Dear Contestant:

Thank you for your interest in the Miss Warm Springs program. The Miss Warm Springs program has a long history starting in 1969 with the crowning of Pebbles George. Since then, 44 women have held the title of Miss Warm Springs, serving as an ambassador and role model for the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon. Miss Warm Springs attends local, regional, national and international events and gatherings on behalf of our Nation.

As an ambassador, Miss Warm Springs is a role model and is expected to carry herself with the upmost respect, make herself available for public appearances in the community, be open to new experiences and continually work to improve her public speaking and leadership skills. The current titleholder will work with the Miss Warm Springs Coordinator and Committee throughout her reign to schedule her activities, raise funds for travel, prepare for other pageants and ensure that she is meeting her obligations as the titleholder. All titleholders and the alternate are expected to sign a contract outlining their obligations for their reign following her crowning.

Miss Warm Springs titleholders are expected to participate in local events, such as local parades, pow-wows, community gatherings, school functions, or any other function that you are requested to attend.

Miss Warm Springs receives a fully beaded crown along with other gifts. She additionally carries a traveling banner for the duration of her reign. Travel expenses for scheduled activities will be provided within the limits of the 2020 budget for Miss Warm Springs and the titleholder is be required to participate in fundraising efforts for her travel.

Please be sure to adhere to the application requirements and submit your application by Friday, February 28th, 2020. Applications can be dropped off at the Tribal Administration office in the Executive Management office or sent by email to norsampson@yahoo.com. All applicants are encouraged to contact the committee if you have any questions.

We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Norene Sampson

Miss Warm Springs Coordinator

# Application Check List

Please ensure that all documents are submitted by the stated deadline.

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| **☐** | Application form |
| **☐** | Copy of Certificate of Indian Blood or Tribal ID |
| **☐** | 2 reference letters  |
| **☐** | 2 page essay |

# General Rules

1. Applicants must be 18-24 years of age and/or reach the age of 18 before the Miss Warm Springs Pageant.
2. Applicants must never have been married, cohabitated or have dependents.
3. Must be alcohol and drug free throughout the duration of her reign.
4. Be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and a resident of the reservation for at least one continuous year prior to participating in the Miss Warm Springs pageant.
5. Must maintain residency on the reservation for at least one year after she wins the title. If titleholder is current attending school, arrangements will need to be made with Committee regarding residency. In most cases, all titleholders are expected to reside on the reservation during the summer months.
6. Always maintain and present oneself in a proper and responsible manner throughout the pageant and reign.
7. If currently a student have good attendance and be on track to graduate.
8. Serve as an ambassador and role model for the Nation and making herself available to attend and participate in local, regional, and national conferences, events, pageants, and public relations functions scheduled by Tribal Council, the Museum at Warm Springs, and other tribal enterprises and programs when requested or scheduled by the Miss Warm Springs Coordinator.
9. Work with Coordinator to develop a schedule of activities for the year including participation in the Miss Indian World pageant. Travel will be done within the appropriated budget for Miss Warm Springs.
10. Titleholder is required to participate in fundraising activities to support travel expenses.
11. Provide quarterly written updates on activities to be printed in the Spilyay Tymoo and at least one annual update to Tribal Council.
12. If the contestant holds another title and selected to be Miss Warm Springs, she must attend and represent The Confederated Tribes as Miss Warm Springs if the Tribe is financing the particular trip or event.
13. If for some reason Miss Warm Springs cannot meet her obligations, her alternate shall represent the tribes for the remainder of the reign. The Miss Warm Springs crown and banner will be made available to the alternate to finish the reign.

# Judging Categories

All contestants competing for the title of Miss Warm Springs will be judged and receive points in all categories listed below.

1. Personal interview with judges prior to the pageant.
2. Tabletop display that showcases personal interests, academic, and sports achievements as well as traditional skills.
3. Knowledge of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (history, traditional foods, culture, etc.).
4. Knowledge of state/national issues relevant to the Tribe.
5. Talent presentation (limit 3 minutes).
6. Traditional dancing – up to 2 types of dances may be performed at the pageant.
7. 2 page essay addressing the following topics (1 inch margin, 12 font, double spaced):
	1. Introduction of yourself, family, current academic or work information.
	2. Why you would like to become Miss Warm Springs.
	3. What would be your platform during your reign as Miss Warm Springs.
8. Questions from the judges.
9. Poise, speaking ability and overall appearance.

All Miss Warm Springs contestants and titleholders are expected to have knowledge of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs history, government and issues. This includes but is not limited to the 1855 Treaty with the Middle Tribes of Oregon, the 3 tribes that make up the Confederacy (Warm Springs, Wasco, Paiute), Tribal Council structure as well as the current Chiefs and elected representatives, general knowledge of issues impacting the Tribe, general knowledge of state/national Tribal issues, and finally tribal enterprises. It is also important for contestants to have knowledge of traditional foods, ceremonies, clothing, crafts and social activities. Contestants will be questioned during the interview process and will answer questions from the judges during the pageant.

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| **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**  |
| Last Name:      | First Name:      | Middle Initial:      |
| Indian Name:       | English Meaning:       |
| List below the Tribe(s) you are representing in this pageant:  |
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| Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):       | Place of Birth:       |
| P.O. Box/Street Address:      | Apt. /Unit #:        |
| City:      | State:      | Zip Code:       |
| Home Number:(     )       | Cell Number:(     )       | Work Number:(     )       |
| Email Address (REQUIRED):      |
| **FAMILY INFORMATION:** |
| Mother’s Name:      | Tribe(s):      |
| Father’s Name:       | Tribe(s):      |
| Maternal Grandparents Name:       | Paternal Grandparents Name:       |
| **EDUCATION BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** |
| High School Name:       | Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy):       |
| High School - City/State/Province:       |
| College Name:       | Major:       |
| College - City/State/Province:      |
| Year in College:      | Date of Attendance (mm/dd/yyyy): FROM:       TO:       |
| Current Employer:       | Current Position:       |

**Contestant Application**

 Please type or write clearly in the fields listed below.

**Contestant Application**

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| List your community involvement (volunteer work, clubs, church, professional):      |
| List your hobbies:      |
| List any awards or honors received whether personal or professional:      |

**AFFIRMATION:**
I affirm that the contents contained herein and other submitted documents, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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| Signature of Contestant |  | Date |

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| Signature of Parent/Guardian (if contestant under 18) |  | Date |