Official 2024 Miss Indian World Entry Application

40th Annual Gathering of Nations Pow Wow & Miss Indian World Pageant   
Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S.A.   
April 23-27, 2024

**The Miss Indian World Pageant is the largest and most prestigious cultural pageant for young Native Women. Miss Indian World 2024- 2025 will be crowned on April 27, 2024 (Saturday) at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow. As Miss Indian World, she will be a role model to young and old, help to educate and demonstrate the beauty and diversity of Native American Culture, and represent the Gathering of Nations throughout her travels across the United States of America, Canada, and Internationally.**

*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 and 10% is returned to each Miss Indian World Contestant.*

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The concept for Miss Indian World (MIW) originated in 1983, and crowned the 1st MIW in 1984, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S.A. Indigenous young women from all over North America compete for this prestigious crown. Miss Indian World is selected by acquiring points in a variety of categories and must be knowledgeable about their 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 (1) year. The Application process requires submitting the following items below to the Miss Indian World Committee. **All Contestants are encouraged to apply As Soon As Possible and submit their application by the deadline of March 20, 2024** to prepare for all Miss Indian World Pageant Qualifications *(Competition, Pageant & Raffle Ticket Sales, etc.) Early application submission is encouraged!*

**If you have any questions, please email:** [**Melonie@gonmail.com**](mailto:Melonie@gonmail.com)**.**

**2024 MIW APPLICATIONS CHECK LIST –** A completed must contain the following:

* **Official 2024 Miss Indian World Entry Application**
* **Miss Indian World Contestant Agreement**
* **Traditional Talent Information Part 1 and Part 2**
* **Personal Essay about yourself (MAX of 2 PAGES**) – Must be double spaced, legible size 12 font and on plain white paper. *(Essay i.e. your educational goals, family, extracurricular activities, etc.)*
* **2 Letters of Recommendation including Part 1 and Part 2** *– CANNOT be a f*amily member.
* **Proof of Age & Biographic Information** *- Copy of Birth Certificate or Current Driver’s License*. ***(Cannot be older than 25 yrs. at time of Crowning 04/27/2024)***
* **Copy of Tribal Identification (ID), Certificate of Indian Blood, or Official Letter of Tribal Affiliation**
* **Current Photograph -** Preferably an 8 x 10 (576 x 720) Color Photo emailed to [**Melonie@gonmail.com**](mailto:Melonie@gonmail.com)**.**

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| PERSONAL INFORMATION - Please type or write clearly in the fields listed below. | | | | | | | |
| Legal Last Name: | | **Legal First Name:** | | | | **Middle Initial:** | |
| First & Last Name (Used in the Pageant): | | Name your hometown or reservation (Used in the Pageant): | | | | | |
| Indian Name: | | | English Meaning: | | | | |
| List the Tribe(s) you are representing in this Pageant: | | | | | | | |
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| Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):       Age: | | | | Place of Birth: | | | |
| P.O. Box/Mailing address: | | | | | | | Apt. /Unit #: |
| City (Municipality): | | | | State/Province: | | | Zip/Postal Code: |
| Cell Number: (     ) | Home Number: (     ) | | | | Work Number: (     ) | | |
| Email Address (REQUIRED): | | | | | | | |
| FAMILY INFORMATION: | | | | | | | |
| Mothers Name: | | | | Tribe(s): | | | |
| Fathers Name: | | | | Tribe(s): | | | |
| High School Name: | | | | Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy): | | | |
| High School - City/State/Province: | | | |  | | | |
| College Name: | | | | Major: | | | |
| College - City/State/Province: | | | |  | | | |
| Year in College: | | | | Date of Attendance (mm/dd/yyyy):  FROM:       TO: | | | |
| Current Employer: | | | | Current 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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Miss Indian World Contestant Agreement

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

* I represent my family, my Tribe(s), and myself as a Miss Indian World (MIW) contestant and to maintain specific moral standards for myself now and in the future.
* I will conduct myself professionally that is above and beyond reproach during my time as a MIW Contestant. Behavior issues that are called into question will be noted, may result in my 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 will 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 Powwow 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 mandatory Pageant Orientation on Tuesday evening, April 23, 2024.
  + I must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone 25 years or older at the Orientation.
  + The 2024 MIW Itinerary & Schedule of Activities will be sent to you.
* **I must sell a minimum of 500 Raffle Tickets at the price printed on the ticket to be considered a Miss Indian World Contestant. This is in lieu of a Pageant Entrance Fee**.
  + 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.
  + 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 injury.
* I understand that should I become Miss Indian World, I must keep my relationships private. At no time will my significant other be considered a chaperone or travel with me on official Miss Indian World Trips and appearances.
* I understand that my personal social media pages will NOT be in use during my year as Miss Indian World. All social media posts will be monitored through the official MIW and GON social media sites by the MIW Events/Social Media Coordinator.
* **My participation puts me at risk of catching Covid19, assuming the risk of contracting Covid-19. I hold harmless the Gathering of Nations Ltd. & Miss Indian World Pageant. Gathering of Nations & Expo NM is not responsible for injury, loss, theft, travel, or medical expenses.**
* **I hereby agree and promise to abide by the 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 the Miss Indian World Pageant if I violate the abovementioned conditions and guidelines.**

