



# SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

## Miss Salt River Committee

10005 E. Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona 85256-9722 Phone (480) 362-7474

### Miss Salt River Committee

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Vacant  
Official Chaperone

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Member

### Welcome Miss Salt River Participants:

The Miss Salt River Committee is very pleased and honored to have you participate in this year's program. The Miss Salt River Committee has a history of promoting young women through culture, traditions, values and education. The Miss/Jr. Miss Salt River Program also provides opportunities for growth.

Each year a theme is selected for the annual pageant. The chosen theme is significant to the traditions and people of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. During the pageant each participant will write and recite a 300 – 500-word essay reflecting the pageant's theme on what it means to them.

This year the Miss/Jr. Miss Salt River pageant theme is:

## ***O'ODHAM AND PIIPAASH WOMEN LEADING THE VOICES OF TOMORROW***

For this year's pageant, Miss Participants will choose to showcase a Modern and a Traditional talent and will not be showcasing an evening-wear category. Final submission of applications for the Miss Salt River Pageant can be turned in by Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Drop offs applications can be submitted:

- Elisa Pongyesvia – SRPMIC Cultural Repository
- Jessica Ruiz – Salt River Elementary School

All PDF applications can be submitted to the Miss Salt River Committee email:

[MissSaltRiver@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:MissSaltRiver@srpmic-nsn.gov)

All participants are to attend Orientation on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:30pm for important information regarding the pageant and "Pageant Week". All Miss Participants must attend orientation, parents are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions regarding the pageant requirement, do not hesitate to contact any of the Miss Salt River Committee members.

We are looking forward to working with you.

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### Miss Salt River Duties

1. Participants are responsible for personal belongings at all times. The Committee and the SRP-MIC are not responsible for participants' personal belongings, loss of articles, theft or injury.
2. Participants **must** be enrolled members of the SRP-MIC.
3. Participants **must** be 17- 24 years of age at the time of the pageant.
4. Participants **must** not have ever been married, had/have children, not currently or ever have been in cohabitation with a significant other.
5. Participants **must** have been born biologically female.
6. Participants **must** reside within the SRP-MIC or within the boundaries of Maricopa County.
7. Participants **must** be willing and able to communicate with the public.
8. Participants **must** be knowledgeable of O'odham (Pima) and Pima (Maricopa) culture, history, values, traditions and current issues.
9. Participants **must** be attending high school, GED classes or pursuing higher education.
10. Participants **must** submit a physical examination for general health status.
11. Participants **must** submit a 300 to 500-word essay on the pageant theme.
12. Participants **must** submit three (3) original, signed letters of recommendation from any of the following: clergy, academic counselors, community leaders or other professionals. Letters cannot be from a family member.
13. Participants **must** not have previously held the title of Miss Salt River.
14. Participants **must** not be registered for active duty with any military service.
15. Participants **must** relinquish any other Titles or Crowns currently held should she be chosen as Miss Salt River.
16. Participants **must** disclose any pending legal charges or convictions from any jurisdiction. The Committee shall review any legal charges or convictions that have occurred. Disqualification may be the result.
17. Participants **must** return a "Parental/Guardian Consent" form signed by a parent or legal guardian, if under the age of 18.

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1. Miss Salt River is a goodwill ambassador representing the SRP-MIC.
2. Miss Salt River will promote the O'odham (Pima) and Piipaash (Maricopa) culture, history, values and traditions.
3. Miss Salt River will consistently maintain her knowledge of the current issues of the SRP-MIC.
4. Miss Salt River will always be a positive role model to the youth and general public.
5. Miss Salt River will appear and be on time at all events scheduled by the Committee. Should an emergency arise, including personal illness/injury or a family emergency, etc., immediate notification will be made to the assigned chaperone.
6. Miss Salt River traditional attire will represent the O'odham (Pima) or Piipaash (Maricopa) tribe at all events and activities, unless otherwise directed by the Committee. She must abide by the established dress code of the Committee.
7. Miss Salt River is responsible for the care and safe keeping of the crowns, sash and shawl. She is financially responsible in the event of loss or damage to the crowns. If there is a loss or damage to the crowns, the Miss Salt River Committee will review all circumstances on a case-by-case basis and make a final determination about replacement.
8. Miss Salt River will be in the company of the assigned chaperone(s) at all times and she will give her full cooperation.
9. Miss Salt River will set a goal that can be reasonably achieved during her reign in the area of Community service.
10. Miss Salt River will promote all Community events, services and programs, as scheduled.
11. Miss Salt River will present a quarterly report to the Miss Salt River Committee during a regular scheduled meeting. She will also make a quarterly presentation to the Tribal Council.
12. Miss Salt River will submit an article quarterly to the O'odham Action News (OAN).
13. Miss Salt River will take advantage of opportunities and resources made available to promote and encourage cultural learning experiences.
14. The Miss Salt River Court will abide by the Miss Salt River Duties.

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### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following documents must be submitted with the Miss Salt River application:

- PICTURE (head shot)** will be used for pageant program. Community Relations Office or a MSR Committee member will take headshot. The MSR Committee will schedule the photoshoot after the application deadline.
- SRPMIC TRIBAL ID or CDIB- Printed copy**
- THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**
- PHYSICAL EXAMINATION-** must be performed within three months of the application due date. Physical exam must be submitted by the application due date.
- PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**
- PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**
- PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION SHEET**
- PARENTAL/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

<p><u>Application Due Date:</u></p> <p><b>Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026</b> <b>by 6pm.</b></p> <p><b>Questions?</b> <b>Call: 480-362-7474</b></p>
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### PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS FOR THE PAGEANT PROGRAM:

- INTRODUCTION (Business attire) – Non-Judged Category:** Include, typed statement introducing yourself to judges and community. Introduction should be limited to three minutes, stating your name, age, tribe(s), parents, grandparents, school, grade, hobbies, and reason for participating in the pageant.
- TALENT DESCRIPTIONS – MODERN AND TRADITIONAL (O’odham or Piipaash)**  
Participants will perform a modern talent of their choosing AND traditional talent. Both talents will each be no more than 3 minutes.
- TRADITIONAL DRESS DESCRIPTION (O’odham or Piipaash)**  
**Describe traditional dress and accessories in detail, some things to include are:**  
Dress- style, material, color, meaning, design, dress maker etc.  
Shoes- bare foot/traditional sandals.  
Accessories- jewelry being worn.  
Hair style- curled, straightened, pinned back.
- ESSAY-** 300-500 words typed and double-spaced reflecting upon current pageant theme. Cover page encouraged.

