



APPLICATION PACKAGE – DEADLINE IS JANUARY 28, 2019
2nd Miss Eeyou Eenou Nation (MEEN) pageant contest
CHISASIBI February 2, 2019

The Miss Eeyou Eenou Nation (MEEN) pageant aims to empower our young Eeyou/Eenou ladies by taking pride in their culture and give one of them the opportunity of a lifetime to take part in the Miss Indian World (MIW) pageant.

The grand prize of the MEEN contest will be an entry in the Miss Indian World (MIW) pageant which takes place during the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, New Mexico. To claim the prize, the winning MEEN candidate has to meet the MIW eligibility criteria. In the case our MEEN is crowned at MIW the 1st runner up will then become our MEEN

While the MIW rules and criteria exclude certain women from participation, it is not CWEIA's intent to undervalue the mothers and wives of this nation. In our traditional views, women are the backbone of our families and nation. It is, however, in our understanding that a candidate who wins the MIW title will be required to travel and speak at various events, which can be made difficult for those who are dedicated to their responsibilities as mothers and wife.

It is Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee's (CWEIA) mission to value and empower women of all backgrounds as a way to strengthen our communities and our nation. One of our main goals at CWEIA is to create a variety of spaces that contribute to embrace what we collectively uphold and value as Eeyou/Eenou women. In this case, the MEEN pageant is specifically aimed at the young women in our membership who are seeking experiences that will shape them into stronger, more outspoken leaders.

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1. MISS EYYOU/EENOU NATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ☐ You must be a beneficiary member of any of the communities within Eeyou Istchee, a resident within Eeyou Istchee or a Post Secondary Student residing outside Eeyou Istchee.
- ☐ You must be a regular member of Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee Association.
- ☐ Participation is limited to one (1) representative per community. They can be acclaimed during a local pageant or nominated by a community member. If there is more than one nominated per community, the Youth Council will select the participant they wish to send to the pageant.
- ☐ You must be at least eighteen (18) and twenty-four (24) years of age by the crowing of MIW on April 27, 2019.
- ☐ You are and you have always been a female.
- ☐ You are not now and you have never been married.
- ☐ You have never been convicted of any criminal offense. There are no criminal charges presently pending against you.
- ☐ You do not use or abuse alcohol or drugs, must maintain and display a sober lifestyle.
- ☐ You are in good health and can, to the best of your knowledge, participate fully and without limitation in any program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede your ability to complete your year of service or fulfill your obligations.
- ☐ You must be knowledgeable of your culture, history, values, traditions and issues of your nation and current issues of your community and all of Eeyou Istchee.
- ☐ You must have a high school diploma or General Education Diplomat (GED) or be currently attending high school, GED classes, college or technical school and plan to continue your education toward obtaining a degree.
- ☐ You must not have previously held the title of Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation.
- ☐ You must be willing and able to communicate with the public and make your self available to attend some of CWEIA's event
- ☐ You must make yourself available to participate in all program pageant activities.
- ☐ You must comply with all program requirements, rules, and regulations of Miss Indian World by signing the Miss Indian World agreement. See agreement in Annex.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DUTIES FOR PAGEANT WINNER, 1ST AND 2ND RUNNER-UP

Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation and all contestants represent themselves, their families, and all Eeyou/Eenou people in Eeyou Istchee and are expected to uphold their titles with respect, honor and dignity. Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation will always be a positive role model and is expected to conduct herself at all times in a manner that portrays self-respect

Participants must read the following carefully to understand that MEEN winner will need to adhere to the following regulations:

Code of Conduct:

- Preferably, must maintain Eeyou Istchee residency throughout the years of service.
- Traditional dress must reflect the customs of Eeyou/Eenou that they represent.
- As MEEN winner, you will be required to travel and attend public events. You may be required to travel with a chaperone at times. CWEIA will inform you of travel or events to attend.
- Must not marry or cohabitate during the year of their reign.
- Must not become pregnant during the year of their reign.
- Must not be seen in bars, frequent liquor establishments, use alcohol or illegal drugs, including tobacco products or use profanity at any time during their reign.
- Pregnancy, incarceration or conviction of a crime shall be immediate cause for relinquishment of Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation title. In the event of relinquishment all benefits, royalties, gifts, and honors derived from the program and reign shall be returned to the Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation Committee and offer to the 1st or 2nd runner-up

Duties

- Sell 500 raffle tickets for the Miss Indian World Entry.
- Shall serve for a period of two (2) years.
- Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation will appear on time at all scheduled events. Should an emergency arise which prevents an appearance, immediate notification will be made to the Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation Committee under Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee.
- Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation is responsible for the care and safe-keeping of the crown and sash during her reign and is financially responsible in the event of loss or damage to the crown. The crown and the shash are a perpetual crown, which will be handed down to the next Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation and remains the property of the Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation Committee.
- Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation is considered a team member of the Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation Committee under CWEIA and will present a written quarterly report to the Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation Committee during regular scheduled meetings.
- Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation will take an active role in identifying and encouraging future participants in the Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation Regional Pageant.
- Attend the next MEEN event by mentoring the participants and share about her experience and involvement during her reign.