Signature of MIW Contestant\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­\_

Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***\*NOTE: Please keep a copy for records and return the original with Signature.***

TRADITIONAL TALENT INFORMATION PART 1

Please complete and return this completed application AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. **No later than the deadline of MARCH 20, 2024**.

**You will be contacted by a MIW Staff member to review and confirm your Talent Presentation. Once your Traditional Talent Presentation has been accepted by the MIW Committee, IT IS NOT CHANGEABLE!**

**Your Talent Presentation should reflect Traditions of your Tribe(s):**

* Sign Language presentations are only acceptable if it relates to your Tribe(s).
* Singing the Lord’s Prayer will not be accepted as a Traditional Talent.
* You may not request audience participation during your presentation.
* Please limit your props for the presentation to a maximum of 8 pieces, max. weight 15lbs per item.
* Stage Accompaniment under 12 years old must have a parent/guardian (cannot be the MIW Contestant) \* Maximum number of accompaniment during Talent is 3 people.
* **There is a 3-minute time limit\* on each presentation.** You must be able to describe, present or perform within the 3-minutetime frame.
* You will be judged on your ability to speak clearly and present.
* You MUST be organized and ready. If not, you will be required to adjust accommodate the three-minute time limit given.
* Contestants are responsible for acquiring needed items for their Talent Presentation.
* Video is NOT an option for use in Presentation.
* **REMINDER: It’s very important that your presentation does not exceed the 3-minute time limit! Exceeding this time limit will result in an abrupt ending by the Stage Manager.**

Name of the Traditional Talent you will be presenting: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Description of Traditional Talent Presentation:  
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TRADITIONAL TALENT INFORMATION Part 2

You are judged on your presentation of a Traditional nature *(i.e., singing, dancing, crafts, and an explanation of the Traditional Presentation from your Tribes).*  Requests to use video or slide projection, smoke machines, and special lighting CAN NOT be accommodated or allowed.

The Miss Indian World Committee will provide microphones, straight-back chairs, and a table. You are personally responsible for delivering ANY additional props for your Talent Presentation.

You may use pre-recorded music or live accompaniment as background audio to your Talent Presentation if it pertains to your presentation. You MUST provide an MP3 (on a Thumb Drive):

* To be used for rehearsals and Show (Program) use. MP3 will be collected at Orientation on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024.

NOTE: Please make sure that your MP3 file is recorded very clearly and queued for your presentation. Only the music or audio you will be using for your presentation should be on the thumb Drive. This will help eliminate the wrong audio being used during your MIW Talent Presentation.

**CHECK HERE, IF YOU WILL BE USING PRE-RECORDED MUSIC DURING YOUR TALENT**

**PRESENTATION.**

**CHECK HERE IF YOU WILL HAVE LIVE MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT ON THE STAGE DURING YOUR TALENT PRESENTATION.**

PERSONAL ESSAY

Please limit your essay to 2 pages and essay document requirements are: *Double Spaced, Font size 12, on plain white paper). USE SEPARATE PAPER FOR YOUR ESSAY.*

**Answer the following question: Tell us about yourself and why you are running for Miss IndianWorld?**

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 and how it relates to your motivation to compete for the Title of Miss Indian World. The MIW Committee encourages you to be creative and think “out of the box” when writing your essay, as we want to get an idea of your personality. Don’t just give us your resume. **Please submit your personal essay with your Miss Indian World Application on or before the deadline March 20, 2024.**

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c/o Gathering of Nations  
3301 Coors Blvd NW, #R300   
Albuquerque, NM 87120   
EMAIL: melonie@gonmail.com

**MIW Applicant, before you give this form to the individual acquainted with you, please fill out your name and signature below:**

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| Applicant’s Last Name | **First Name** | **Middle Initial** |

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MIW 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:**

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| **Motivation and Drive** | **X** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
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1. Do you recommend the applicant for the Title of Miss Indian World?  YES  NO
2. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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| Applicant’s Last Name | **First Name** | **Middle Initial** |

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