### CATEGORIES JUDGED BUT NOT LISTED

- Impromptu Question-** Miss Salt River Participants are required to answer an impromptu question on stage

<p><b>Official Use Only</b></p> <p>Application#: _____ Date _____</p> <p>Turned in: _____ Rec'd _____</p> <p>by: _____</p>
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### Physical Form

The Miss Salt River Committee requires all participants to be in good health. This form should be filled out no more than three months prior to the application deadline. All information on this form is confidential and will be treated as such.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the participant currently have any ongoing medical conditions? If yes, please list.

\_\_\_\_\_

Does the participant have any allergies to medicines, pollens, food or stinging insects? If yes, please list.

\_\_\_\_\_

Does the participant have any physical limitations (including pregnancy) that would prevent them from participating in all pageant activities?

\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is in good  
(Physician's Name Printed) (Participant's Name)

health and is released to participate in the Jr. Miss/Miss Salt River Pageant with no restrictions.

Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:** Please complete section thoroughly and accurately.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Salt River Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribes(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any/all Social Media account(s): Check boxes and provide usernames.

Facebook  \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram  \_\_\_\_\_

Snapchat  \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter/X  \_\_\_\_\_

TikTok  \_\_\_\_\_

YouTube  \_\_\_\_\_

Other(s)  \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If on the Jr./ Miss Salt River Court, a committee member will be monitoring your account(s).

**EDUCATION INFORMATION:** Please complete section thoroughly and accurately. Miss/Jr. Salt River and her court are required to be a student for the duration of their reign.

School Attending 2026-2027: \_\_\_\_\_

School Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT:** Are you currently employed? (Select one)      Yes      No

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

Your title/position: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Please list any group and/or activities you are a part of

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**Participant  
Acknowledgement**

*The information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false, erroneous or incomplete information may result in my disqualification. I further understand that I cannot change my talent or descriptions after I have submitted my application to the Miss Salt River Committee. I further agree to abide by the Eligibility Criteria and the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Miss Salt River Committee.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Participants Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Miss Salt River Committee Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:** Complete section thoroughly and accurately.

Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT:** Are you currently employed? (Select one)      Yes      No

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

Your title/position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT:** Are you currently employed? (Select one)      Yes      No

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form

We/I hereby certify that, \_\_\_\_\_ has my/our acknowledgment to participate in the Miss Salt River Pageant.

We/I have read and understand the "Participant Eligibility Criteria" of the pageant and do agree with and meet all those requirements.

We/I have read and understand the "Pageant Rules & Regulations" and so submit that all these guidelines will be adhered to.

We/I fully understand and accept the Miss Salt River Duties, Rules & Regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Cross Streets: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **INTRODUCTION (Business attire):**

**For the timeliness of the pageant recording, participants have three minutes for introductions.**

Please attach a typed statement introducing yourself to the judges and community.

Introduction should state your name, age, tribe(s), parents, grandparents, school and grade.

Briefly, state your reasons, interest, inspiration or motivation for participating in this year's pageant. What are your hobbies, what current goals do you have, are you a volunteer worker, etc. List any special recognition or awards you have received in or out of school within the past year.

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### Description of Traditional AND Modern Talent Presentation

**(3 minutes maximum for each talent)**

Please remember you are being judged and any additional people may distract attention from your performance, so limit the number of individuals on stage. Singers will be asked to sing behind or off-stage.

**Modern Talent** – such as playing an instrument. Dancing (ballet, jazz etc.), singing, etc.

**Traditional Talent** – such as O’odham or Piipaash traditional singing, dancing, demonstration etc.

Name of other individuals involved with talent who will be assisting on pageant night:

#### **Equipment:**

Please list **all** equipment that you will use (i.e.: slide projector, screen, cordless microphone, music stand, chair, table, rug, cart etc.) Instruments and uncommon equipment may not be available from the Miss Salt River Committee or pageant venue. Please be prepared to supply on your own if you require an uncommon prop for your talent. All Equipment or prop(s) not listed will not be allowed during the pageant. Please bring all equipment and prop(s) to full dress rehearsals. The Miss Salt River Committee is not liable for transportation or damage of equipment and/or props.

**The MSR Committee reserves the right to modify your talent if deemed inappropriate.  
Once application is submitted, all talents are final unless deemed inappropriate.**

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### **Traditional Dress Description**

Please be very descriptive and give as many details as possible. Dress **descriptions will be read verbatim** by the emcee on pageant night. Descriptions will not be changed once turned in unless deemed necessary by the Miss Salt River Committee.

### **Traditional Dress (O'odham or Piipaash):**

**The MSR Committee reserves the right to make suggestions to your traditional dress if deemed inappropriate. The MSR Committee will review descriptions and assist where needed. No changes to descriptions will be made once finalize.**

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### **Essay**

300-500 words typed and double-spaced reflecting upon current pageant theme. Cover page not required but encouraged. Attach essay to be submitted with the application.