

Teen & Miss Lumbee Scholarship Pageant

Friday, July 3, 2020

Sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc.

***** Contestant Application *****

Application Deadline: April 3, 2020

*** LRDA reserves the right to extend or shorten the deadline***

Contact Person: Darlene T. Cummings, Pageant Director
Phone: (910) 521-8602

Applications are available for pick up at LRDA Main Office
or online @ www.lumbeehomecoming.com



2019-20 Miss Lumbee
Taylor Brooke Locklear



2019-20 Teen Miss Lumbee
Kyla Leigh-Ann Jarrett

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- *Submitting an application does not guarantee that an applicant will be accepted as a contestant. If accepted, or not, applicants will be notified with a letter as soon as those decisions are made by LRDA.*
- *Any final applicants who wins this year's pageants, out of care and concern for pageant winners and pageant patrons the board of directors has decided to incorporate and limit the final pageant farewell walk to the GPAC stage beginning this year, and allow goodwill and appreciation offerings to be presented to the outgoing Ambassadors at the far right of the stage and/or also at the annual 2021 Farewell Tea.*

The application process REQUIRES submitting the following items to LRDA:

1. **Official Application** (one page **typed** only).
2. **Registration Fee:** \$200.00 –(Must be submitted in full by **May 1, 2020**)
3. Money Order or Cashier's Check made payable to LRDA Homecoming 2020 Miss/Teen Miss Pageant). No Cash or Personal Checks will be accepted.
4. **Three (3) Professional Reference Letters:** (excluding immediate family members); We will follow up on these references
5. **Talent Information** – (for *Media*, include song title and artist).
6. **Contestant Agreement** signed by Contestant and for Teen Miss, both contestant and a parent.
7. **Certification of Tribal Affiliation** (your Tribal Enrollment Card)
8. **Proof of age** (Copy of birth certificate).
9. **One-page Essay - (TYPED ONLY)** - If you are crowned Miss or Teen Miss Lumbee, you will be serving as an Ambassador for the Lumbee people and will be called upon to represent them at many events across the country. It is crucial that you are knowledgeable about your tribal history and culture. **"During your reign as Teen/Miss Lumbee, please explain how you would communicate to others "Who the Lumbee Are and educate them about your culture?"** (*Applications and Essays must be typed on one page, single spaced, no cover page and on white paper with black print (no color pages). Hand written essays will not be accepted. All essays will be placed in the Judges booklets, therefore, be sure to include your name at the bottom of the essay.*

Teen & Miss Lumbee Pageant Competition Requirements:

- **Private Interview - (25%)** A private interview with the judges will be conducted with each contestant lasting 9 minutes with a 30 second closing statement. The Interview will take place on the same day as the pageant. The location and time will be set by the Pageant Director and you will be notified. **Special Note:** ONLY one (1) person may escort you to the Interview and will be escorted to a holding area while you are in the Interview. If the person that accompanies you attempts to make any contact with the judges before, during or after your Interview, this could be grounds for disqualifying you from the competition.
- **Opening Number –(Not Judged)** Designed for the contestant to make an on-stage statement of her personality.
- **Evening Gown – (15%)** *No long trains allowed*
- **On-Stage Question – (10%)** *A question taken from the private interview*
- **Talent – (20%)** The Talent presentation should not last more than **2 minutes and 30 seconds**
- **Regalia & Cultural Platform – (30%)** The regalia should be a traditional Lumbee pinecone patchwork in the color of your choice. The contestant will provide a detailed description of the Regalia which will entail the meaning behind the design, colors and theme of the Regalia which will be read on stage by either our Master or Mistress of Ceremonies. The contestant will also perform a **One (1)** minute cultural presentation of their choice.

Teen & Miss Lumbee Pageant Agreement

As a contestant in the 2020-21 Teen or Miss Lumbee Pageant Scholarship Pageant, I understand that all contestants must meet certain criteria and agree to abide by all the rules and criteria set by the LRDA Pageant Committee and Board of Trustees.

CONTESTANT CRITERIA:

Teen Miss Lumbee: Ages: 14-17 – (Must turn 14 by June 30, 2020)

Miss Lumbee: Ages 18-26 - (Must turn 18 by June 30, 2020)

- ☐ **Private Interview – (25%)**
- ☐ **Opening Number – (Not Judged)**
- ☐ **Evening Gown – (15%)**
- ☐ **On-Stage Question – (10%)**
- ☐ **Talent – (20%)** -Talent presentation should be no longer than 2 ½ minutes. Music must be on a quality CD ONLY. Please have two (2)- Talent CD's – one for rehearsal at the LRDA Complex and one to give to GPAC – (Givens Performing Arts Center) for night of the dress rehearsal and performance
- ☐ **Regalia & Cultural Platform – (30%)**

