



**Southern Ute Royalty
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.

Miss Southern Ute 2026-2027 Eligibility Criteria

- **16-25 Years of Age**
- **Enrolled Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe**
- **Single, Never Married, No Partners, and No Dependents**
- **Knowledge of Southern Ute History, Culture, and Traditions**
- **No Pending/Open Legal Cases**

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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.
- ☐ Copy of Driver's License
- ☐ 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

Current Student: Yes / No Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

College/University: _____

Major: _____ Year: _____

Employment

Company Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Personal Statement

1. Please provide a brief introduction of yourself, including your interests, goals, accomplishments, and why you wish to serve as Miss Southern Ute.
2. What legacy would you like to leave for future Miss Southern Ute title holders?
3. What qualities do you believe are most important for Miss Southern Ute to possess, and how do you demonstrate those qualities in your daily life?
4. Please describe any leadership roles you have held in your school, community, workplace, tribal programs, sports, or other organizations. What did you learn from these experiences?

Culture and Tradition

1. What knowledge or experience do you have with the Ute language, and how do you plan to continue learning, using, or supporting it in the future?
2. Please describe your traditional Ute regalia and explain the meaning, significance, or family and cultural connections of its design and materials.
3. Please describe your participation in Ute cultural events and activities. How have these experiences helped you connect with and learn about Ute culture, traditions, and community values?
4. Please describe your familiarity and participation with the following Ute traditional dances. What have you learned about their history, purpose, and cultural significance?
 - a. Bear Dance
 - b. Sun Dance
 - c. Lame Dance
 - d. Tea Dance
5. Please describe your powwow dance style and explain its significance to you. Include what you have learned about its history, traditions, and protocols.

Essay

(Minimum 500 words)

As Miss Southern Ute, how would you use your platform to promote, preserve, and share Southern Ute culture, traditions, and values with both Tribal Members and the broader community?

Traditional Talent

All contestants are required to present a traditional Ute talent during the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant. This presentation should demonstrate the contestant's commitment to preserving, practicing, and sharing Southern Ute cultural knowledge and traditions. Traditional talents may include, but are not limited to, singing, dancing, storytelling, language presentations, arts and crafts demonstrations, or other culturally appropriate practices. Contestants should be prepared to explain the significance of their talent and its connection to Ute culture and traditions.

Please describe the traditional talent you will demonstrate at the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant. How did you learn this talent, and what does it mean to you and your connection to Ute culture?

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: _____