



A graphic featuring a red ribbon that curves across the page. The ribbon is inscribed with various values in white text, including: culture, women, nurturing, wisdom, support, equality, leadership, values, courage, respect, communication, change, beliefs, sharing, honesty, fair, trust, encourage, faith, and tradition. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo for the CREE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION. The logo contains a stylized illustration of two women's faces, a traditional beaded teepee, and a canoe on water. The text 'CREE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION' is written around the bottom of the circle.

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE NEW ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF THE MEEI PAGEANT

The MIW eligibility criteria has understandable guidelines, but some of our Cree girls may not meet all the criteria, but still clearly exhibits a role model/princess lifestyle. This was taken into consideration while organizing the 3rd edition of MEEI: the committee discussed the subject of the MIW criteria and it was collectively decided that we need to give other Cree girls an opportunity to enter the MEEI pageant as some may not meet the criteria.

In our traditional views, women are the backbone of our families and nation. It is our mission to value and empower women of all backgrounds as a way to strengthen our communities and our nation. In this case, the MEEI 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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