- ❑ No contestant will be allowed to compete unless **ALL FEES** have been paid in full by **May 1, 2020**.
- ❑ If selected as a Contestant, fees are **non-refundable**.
- ❑ Contestant cannot be married or have procreated prior to or during the competition.
- ❑ Winner, if pregnancy should occur shall forfeit the crown.
- ❑ Contestant must agree to have a Headshot Photo taken to be used for the 2020 Pageant Booklet as well as the Official Judge's Booklet and to be used for any media and publicity relative to the pageant. The LRDA pageant committee will determine the date and location.
- ❑ Each Teen & Miss Lumbee contestant must have a platform that she will promote during her reign.
- ❑ At its discretion, the LRDA administration may do **Criminal Background Checks** and **Reference Checks** on a contestant or the winner if there is substantial justification to do so.
- ❑ Contestants and the final winner must not misuse social media such as Face Book, Twitter, Snapchat, Instant Messenger or the Internet to post or distribute distasteful, obscene or profane materials or language.
- ❑ Contestants **MUST** attend meetings about the contract.
- ❑ Contestants **MUST** attend cultural classes if the committee and LRDA Board deems it necessary.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- The 2020-21 Teen and Miss Lumbee will be a role model and Ambassador for the Lumbee People. She will receive special assignments, privileges, and appearances.
- Winners of the Teen and Miss Lumbee Pageant will be required to sign her Contract within 24 hours of being crowned, unless scheduling is changed by LRDA's administration.
- Talent CD's for GPAC must be turned in by **June 3, 2020**.
- The use of Alcohol or Illegal drugs during the competition and if you win is prohibited and WILL NOT be tolerated! Any contestant proven to have broken this rule will be immediately disqualified or title revoked along with notifying the parents.
- The use of profane or abusive language is strictly prohibited during the competition or if you win.
- Only **ONE** person will be allowed to accompany you to the Private Interview (they will *NOT* be permitted in the room where the Interview will take place nor will they be permitted to have any contact with the judges or *this may result in your disqualification from the competition.*)
- **ALL PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY**
- **ONLY CONTESTANTS AND PAGEANT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT PRACTICES**
- **Practices are approximately 2 hours long.**
- Contestants are responsible for their own transportation to and from practices.
- **NO** cell phones are allowed during practice or any video equipment
- Pageant Director may request to approve all attire prior to Pageant night.
- Only the contestant and one female chaperone/assistant will be allowed in the dressing room **NO EXCEPTIONS! The Chaperone/Assistant MUST remain in dressing room.** Violations could result in chaperone/assistant being escorted out of the area and will not be permitted entry behind stage or in dressing area until Pageant has concluded.
- **Special permission** must be granted for any **Male Chaperone/Assistant** to be permitted backstage or near the Dressing Room area.
- **Only LRDA Staff and GPAC staff** are allowed backstage once the Pageant begins.
- Good Sportsmanship is **MANDATORY** during entire phase of the competition. Violations may result in disqualification.

- **BULLYING** of any kind will not be tolerated during the competition.
- Contestant's relatives and or friends are prohibited from harassing or intimidating other contestants, Pageant Committee, Staff & LRDA Board Members, including Judges and/or Auditors. This will result in immediate disqualification!
- **JUDGES DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL AND UNDISPUTED!**
- All winners are required to remain on stage until the photographer has finished with pictures.
- All pageant participants are required to ride on the LRDA float during the Homecoming Parade. There will be prior arrangements made to return parade participants to the LRDA Office complex.
- Only Formal or Cultural attire used in the Pageant will be worn in the Lumbee Homecoming parade as determined by the LRDA Administration on an annual basis

*****Retain this copy for your records and information*****

*****APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED *****

Please check which category pertains to YOU:

☐ *Teen Miss Lumbee*

☐ *Miss Lumbee*

2020-2021 Teen & Miss Lumbee Scholarship Pageant Application

Name: _____
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Address: _____
(PO Box/Physical Address) (City) (State)

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
(Month/Day/Year)

Names of Parents: _____

List any Hobbies & Interests: _____

List any Academic Honors/Awards: _____

List any Community Services: _____

List proposed Platform Issue: _____

Education:

High School or College: _____

Major (if in college): _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Future Plans: _____

List any Lumbee Cultural Experience: _____

(Note: Cultural training will be provided in this area if needed)

Talent Information:

Description of Talent: (vocal performance; dance routine; instrumental; etc...)

List any special equipment you may need for your Talent competition: (ex. piano, microphone and stand)

If Vocal performance, please list Song title & Artist: _____

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All rules will be strictly enforced. Any violation of the rules could result in disqualification of the contestant. All questions/comments should be directed to the Pageant Director.

If chosen I, _____, agree to fully participate in any and all activities
(Printed Name of Contestant)
associated with the Pageant. By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the guidelines set forth in this agreement and that I will comply with these guidelines and procedures so long as I am a contestant in the Teen & Miss Lumbee Pageant.

* _____
Applicant/Contestant Signature

* _____
Date

* _____
Parent of Contestant Signature (if under age 18)

* _____
Date

Contact Information:

*Home Number: _____

*Cell Number: _____

*Work Number: _____

*Email (if any): _____

*Parent Name and Phone Number: (if under 18):

(Please Print Name)

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

Work Phone Number

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Application Fee Received (\$200.00)

Date Received: _____

Received by:

Applicant #: _____

☐ Cashier's Check/Money Order