

Little and Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant

2025 COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

BEST DRESSED (20%)

The dress should be short and age-appropriate for Little Miss and long and age-appropriate for Junior Miss. Contestants will be judged on **Stage Presentation** (walk, posture, personality, and self-confidence), **Overall Appearance** (Hair, makeup, smile, and fit of the dress).

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Each category listed gives a detailed description and percentage value for scoring. **OPENING NUMBER** is not listed because contestants are not scored in this element. However, it is your first impression on stage.

TALENT (30%)

Each contestant's presentation should be limited to **2 minutes and 30 seconds**. Each presentation will be evaluated for the time limit prior to competition day. You will be judged on **Technical Skill** (execution, technique, and skill level), **Stage Presence** (personality, confidence, smile, eye contact, and level of entertainment), and **Overall Appearance** (Hair, makeup, appropriateness of song choice, and attire for talent).

ON-STAGE QUESTION (20%)

The On-Stage question is designed to show the contestant's confidence, and ability to express herself and showcase her speaking skills. This should not be a rehearsed response therefore you will not be given the "specific" question prior to the competition. Judges will be looking for your ability to think on your feet and your ability to convey your message clearly expressing thoughts and opinions. You will be judged on **Communication Skills** (Ability to express thoughts/opinions clearly and articulately.), **Overall Impression** (Confidence, eye contact, and overall stage presence with the ability to engage the audience and judges).

AGE REQUIREMENT

Little Miss: Contestants must be 5-9 years old
(*must be 5 by the night of the pageant*).
Junior Lumbee: Contestants must be 10-13 years old
(*must be 10 by the night of the pageant*).

REGALIA (30%)

Each contestant will wear a **traditional Lumbee Patchwork Regalia** designed by personal choice and expression. You are **NOT** judged on the design of regalia itself so it does not matter how much detail you use; this element is not competitive but expressive. The regalia should be a **SIMPLE TRADITIONAL DESIGN**, which means no crinoline under the skirt. Take the time to research the traditional design and build your regalia from there utilizing a simplistic design that represents you. You are judged on **Technique and Poise** (Walk, posture, confidence, eye contact, personality, stage presence, and SMILE!), and **Overall Appearance** (Hair, makeup, fit of regalia, and first impression).

Applications will be released in spring 2025 with a THREE WEEK deadline to apply. You are **REQUIRED** to attend an **Applicant Orientation Meeting** to review and discuss the pageant rules and regulations and the contestant agreement. This is your opportunity to ask questions and gain a full understanding of LRDA's expectations and guidelines. You will be notified by the Pageant Director of the meeting details after the close of the application deadline.

Contact Crystal Strong at cstrong@lumbee.org for questions regarding the information listed above.

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2025 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

01

Official Application

To be submitted online through the link provided at www.lumbee.org or on social media sites.

02

Entry Fee

Money Order or Cashier's Check for \$200.00 made payable to LRDA Homecoming, or the fee may be paid online when submitting the application.

03

Proof of Tribal Enrollment

Please include a copy of your tribal enrollment card or certification letter from the Tribal Enrollment Office. If you do not have an enrollment card, you can submit a biological parent's tribal enrollment card.

04

Proof of Age

Must include a copy of your birth certificate.

Little Miss Lumbee

Contestants must be 5-9 years old (must be 5 by the night of the pageant).

Junior Miss Lumbee

Contestants must be 10-13 years old (must be 10 by the night of the pageant).

05

Headshot

The pageant committee will schedule a date and location to take these. Photos are not judged but are used for the program book and other media outlets.

06

Talent Information

Please include the type of talent, the title of your music, and a brief description of your talent. This will be used as your talent introduction on the night of the pageant.

07

Contestant Agreement

A signed contestant agreement must be included with your application. This is your statement that you have read, understand, and will abide by the rules and regulations as a Little Miss/Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant contestant.

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One Page Essay

The essay should be 100 words for Little and 150 words for Junior **typed double-spaced, Times New Roman 12pt. font with your name signed at the end.** No handwritten submissions will be accepted. Word or PDF file formats only, no pictures.

Essay should include the following:

- Why do you want to be Little Miss or Junior Miss Lumbee?

Please refer to the rules and regulations prior to submitting your application at www.lumbee.org.