



**Application for**  
**Mid-America All-Indian Center**  
**Princess**

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THAN JUNE 1.**

**Applications may be mailed or hand-delivered to:  
The Mid-America All-Indian Center  
650 N. Seneca  
Wichita, Kansas, 67203**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The mission of the Mid-America All-Indian Center (MAAIC) is to serve as a cultural center and museum dedicated to educating people about and preserving the heritage of the American Indian. The objectives and purposes of the MAAIC in meeting this mission are to: develop and nurture the education, understanding and appreciation of the American Indian culture and heritage for the public; provide outreach and referrals to American Indians for social services and develop and nurture gap programs to provide American Indians with those social services that are not currently provided in the Wichita community at large; and to develop and nurture cultural, educational and recreational programs for the American Indian community.

The purpose of the MAAIC Princess Competition is to identify young women with leadership abilities to represent the MAAIC and the Indian community it serves. The chosen candidate will serve as a goodwill ambassador and messenger to promote the mission of the MAAIC for one year.

The MAAIC Princess will be obligated to attend all official functions of the MAAIC all Powwows held at the MAAIC or in the Wichita vicinity, and all other events designated by the MAAIC Board of Trustees. The MAAIC Princess will be required to wear tribal regalia, unless otherwise directed, to all events and to actively participate in tribal dances.

## **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Candidate must be between the ages of 15 and 21 years of age on or before July 1 of the current year.
2. Candidate and/or her parents or legal guardian must be a member of the MAAIC.
3. Candidate cannot be married, or have been married or ever cohabitated, and cannot have children.
4. Candidate must never have been convicted of any crime or have any criminal charges pending.
5. Candidate, parent(s), or grandparent(s) must be registered on a tribal roll or reservation or be able to show proof of Indian heritage.
6. Candidate must be knowledgeable about the history and current affairs of the MAAIC.
7. Candidate must be knowledgeable about the history, culture, and traditions of their specific tribe.

## **CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Candidates must submit 2 letters of recommendations with this application, one of which must be from an organized Native American group within the Wichita Indian community or from a Native American Tribe. Only 1 letter of recommendation may be from a relative.
2. Candidates must submit a picture of the candidate in tribal dress with their application.
3. Candidates must write and submit a one-page typed essay entitled "I Represent the Spirit of the Mid-America All-Indian Center and the Wichita Indian Community Because...."
4. Candidates must have volunteered a minimum of 8 hours of service to the Mid-America All-Indian Center prior to June 1 of the current year. The volunteer hours must be approved and documented by the staff of the Mid-America All-Indian Center or a member of the Executive Committee of the MAAIC Board of Trustees.
5. Candidate's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must agree to assist the Candidate in completing her responsibilities if chosen as Princess if such assistance is necessary.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Candidates must submit this application, along with all required attachments by June 1 of the current year.
2. Candidates will be individually interviewed by members of the MAAIC Board of Trustees.
3. Candidates will participate in a tribal dance exhibition to showcase their dancing ability to members of the MAAIC Board of Trustees.
4. Candidates will be judged on poise, public speaking, dancing ability, MAAIC knowledge, tribal heritage knowledge and enthusiasm, views on the future of the American Indian, and the ability to represent the MAAIC and the Wichita Indian community.
5. The Princess will be crowned at the Annual Mid-America All-Indian Center Powwow in July.
6. The Princess will receive a crown, sash, shawl, and \$500.00 scholarship to the school of her choice. (Scholarship money will be held until the Princess attends college).

## **PRINCESS RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Represent herself, her family, her tribe and the MAAIC in a respectful manner at all times.
2. Attend all official functions of the MAAIC, all Powwows held at the MAAIC or in the Wichita vicinity, and all other events designated by the MAAIC Board of Trustees.
3. Wear tribal regalia, unless otherwise directed, to all events and to actively participate in tribal dances.

## **PRINCESS COMMITMENT**

1. One year commitment to the MAAIC.
2. During reign, will not compete for or hold other honorary positions, which might interfere with your duties.
3. Will attend and be on time for all MAAIC events.
4. Will volunteer a minimum of 2 hours of service to the Mid-America All-Indian Center per month during her one-year commitment to the MAAIC. (any mandatory attendances during any given month will be counted toward the 2 hour requirement for that month).
5. Will not marry or bear a child during your reign as MAAIC Princess.
6. Will refrain from breaking any laws and from the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, use of profane language and/or outbursts of any kind, and unacceptable manners in public.
7. Will display a good attitude about yourself while attending all events and conduct yourself in a respectful and cooperative manner.
8. Once selected as the Princess you and/or your parents will be required to agree to and sign the MAAIC Princess contract / commitment.

## **PARENT INFORMATION** (for candidates under 18)

1. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be expected to attend and/or designate an individual to attend in their place, all official appearances of the Princess.
2. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will be expected to work in cooperation with the MAAIC and the Princess to insure the Princess fulfills all her responsibilities during her reign.

**CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate / Age \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS INFORMATION**

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

List all scholastic honors and accomplishments along with educational and school organizations you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you lived in the Wichita area? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your hobbies / sports? \_\_\_\_\_

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List other outside or school related organizations or groups that you belong to:

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List volunteer organizations or community services that you belong to or assist with:

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What is your dance style? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain what you know about the history of your dance style? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have your own regalia? YES / NO

Did you make your regalia? YES / NO

Describe/explain the colors and designs on your regalia? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who inspired you to run for princess and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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List any additional information about yourself that you feel would be interesting or informative about yourself. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Along with this application please include:

- Three (2) letters of recommendations, one of which must be from an organized Native American group within the Wichita Indian community or from a Native American Tribe. Only 1 letter of recommendation may be from a relative.
- A 4x6 or smaller picture of the candidate in tribal dress
- A one-page typed essay entitled "I Represent the Spirit of the Mid-America All-Indian Center and the Wichita Indian Community Because...."
- Written verification of 8 hours of volunteer service to the Mid-America All-Indian Center.

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By signing this Application and submitting it, the Candidate represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Candidate agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the MAAIC described in this Application, in the period before and during the year of service; and the Candidate meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in the regulations.

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

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

### **FOR CANDIDATES UNDER EIGHTEEN (18):**

\_\_\_\_\_ has our permission and support as a candidate for the position of Mid-America All-Indian Center Princess. We have discussed the obligations, rules and duties with our daughter and we understand them and agree to abide by them.

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

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

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

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