



Hannahville Indian Community Miss Great Lakes Competition 2021-2022

OVERVIEW AND REQUIREMENTS:

The Miss Great Lakes competition carries on the tradition of selecting a young, Hannahville Potawatomi woman to represent the community. It is open to enrolled tribal members and descendants of the Hannahville Indian Community who are between the ages 8-18. *Contestants may not hold another Princess title. Contestants must not have any children or be with child.*

Miss Great Lakes is selected by acquiring points in a variety of categories. Contestants must have knowledge of the customs, traditions and history of the Hannahville Indian Community. Contestants must also be in full regalia for all 4 grand entries throughout Pow Wow weekend, the interview portion which will be done by selected tribal members and/or workers of the tribe, and dance exhibition(s) which will be announced.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST. Please prepare the following items for your application:

_____ **Official Entry Application**

_____ **Letter of Reference**

_____ **Certification of Tribal Affiliation.** This certification can be in the form of a signed document from the enrollment department or a copy of a tribal identification card for membership or descendency.

_____ **Personal Essay**

Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. No exceptions. Return all items in a sealed envelope to the Culture Committee mailbox at the Administration Building. For our reference, please have the receptionist stamp the envelope with the date of submission.

Miss Great Lakes contestants will compete in the following categories:

- Essays
- Interview
- Dance Exhibition

The Princess competition will be held at the 45th Annual Great Lakes Area Traditional Pow Wow during the weekend of September 24-26, 2021. If chosen as Miss Great Lakes, the contestant will be required to sign a Behavior Code of Conduct outlining the expectations that need to be met throughout the entire reign as princess.

Please call (906) 723-2274 with any questions.

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Molly Meshigaud
Culture Committee Member

HANNAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY
Miss Great Lakes Competition
Official Application

Full Name: _____

Neshnabe noswen: _____
(Indian Name)

English meaning: _____

Ndodem: _____
(Clan)

Address: _____

City/State: Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

(Tribal) Parents/Guardians: _____

(Tribal) Grandparents: _____

EDUCATION

Highest grade completed in school: _____ School attending: _____

Honors or Awards: _____

AFFIRMATION

I solemnly swear the information contained herein, and other documents submitted, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Contestant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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Letter of Reference and Essay Instructions

Both letters need to be submitted with your application by Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. No exceptions. If you have any questions, please call Molly Meshigaud at 723-2274.

Letter of Reference

This letter of support can be written by someone you look up to, a teacher, counselor, Youth Services representative, or past work supervisor. Some examples of topics for them to include are:

- Your best qualities.
- Why you would be a good representative for the community.
- Examples of your leadership abilities.

Essay

Please write legibly or type an essay that includes the following:

- Why you believe you are the best candidate to represent the Hannahville Indian Community.
- What you like about yourself.
- What does the title Miss Great Lakes mean to you and why.
- What influence does your cultural background play in your everyday life.
- What is the significance of your style of traditional dance.

HANNAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY
Miss Great Lakes Competition
Behavior Code of Conduct

Miss Great Lakes shall conduct herself in a respectful manner. The Behavior Code of Conduct requires that the following expectations shall be met throughout the entire reign as princess.

Specific Rules:

- No smoking or misuse of tobacco in any form (except for ceremonial purposes only)
- No consumption of or possession of alcoholic beverages in any form.
- No use of or possession of unauthorized or illegal drugs in any form.
- Must be without child, have no children and cannot become pregnant while holding the Miss Great Lakes title.
- Must be single (not married)

Other behaviors that bring discredit to the individual, the committee, or the community may be judged as a violation of the Behavior Code of Conduct. Such behaviors would include but not be limited to:

- Attending a party where alcohol, tobacco or drugs are present.
- Inappropriate language, fighting, or an action that shows disrespect to others.
- Any serious legal criminal actions.

As a contestant for the title of Miss Great Lakes, you will be representing yourself, your family and the Hannahville Indian Community. You are expected to conduct yourself in a respectful way at all times.

By signing this Behavior Code of Conduct you are agreeing that you understand that if you become Miss Great Lakes and were to violate any of the rules/regulations you will be required to attend a hearing with the Culture Committee for accountability for your actions. This hearing will be conducted with a parent/guardian present. All Culture Committee decisions are final. If you are found at fault for violating any part of the Behavior Code of Conduct, the penalty will result in relinquishing the crown, sash and title of "Miss Great Lakes".

A budget is provided for traveling to area pow wow's to represent the Hannahville Indian Community throughout the reign as princess. By signing this Code of Conduct you are also agreeing to attend at least four cultural events while princess. Some of the events can include, but are not limited to: Native American Day at the UP State Fair, the Domestic Violence Awareness Day Parade, the Spring Round Dance at Hannahville Indian School, local pow wow's and more. All travel requests need to go through a member of Culture Committee. If you would like to attend more events than the budget allows, you are encouraged to fundraise.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Behavior Code of Conduct and also understand that I am expected to perform according to this code set by the Culture Committee and the Hannahville Indian Community.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Culture
Committee Member: _____ Date: _____