TBA) and will receive a \$500 tuition waiver each Fall and Spring semester. She will be crowned during **opening ceremony of Symposium**. Awards will also be given to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up.

## Eligibility Requirements

1. Full-Time female students attending Northeastern State University
2. Proof of degree of Indian Blood
3. Must not be married, co-habit, have kids, consume alcohol or drugs.
4. Grade point average must be 2.5 or higher
5. Must be/become an active member of at least one of the Native American organization meetings on campus.
6. Must not have served as Miss Native American NSU.

## Application Requirements

1. Completion of General Application
2. Completion of Miss NA NSU policies and procedures
3. Verification of enrollment with a federally recognized tribe
4. Completion of Academic Requirement Form: Authorization to Release Info
5. Recommendation Letter from Faculty of NSU
6. Color or Black/White photograph (preferably in traditional regalia)

Applications will be due **March 2, 2018**. Applications should be placed in a sealed envelope and turned into to the Center for Tribal Studies, Native American Support Center, Sky Wildcat (email: wildca01@nsuok.edu), or any of the current Miss Native American NSU Delegates: Sharyse Monroe (monroe@nsuok.edu), Erin Frazier (frazie16@nsuok.edu), Meekah Roy (roy01@nsuok.edu), Jacob Chavez (Chavez05@nsuok.edu), and Elizabeth Hummingbird (hummin02@nsuok.edu). The Pageant's location is TBA and interviews will occur the day of the pageant on **March 30, 2018**.

**Native American Student Association**  
**GPA Authorization Release Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification (Fr, Jr, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission to Northeastern State University to release my GPA Information so that I may compete for Miss Native American NSU. In doing so I am fully aware that the information will only be used to determine my eligibility to participate in the competition.

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Following Section Must Be Completed By**  
**The Financial Aid Office**

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# General Application

First Name:	Last:
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Tribal Affiliation:
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Date of Birth:	Classification (Jr,Sr,etc):
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Major:	Minor:
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Email Address:
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Phone:	Hometown:
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Address:
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City:	State:	Zip:
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Platform Topic:
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Signature:	Date:
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# **Policies and Procedures for Miss Native American NSU and Committee**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Miss Native American NSU Competition is to identify Native American female students to represent Northeastern State University as an ambassador and messenger to promote the history, cultures, and Native American student organizations of NSU.

## **POLICY**

It is the policy to conduct a fair and consistent process and procedures of participation and competition to select Miss Native American NSU.

## **ROLE OF MISS NATIVE AMERICAN NSU**

As an ambassador of Northeastern State University, the representative is a role model and expected to exemplify the best qualities of all Native American youth, NSU students, and Tahlequah community. Miss Native American NSU is not to engage in any activity that is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent, or in bad taste. Miss Native American NSU is to hold no other title during her reign.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISS NATIVE AMERICAN NSU**

Miss Native American NSU shall properly represent the Native American student population at various activities on and off the campus. The responsibilities of Miss Native American NSU will include:

6. Be an active member in at least one of the Native American organizations on campus
7. Meet with Miss NA NSU committee monthly or as needed for updates on appearances
8. Attend the Symposium on the American Indian Pow-wow after being crowned and the Cherokee National Holiday pow-wow
9. Serve as an ambassador at community functions, school assemblies, pow-wows and other cultural activities, and gatherings to promote tribal customs and cultures of indigenous peoples
10. Assist in planning Miss NA NSU competition for the following year

## **PROCEDURES**

### **Section 1. Miss Native American NSU Committee**

The Miss Native American NSU Committee will consist of delegates from the six Native American student organizations: Alpha Pi Omega, Phi Sigma Nu, Native American Student Association, American Indian Business Leaders, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, and

Cherokee Promise Scholars. Each organization selects a Miss Native American NSU delegate. If delegate position remains vacant after an organization's council election, the responsibility will be passed on to public relations, if that seat is vacant or the member is unable to fulfill the duties, the responsibility will be given to the President.

## **Section 2. Committee Role and Responsibilities**

The Miss Native American NSU Committee is established to assist Miss NANSU in staying informed of events and activities she is to be a part of and helping her maintain a balance between school and her role as an ambassador.

The committee will meet monthly. During each meeting, Miss NANSU will give a report on what she has participated in as Miss NANSU and other concerns, if any, that she may have. The delegates will inform her of events and activities she is requested to attend or invited to around the community and within their organizations.

The committee is to review all applications for Miss NANSU for completion and eligibility.

