

Gila River Royalty Pageant 2024

Official Contestant Application

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 16, 2024 - 5:00 P.M.**

****THE CRITERIA FOR CONTESTANTS ARE
NON-NEGOTIABLE****

The Gila River Royalty Committee has operated the Jr. Miss Gila River and Miss Gila River Royalty Program offering a scholarship for the young women enrolled with the Gila River Indian Community. The titleholders will serve as role models for young women and youth and serve as goodwill cultural ambassadors throughout the Community and the State of Arizona. The Royalty Committee encourages qualified young women to participate in the Jr. Miss Gila River and Miss Gila River Royalty Pageants.

****SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS
TO THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS &
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (LOCATED IN THE GOVERNANCE CENTER -
EXECUTIVE WING) OR EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL
REQUIRED MATERIALS TO
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Miss Gila River Eligibility Criteria

- ❖ Young women between the ages of 18-24 years of age on or before February 16, 2024.
- ❖ Enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.
- ❖ Has never held the Title of Miss Gila River.
- ❖ Must be a full-time student with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. or full-time employee and in good standing with the Employer.
- ❖ Must be single, never married, and have no children.
- ❖ Must not be cohabitating (living) with an intimate companion.
- ❖ Must be willing and able to uphold the image and leadership role of Miss Gila River throughout the twelve-month reign.

Jr. Miss Gila River Eligibility Criteria

- ❖ Young women between the ages of 13-17 years of age on or before February 16, 2024.
- ❖ Enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community.
- ❖ Has never held the Title of Jr. Miss Gila River.
- ❖ Must be a full-time student with a minimum 2.0 G.P.A.
- ❖ Must be single, never married, and have no children.
- ❖ Must not be cohabitating (living) with an intimate companion.
- ❖ Must be willing and able to uphold the image and leadership role of Jr. Miss Gila River throughout the twelve-month reign.

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2024 Judging Criteria

- ❖ Demonstrate knowledge of the Community government, culture, and history of the Akimel O’otham and Pee-Posh
- ❖ Personal Interview with pageant judges and impromptu sessions
- ❖ Pageant presentation- Introductions will be judged for Miss and Jr. Miss contestants
- ❖ Pageant presentation - Traditional talent that is culturally appropriate and genuine three (3) minute time limit.
- ❖ Pageant presentation – Traditional Attire
- ❖ Pageant presentation – Business Attire
- ❖ Overall contestant poise and attitude throughout the pageant activities
- ❖ Overall communication skills throughout the pageant activities

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Part One- Official Contestant Application:

- ❖ The following must be submitted in order for an application to be considered complete:
 - Complete Official Contestant Application
 - Biography (One Paragraph, include name, age, residence, parents/siblings, maternal/paternal grandparents, school/work.)
 - Copy of Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) or Gila River Tribal ID
 - Official Academic Transcripts including December 2023 grades
 - **OR** a Letter of Recommendation from Employer (Miss Contestants only)
 - Two (2) letters of reference from school officials or professional individuals;
*Letters from relatives or tribal officials will not be considered

Part Two- Pageant Requirements:

- ❖ The following must be submitted at **Orientation**
 - Introduction for Jr. Miss Gila River Contestants
 - Traditional Talent Description
 - Traditional Attire Description
 - Business Attire Description

Note: Once submitted, absolutely no changes will be allowed. All items described above become property of the Communications and Public Affairs Office and will not be returned.

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Contestant Information

Name:	
Age:	Date of Birth:
GRIC Enrollment Number:	Enrolled District:
Email Address:	Cell Phone:
Home Phone:	Message Phone:
Mailing Address:	Physical Address:
Applying for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Gila River (18-24yrs old) <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. Miss Gila River (13-17yrs old)

Parent/Guardians Information

Mother/Guardian's Name:	Father/Guardian's Name:
Mothers Parents:	Fathers Parents:
Tribal Descent:	Tribal Descent:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Email Address:	Email Address:
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:

Educational Background

Name of School Attending	School Address:
Did you graduate?	Expected Graduation Date:
Last Semester GPA	Degree Obtained/In Progress:

Current Employment

Name of Employer	Address
Start Date	Supervisor Name:
Supervisor Phone Number:	

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Please add any additional information you would like to include: (awards, extracurricular activities, volunteering, etc.)

Disclaimer and Signature

With the submission of this application, I, the contestant, hereby enter the 2024 Gila River Royalty Pageant.

I understand that the information provided in this application will be used by the Gila River Royalty Committee for qualification and pageant judging purposes.

Furthermore, I authorize the Gila River Indian Community to record, film, tape, photograph or otherwise, use my name, likeness, voice, wardrobe, and performance for promotional programs and informational purposes for the Gila River Royalty Program.

I, the contestant, also understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in disqualification from the 2024 Gila River Royalty Pageant.

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____