3. JUDGING CATEGORIES FOR REGIONAL PAGEANT

1. PERSONAL INTERVIEW

The participant will have an interview with the judges, they will be judged on how they present themselves and how they react and respond to questions.

2. TALENT PRESENTATION

A three-minute talent presentation is required. The talent presentation may be either traditional or contemporary in nature (i.e., singing, dancing, explanation of a tradition of your nation, etc). You may use pre-recorded music as background to your presentation. You must provide a CD clearly marked with your name for rehearsal and program use. Use the space below to explain your talent.

No other individual will be allowed on stage during the talent presentation. Any accompaniment must be off stage. Presentations, which are over three minutes, will be penalized 10 points.

The use of stage props will be limited to those that will be physically utilized by the participant. All props must be approved by the Program Director/Coordinator.

You must provide a written description of your talent presentation which will be used in your introduction.

3. SOCIAL ETIQUETTE AND APPEARANCE

Miss Eeyou Eenou Nation must show the judges that she can interact and converse with the crowd. If crowned MEEN, she will be required to attend public events and she must interact with the people.

4. TRADITIONAL DRESS

Upon registration, you must submit a usb of any use of video, power point and/or slide projection.

You must provide a description of your traditional dress. This description is used to write the script for the traditional dress portion of the evening program. Include any information you feel is relevant, such as the methods used to make the clothing, the meaning of certain articles, or celebrations that the dress is worn for.

The description should have a minimum of 120 words and a maximum of 180 words, and may be edited by scriptwriter for timing. Any proposed changes will be discussed with you.

5. PANEL AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

A three-minute oral presentation based on the theme is required. Oral presentations are **spoken** words. Oral presentations **shall not** include the following: singing, sign language, dancing or audience involvement. Oral presentations which are over three minutes will be penalized 10 points.

Participants will also be asked one or two random questions which will be drawn from a hat. They will be judged on how well they respond to the questions.

6. **WRITTEN ESSAY**

You must submit an essay based on the following topic : Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is violence or other abuse by one person against another in a domestic setting, such as in marriage or cohabitation. It may be termed intimate partner violence when committed by a spouse or partner in an intimate relationship against the other spouse or partner, and can take place in heterosexual or same-sex relationships, or between former spouses or partners. Domestic violence can also involve violence against children, parents, or the elderly. It takes a number of forms, including physical, verbal, emotional, economic, religious, reproductive, and sexual abuse, which can range from subtle, coercive forms to marital rape and to violent physical abuse such as choking, beating, female genital mutilation, and acid throwing that results in disfigurement or death. Domestic murders include stoning, bride burning, honor killings, and dowry deaths.

- Format essay: Typed with a minimum of 200 words and not more than 500 words.
- The content of the essay should also include recommendations.
- The cover page should contain: Title of the essay, participants name and community.
- Essay must be clear, organized and effective.
- Essay must reflect the use of good grammar and punctuation.
- Essay must flow smoothly and logically
- Essay conclusion must be logical.
- Submission of the essay will be upon registration that will take place at the Chisasibi Michuap (February 1 as of 6:30pm). At that time each participant must hand in a paper copy and also have sent one by email to program@cweia.ca

Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation Regional Pageant participants must be **on time** for all scheduled events (i.e., workshops, activities, rehearsals, etc.) unless advance permission is granted for an absence by the Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation Committee.

4. TRAVELING TO REGIONAL PAGEANT

Travel

CWEIA will offer \$0.30/km.

Meals

Each participant and coach will have their meal reimbursed.

Lodging

Unfortunately motel rooms are fully book, thus \$40 per night will be offered for private lodging. The Local Women Assocaition will make sure you are placed in a comfort home.

5. REGIONAL PAGEANT CHECK LIST APPLICATION

Final date for submission of applications is **JANUARY 28, 2019**

This can be send my electronic mean to program@cweia.ca

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- ☐ Filled out Application form and signed
- ☐ Description of Talent
- ☐ Description of Traditional Dress
- ☐ Proof of Beneficiary Member and a Community Member
- ☐ Head shoot picture in digital format (at least 800x600, JPG, PNG or TIFF only)

The written essay based on your view related to Domestic Violence must be handed in upon registration that will take place on Feb.1, 2019 at the Michuap and this as of 6:30pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN CONTACT

