

The Native American Student Association and the Native American Student Programs proudly presents the

## 36th Annual UCR Pow Wow

May 26 & 27, 2017

### ***Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant Competition***

UC Riverside will host a Ms. UCR Pow Wow pageant competition at this year's Pow Wow. Throughout the 2017 - 2018 Ms. UCR Pow Wow reign, she will be responsible for upholding the highest standards of leadership, cultural and community involvement, and serve as a role model to people of all ages.

#### **Application Deadline Wednesday May 17th by 11:59pm**

Application may be mailed, dropped off, or E-mailed to Joshua Gonzales at [joshuag@ucr.edu](mailto:joshuag@ucr.edu)  
NASP Office 229 Costo Hall Riverside, CA 92521

#### **Qualifications:**

1. Indigenous woman 17 - 30 years of age
2. Have verifiable tribal affiliation
3. Be currently enrolled, or have recently graduated from a college or university

#### **Application Checklist: (\*\*Incomplete Applications will **not** be considered\*\*)**

- Current Transcript as proof of enrollment and GPA (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). GPA Requirement: 2.8+ (Priority will be given to current students however recent graduates within the last 6 months are still eligible to apply. Please submit your final transcript)
- Response to Short Essay questions
- 2 Letters of Recommendation from: Elder, Community Member, Professor, etc. (Letters from relatives will **not** be accepted)
- Verifiable tribal affiliation and/or description of membership, kinship, lineage, or descendency
- Current Photograph: 4x6 color photo. (File size **not** to exceed 2MB). Please submit file via email to [joshuag@ucr.edu](mailto:joshuag@ucr.edu)
- Proof of Age: Contestants must be between the ages of 17 - 30 (Copy of Birth Certificate or Current Drivers License/State I.D.)
- Signed Ms. UCR Pow Wow Code of Conduct and Affirmation

# Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant 2017-2018 Application

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Please type or write clearly in the fields listed below.

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members (Brother/Sisters Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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Head Circumference (for crown measurement): \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Pow Wow Dance Style: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant Contest?

(NASP Website, Word of Mouth, E-mail, Facebook, etc...)

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## **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Pursued Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in College: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Attendance: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment : \_\_\_\_\_

## **Pageant Process**

Ms. UCR Pow Wow contestants will be scored on a cumulative point system. Each component of the pageant process will be allocated points that will count toward the total score. All contestants will be evaluated on the following items:

- Short Essay response
- Attend: Ms. UCR Pow Wow Royalty Breakfast scheduled for 10am Friday, May 26th at Zacatecas Restaurant: 2472 University Ave, Riverside, CA 92507
- Attend each Grand Entry in full regalia (Friday evening 7pm & Saturday afternoon 1pm)
- Self-introduction delivered at Grand Entry in front of judges, dancers, drums and general audience (3 minutes maximum)
- Dance contest evaluation based on: timing (end on beat), steps, originality, full regalia (no wardrobe malfunctions), intentional movements consistent with dance style

*The contestant with the highest accumulated points will be crowned Ms. UCR Pow Wow on Saturday, May 27th, 2017 and will reign for one year. The winner will also receive the following:*

- Crown and sash
- Cash prize
- Stipend to assist with travel to required and or qualified events through 2017 - 2018 reign

## **Short Essay Guidelines**

Format:

- 2 pages, typed, double-spaced, 12pt. Times New Roman Font

Questions:

- Please describe your educational goals, family and extracurricular activities while addressing the following points:
  1. **Why do you want to be Ms. UCR Pow Wow 2017-2018?**
  2. **What key challenges face Native youth (0-25) today? How might you utilize your reign as Ms. UCR Pow Wow to address these challenges?**
  3. **What are your goals for the duration of your reign as Ms. UCR Pow Wow?**

Please attach Personal Essay to application.

## **Letters of Recommendation**

- 2 Letters of Recommendation required
- Must be from individuals who are not related to the contestant
- Letters should reflect the qualities to be Ms. UCR Pow Wow 2017-2018. i.e. leadership, community service, scholarship, goals
- Letters may be addressed to: Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant Committee
- Please send letters directly to UCR Pow Wow Pageant Committee ([joshuag@ucr.edu](mailto:joshuag@ucr.edu))
- If a recommender is mailing a Letter of Recommendation directly to the Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant Committee, please ensure that it is sent to:

**Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant  
c/o Native American Student Programs  
229 Costo Hall  
Riverside, CA 92521**

Letters of Recommendation must be received by the  
Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant Committee before

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## **UCR Pow Wow Royalty Code of Conduct**

The contestant fully understands and agrees to the following:

1. I have read the rules and regulations of the pageant process and understand all decisions of the judges will be final.
2. I have read and acknowledged I will fulfill the responsibilities and duties associated with the reign of Ms. UCR Pow Wow to the best of my ability.
3. I understand that photos and media taken of Ms. UCR Pow Wow during my reign reflect on University of California at Riverside and its programs: Native American Student Programs, Native American Student Association; and my community, family, and myself, therefore I agree to conduct myself with respect, honor and composure while holding this title.
4. If chosen, I will do my best to be a positive role model, and I agree to live a drug and alcohol free life.
5. If chosen, I will wear my Royalty attire (Crown & Sash) when participating in Grand Entry at the UCR Pow Wow and at other pow wows, events, and conferences I attend in the future.
6. If I engage in behavior deemed disrespectful and undesirable, I may be asked to give up my title and will no longer represent Ms. UCR Pow Wow at any pow wow or event.
7. If crowned Ms. UCR Pow Wow, you must keep consistent contact with the Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant Committee during your reign. Such contact includes email updates of the pow wows / events you have attended. You must do this as frequently as you participate in events. Please email the Ms. UCR Pow Wow Pageant Committee documentation of your attendance and participation i.e. Photographs.
8. Ms. UCR Pow Wow Royalty is expected to represent UCR NASP and NASA at events such as, but not limited to local pow wows, the Spirit of the Tribes 5K, Medicine Ways Conference and other significant conferences and outreach events.
9. I agree to fulfill all of these requirements to the best of my ability.
10. I acknowledge and agree to allow NASP and UCR to use photographs, film, and social media for promotional materials.

### **Affirmation**

I affirm I have read and understand the qualifications, responsibilities, procedures, rules and regulations governing the Ms. UCR Pow Wow 2017 - 2018 position. I understand that I may be disqualified as a contestant of the Ms. UCR Pow Wow pageant title if I deviate from the conditions outlined above. If I am asked to relinquish my title as Ms. UCR Pow Wow title holder, I will immediately return my crown and sash to the Ms. UCR Pow Wow pageant committee in a cooperative and dignified manner. I am submitting this application and agree to adhere and abide by all the expectations and requirements specified in this application.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_