



**Southern Ute Royalty
Little Miss Southern Ute
Contestant Application
2026-2027**

Complete Applications Due: Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 5:00pm

Applications can be submitted electronically suroyalty@southernute-nsn.gov
or in-person at the Cultural Preservation Department.

Little Miss Southern Ute 2026-2027 Eligibility Criteria

- **5-9 Years of Age**
- **Enrolled Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe**
- **Single**
- **Knowledge of Southern Ute History, Culture, and Traditions**

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Application Submission Checklist

Please submit the following with your application:

- ☐ Complete Southern Ute Royalty Contestant Application
- ☐ Copy of Southern Ute Tribal I.D.
- ☐ Signed Code of Conduct

Cultural Preservation Department Staff

- ☐ **Application reviewed for completeness**
- ☐ **Eligibility verified**
- ☐ **Copies of required documents received**

Time and Date Application Received: _____

Staff Name: _____

Notes: _____

Applicant

Ute Name: _____

Meaning: _____

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

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Age: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Family Information

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Sibling(s): _____

Maternal Grandparent(s): _____

Paternal Grandparent(s): _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Education

Elementary School: _____ Grade: _____

Favorite subject: _____

Sports, clubs, other activities: _____

Personal Statement

1. Tell us about yourself! What are some things you like to do for fun? What are you good at or proud of? Why would you like to be Little Miss Southern Ute and represent the Southern Ute Tribe?
2. Tell us about a time when you were a helper, a good friend, or a role model. Maybe you helped someone, shared with others, showed kindness, or helped at school, home, or a tribal event. What happened, and how did it make you feel?

Culture and Tradition

1. Do you know any Ute words or phrases? Tell us about what you have learned and why you think the Ute language is important.
2. Tell us about your traditional Ute regalia. What do you like most about it? Are there any special colors, decorations, or family stories connected to it?
3. What Southern Ute cultural events or activities have you been a part of? Tell us about your favorite one and what made it special.
4. Tell us about your experience with these traditional Ute dances. What do you know about them, and why are they important to our people?

- a. Bear Dance
 - b. Sun Dance
5. Do you dance at powwows? Tell us about your dance style and what you enjoy most about dancing and being at powwows.

Essay

(50-100 words)

1. If you were chosen to be Little Miss Southern Ute, how would you help share Southern Ute culture and traditions with your family, friends, and community? Tell us how you would be kind, set a good example for others, and show pride in being Southern Ute.

Traditional Talent

All Little Miss Southern Ute contestants will share a traditional Ute talent during the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant. This is a special way to celebrate Southern Ute culture, traditions, and teachings. Your talent might be singing, dancing, storytelling, speaking the Ute language, making arts and crafts, or another traditional activity. Be ready to tell us why your talent is special and how it connects to Southern Ute culture.

Tell us about the traditional Ute talent you will share at the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant. Who taught you this talent, how did you learn it, and why is it special to you?

Contestant Agreement, Certification, Confidentiality, and Media Consent

By submitting this application, I certify that all information provided is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in disqualification from the Royalty Program.

As a contestant, I agree to conduct myself in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner at all times. I will treat fellow contestants, judges, program staff, volunteers, sponsors, and community members with kindness, dignity, and respect.

I grant permission for my name, photograph, video, and statements to be used by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for promotional, educational, historical, and public relations purposes, including but not limited to social media, websites, print materials, news releases, event publications, and marketing materials. I understand that participation in the program may involve photography and video recording at public events and program activities.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by these expectations, consent to the use of my image and likeness as described above, agree to maintain confidentiality as required, and certify the accuracy of the information submitted in this application.

I acknowledge and understand that, if selected as a Southern Ute Royalty Titleholder, I shall be required to sign and adhere to the Southern Ute Royalty Code of Conduct and comply with all provisions of the Southern Ute Royalty Handbook, as well as all applicable Southern Ute Tribal policies, procedures, rules, and regulations, as may be amended from time to time.

Contestant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____