Tina Mark-Ottereyes at 514-292-5363

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PERSONAL INFORMATION - Please type or write clearly in the fields listed below.		
Legal Last Name:	Legal First Name:	Middle Initial:
Name of the Community you represent:	Beneficiary Number:	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	Place of Birth:	
P.O. Box/Street Address: (Mailing address)		Apt. /Unit #:
City:	Province: Quebec	Zip Code:
Home Number: ()	Cell Number: ()	Work Number: ()
Email Address IS REQUIRED:		
FAMILY INFORMATION		
Mothers First Name:	Last name	
Fathers Name:	Last name	
NUMBER OF SIBBLINGS:		
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND		
Status		
<input type="checkbox"/> High school / Adult Education student <input type="checkbox"/> University student		
<input type="checkbox"/> College student <input type="checkbox"/> Not currently in school		
High School Name/Adult Education:	Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	
College Name:	Field of studies:	Diplomat <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
University name:		
Type of program: <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate Program <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree		
Field of Studies:		
Other training completed or in progress:		
EMPLOYEMENT INFORMATION		
Current Employer:	Current Position:	

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2nd MISS EEYOU/EENOU NATION REGIONAL PAGEANT (V2)

GOALS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What are your educational goals?

What are your personal goals?

What awards or special recognition have you received in or outside of school?

What are your interests and hobbies?

What platform do you plan to promote if selected as Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation?

CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION AND REQUIRED SIGNATURES

I, _____, have read and understand all rules and regulations of the Miss Eeyou/Eenou Nation and certify that the information I have provided for consideration is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false, erroneous or incomplete information may result in my disqualification. I also understand that I am responsible for my personal belongings at all times throughout my representation and its related events. The Miss Eeyou/Eenou Association is not liable for any damage, loss or theft of belongings or bodily injury sustained during said events.

I understand that all Committees' decisions are final and binding.

Finally, by signing;

1) I affirm that I have read the Miss Indian World Agreement

2) I am aware that my presence will be required on Feb. 1, 2019 as of 6:30pm in Chisasibi, QC.

Signature of participant: _____ **Date:** _____



2nd MISS EYYOU/EENOU NATION

FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Chisasibi

REGIONAL PAGEANT SCHEDULE

Friday February 1, 2019

Traveling day

6:30 pm Registration and Essay Submission @ **Miitchuaap, Chisasibi, QC**

7-10:00 pm Coaching session with Kayleigh Spencer

Saturday February 2, 2019

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Welcoming words

9:30 am Private Interview

NOON: Lunch

3:00 pm Introduction of the Community Representatives – ***OPEN TO PUBLIC***

3:30 pm Traditional Talent presentation
Each participant will have three (3) minutes for a show and tell that is related to her culture and tradition. It can be singing, dancing, storytelling, explanation of art and craft work process and or display and etc...

5:00 pm Panel & Public speaking
Each participants will be ask to briefly describe their community, share on the importance of culture and traditions, present their essay and answer a random question.

Crowning of Miss Eeyou-Eenou Nation

Feast & Celebration

Event sponsored by:





Cree Women's Association

Graphic for the Cree Women's Association featuring a circular logo with a tipi and the text "CREE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION" and a red banner with the words "women", "culture", "nurturing", "wisdom", "support", "equality", "values", "leadership", "courage", "respect", "communication", "change", "beliefs", "sharing", "honesty", "fair", "encourage", "trust", "fairness", "tradition".

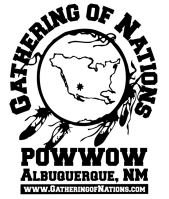
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What is your daily occupation? _____

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Miss Indian World Contestant Agreement



As a Contestant for Miss Indian World, I AGREE to the following terms:

- I am representing my family, my Tribe(s) and myself. It is very important for me as a Miss Indian World (MIW) contestant and an individual; to maintain certain moral standards for myself now and in the future.
- I will conduct myself in a professional manner that is above and beyond reproach during my time as a MIW Contestant. Behavior unbecoming and noted, **will result in disqualification as a Miss Indian World Contestant.**
- I affirm that I have no dependents (children, adopted, foster or by guardianship) and have never given birth to or conceived a child.
- I affirm that I have never been married (legally or through Native Marriage).
- I should have a positive attitude about myself before, during, and after the Miss Indian World Pageant. I will be required to respect, cooperate, and participate with fellow contestants, the Miss Indian World Committee, Judges, Gathering of Nations Pow Wow staff and the Public Relations firm that works with GON/MIW and anyone else I may come in contact during my time as a MIW Contestant.
- I am required to be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S.A. for the Pageant Orientation on **TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 2019**. I must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone who is 25 years or older at the Orientation. Itinerary & Schedule of Activities will be sent to you.
- **I must sell a minimum of 500 Raffle Tickets to be considered a Miss Indian World Contestant.** This is in lieu of a Pageant Entrance Fee.
 - a. **I must turn in any unsold tickets including the money you raised from my sales during Registration. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification.**
 - b. **I am solely responsible for the Raffle Tickets assigned to me.**
- **I am responsible for my personal belongings at all times.** The Miss Indian World Committee and the Gathering of Nations are NOT responsible for Contestant's belongings, loss, theft and/or injury.
- **I understand that should I become Miss Indian World, I must keep my personal relationships private and understand that at no time can my significant other be considered a chaperone or travel with me on official Miss Indian World Trips and/or appearances.**

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

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____