A Chair or Co-chair will be selected among the Committee members to organize committee meetings, and minutes will be maintained of all committee meetings. The chair/co-chair is to contact advisor/Center for Tribal Studies student program coordinator Alisa Douglas to ensure Miss NANSU is sustaining eligibility in GPA and enrollment.

### Volunteers

The Committee may accept volunteers from their respective organizations to assist in the Miss Native American NSU competition. The competition typically takes place in March, before the Symposium on the American Indian.

## **Section 2. Contestant Eligibility and Qualifications**

1. Eligibility Requirements
2. Full-Time female students attending Northeastern State University
3. Proof of degree of Indian Blood
4. Must not be married, co-habit, have kids, consume alcohol or drugs.
5. Must never have been convicted of any crime nor have criminal charges pending.
6. Grade point average must be 2.5 or higher
7. Must be/become an active member of at least one of the Native American organization meetings on campus before submission of application.
8. Must not have previously served as Miss Native American NSU.
9. Must hold no other title.

### **Section 3. Application Process**

3.1 Contestants must submit the following by the established deadline:

3.2 All completed applications must be received by postmarked by the date of the deadline and sent to the Center for Tribal Studies, Native American Support Center, or hand-delivered to a Miss NANSU Committee member. All items/documents submitted with the application become property of the Miss NANSU Committee.

#### Application Requirements

1. Completion of General Application
2. Verification of enrollment with a federally recognized tribe
3. Completion of Academic Requirement Form: Authorization to Release Info
4. Recommendation Letter from Faculty of NSU
5. Color or Black/White photograph (preferably in traditional regalia)

### **Section 4. Selection Process**

4.1 The contestant selected for the title of Miss NANSU will be selected on criteria that suggests that she can communicate and interact in varied activities, social environments, and provide leadership as a representative and messenger to promote NSU Native American student organizations and population, NSU students, and the Tahlequah Community.

4.2 The criteria for the selection process are as follows:

Contestants will be judged in all areas based on

- Confidence
- Poise & Charm
- Gracefulness and Elegance
- Personality
- Articulation
- Traditional Native Language
- Originality
- Knowledge of American Indian Issues
- Creativity
- Sincerity



- **Personal Interview 35 Points**  
Prior to the pageant all contestants must participate in an interview component with the judge. This typically involves each judge asking 2-3 questions each, lasting roughly 15 minutes.
- **Introduction 10 Points**  
Introduction of self on stage (Either contestants having biography being read or contestants sharing their own biography with the audience)
- **Traditional Regalia 5 Points**  
Contestant will model and explain her traditional dress.
- **Traditional Talent 20 Points**  
Contestant will perform talent centered on traditional background.
- **Speech 25 Points**  
Contestant will speak 3-5 minutes about an issue affecting American Indian country.
- **Impromptu Question 5 Points**  
Contestant draws pre-determined question from the bag, MC reads question, and contestants are given 2 minutes to respond to question.

### **Section 5. Breaking a Tie**

5.1 In the event there is a tie after the regular selection criteria is complete, the following method will be used to determine the winner (s):

- Each contestant will be called to the stage individually and will be asked one more impromptu question. The same question will be given to each contestant.
- Judges will have prepared the question in advance specifically for this purpose.
- The contestant with the best response, as deemed by the judges, will be the winner.

### **Section 6. Tuition Waiver and Title Property**

6.1 A \$500 Tuition Waiver will be awarded to Miss Native American NSU for the Fall and Spring Semesters.

6.2 It is the responsibility of all Miss Native American NSU committee members to ensure the scholarship is provided.

6.3 Title Property: The Miss Native American NSU crown is property of the Native American student organizations and on loan to the titleholder. She is to take proper care of the crown at all times.

## **Section 7. Breach of Contract**

7.1 Any allegations of Miss Native American NSU will be sent to the Miss NANSU Committee to be reviewed and discussed and investigated in a timely manner.

7.2 If a breach of contract is found as a result, Miss Native American NSU will be officially removed as the titleholder and forfeit tuition waiver and crown.

7.3 Competing for another title as Miss Native American NSU would constitute a breach of contract.

7.4 In the event the current title holder is unable to fulfill her duties as Miss Native American NSU, the title shall be assumed by the First Runner-Up and if she is not available, title shall be assumed by the second runner-up, and if she is unavailable, the Miss Native American NSU Committee reserves the right to hold the title inactive until the next annual Miss Native American NSU competition.

## **Policies and Procedures for Miss Native American NSU and Committee Agreement**

I \_\_\_\_\_ read and understand the policies and procedures stated in the Miss Native American NSU and Committee Agreement. If selected as Miss Native American NSU, I will follow the stated policies and procedures as they pertain to the title and myself.

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Applicant Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature (Signed)

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Date