The UCSD Powwow Princess is asked to serve as a role model for Native American youth. She is a humble individual who exhibits pride in her traditional culture and should demonstrate humility, fortitude, and respect for herself, her people, and the Native American community. The UC San Diego Powwow Princess aims to represent all Native American students with a commitment to higher education and shall represent UC San Diego specifically. The UC San Diego Princess will be crowned Saturday, May 16th, 2020 at the 10th Annual UC San Diego Powwow. She will be honored with a UC San Diego princess crown and sash, as well as a $1000 scholarship at the end of her reign.

Qualifications
- Member or lineal descendant of Native American tribe (must provide proof)
- Must be 17-25 years of age on the day of the powwow
- Must be a current student (high school or college) in good standing
- Must not hold any other Princess titles simultaneously
- Must be knowledgeable about tribal traditions and powwow protocol

Selection
The UCSD Powwow princess will be selected based on a total Point System (25 pts. possible). Contestants will be judged on the following criteria:
- (10 pts.) Personal essay highlighting commitment to community and education
- (10 pts.) Letter of recommendation reflecting the applicant’s character as an excellent role model
- (5 pts.) Complete application (see checklist below) and supporting documents

Expectations for Princess
- NAHM Luncheon - princess will be asked to participate in the UC San Diego Native American Heritage Month Luncheon, held on a weekday, typically during the first week of November. Princess will be asked to provide a brief introduction and welcome.
- Native American Community Night Basketball Game - princess will be asked to attend this event (either in the evening or on a weekend) and provide a brief introduction and welcome.
- Represent UC San Diego at least 3 other powwows (more definitely welcomed!!) and/or community events (w/ crown and sash, as appropriate)
Powwow 101 Workshop - (Spring 2021) participate in 2021 powwow workshop on campus; exhibition dance and demonstration of full regalia, may be asked to talk about dance, regalia or other powwow protocols

Parade - represent UC San Diego powwow in 2021 MLK and/or Women’s parade in full regalia, including crown and sash

**Application Checklist:**

- A complete Powwow Princess Application
- Personal Essay highlighting commitment to community and education
- One letter of recommendation (from an individual not related to the contestant) - highlighting role model qualities.
- Current photograph in full regalia
- Copy of tribal enrollment or letter of descendancy
- Copy of most recent academic transcript
- Proof of age (copy of a birth certificate or gov’t issued ID - tribal ID cards accepted if the birthday is indicated)

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2020-2021 UC San Diego Powwow Princess Application

Personal Information:
Full Name: ___________________________________    Date of Birth: ______________________
Tribal Affiliation(s): _______________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________
Email: ______________________________________   Phone Number: ______________________
What style(s) of dance do you practice? ________________________________________________
How long have you been dancing? ____________________________________________________
Have you been crowned before?  If so, when and where? ___________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

The following (3) questions are for informational purposes only, they are not qualifying/disqualifying factors.

Are you married? ☐ yes  ☐ no
Do you have any children? ☐ yes  ☐ no
Do you speak your traditional language? ☐ yes  ☐ learning  ☐ no

Education:
Please check the appropriate box.*

☐ High school student
Name of high school: _______________________________________________________________
Expected date of graduation: _________________________________________________________
What college/university do you hope to attend in the future? ______________________________

☐ College student
Name of college/university: _____________________________   Major: _____________________

Additional Information:
Do you participate in any Native American organizations (i.e. school clubs, community groups, ed./youth centers, etc.)? If so please list activities here: ________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
Letter of Recommendation
Please provide (1) letter of recommendation from a community member (non-family member). The letter can include additional information but must address the following question:

*How does the applicant exemplify the qualities of a positive role model?*

Personal Essay
On a separate document, please submit a 1-2 page essay. You may include additional information that you would like to share with the committee, but you must address the following questions:

*How have you demonstrated a commitment to the Native American community?*  
*How have you demonstrated a commitment to education?*

Final Checklist

- Complete application
- Personal Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Current Photograph in full regalia
- Copy of tribal enrollment or letter of descendancy
- Copy of most recent academic transcript
- Proof of age (copy of the birth certificate or gov’t issued ID - tribal id cards accepted if the birthday is indicated)

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