



**Southern Ute Royalty
Southern Ute Brave
Contestant Application
(10-15 year old)**

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.

Southern Ute Brave 2026-2027 Eligibility Criteria:

- **5-15 Years of Age**
- **Enrolled Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe**
- **Single**
- **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.
- ☐ 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

School: _____ Grade: _____

Favorite subject: _____

Sports, clubs, other activities: _____

Personal Statement

1. Please provide a brief introduction about yourself, including your interests, hobbies, achievements, and why you would like to represent the Southern Ute Tribe as Southern Ute Brave.
2. Tell us about a time when you were a leader or helped others at school, in sports, tribal activities, or your community. What did you learn from that experience?

Culture and Tradition

1. Tell us about your experience with the Ute language. Do you know any Ute words or phrases? How would you like to continue learning and using the Ute language in the future?
2. Please describe your traditional Ute regalia. What do its colors, designs, or decorations mean to you? Are there any family or cultural traditions connected to it?

3. Tell us about the Ute cultural events and activities you have participated in. What did you enjoy most, and what did you learn about Ute culture and traditions?

4. Please describe your experience with the following Ute traditional dances. What have you learned about their purpose and importance in Ute culture?
 - a. Bear Dance

 - b. Sun Dance

5. Please describe your powwow dance style. What do you enjoy about it, and what have you learned through your participation in powwows?

Essay

(Minimum 200 words)

If you were chosen to be Southern Ute Brave, how would you share and celebrate Southern Ute culture and traditions with others? Tell us how you would be a good role model, help younger children learn about our culture, and represent the Southern Ute Tribe with pride.

Traditional Talent

All Southern Ute Brave contestants are required to present a traditional Ute talent during the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant. This is an opportunity to share and celebrate Southern Ute culture, traditions, and teachings. Traditional talents may include singing, dancing, storytelling, speaking the Ute language, arts and crafts demonstrations, or other culturally appropriate activities. Contestants should be prepared to explain why their talent is important and how it connects to Ute culture and traditions.

Please describe the traditional Ute talent you will present at the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant. How did you learn this talent, who taught you, and why is it special to you and your connection to Southern 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: _____