

# MISS ODAWA NATION 2024-2025

**Background & Overview:** Odawa Indian princess pageants began in 1939 in Petoskey, Michigan. The Miss Odawa Nation contest carries on the tradition of selecting a young, Odawa woman to represent the local community. Open to Native American girls from the ages of 13-19, Miss Odawa Nation is selected by acquiring points in a variety of categories. She must have knowledge of the customs, traditions and the history of the Odawa Nation. Please prepare the following items for your application:

1. Official Entry Application
2. Letter of Reference/Support from a mentor, tribal elder, educator, employer or other non-related adult familiar with applicant. Must include a current contact phone number.
3. Certification of Native American blood or tribal affiliation. Applicant must have Odawa heritage and be at least ¼ Native American. This certification can be in the form of a signed document from a tribal enrollment department or a copy of a tribal identification card/status card.
4. Signed Contestant Agreement (with a parent/guardian signature if under 18)
5. Current photograph: (preferably a 5x7 color photo). The photographs of Miss Odawa contestants and Miss Odawa Nation may be utilized in tribal publications.
6. Short Bio: Submit a short essay with your application (1½ to 2 pages in length) about yourself. Share goals, ambitions, education, family and interest/hobbies, anything you would like to include. This essay may be published publicly.
7. Submit an essay titled, “What would I do and/or accomplish as Miss Odawa Nation?” This essay should be 1 to 2 pages long and preferably typed.
8. 2024 – 2025 Miss Odawa Nation Release Form

Miss Odawa Nation will compete in the following categories:

- Essay – “What would I do and/or accomplish as Miss Odawa Nation?”
- Biography
- Interview
- Dance Exhibition
- Public Speaking

All contestants will be judged according to the above criteria. The contestant with the highest accumulated points will be crowned Miss Odawa Nation for one year.

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## Official Application

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe \_\_\_\_\_

## Education/Employment

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Honors or  
Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Affirmation

I solemnly swear the information contained herein, and other documents submitted, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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- As a contestant for the title of Miss Odawa Nation, you represent yourself, your family and the Odawa people.
- Miss Odawa Nation shall conduct herself in a respectful way, especially when wearing the Miss Odawa crown and/or sash. This means you will refrain from the use of alcohol, illegal substances (narcotics), smoking in public, using profane language and/or having an outburst of any kind. This also includes inappropriate socializing with a boyfriend (i.e. display of affection, etc.) in public and/or with friends. Any infringement of these moral standards will result in disqualification as a Miss Odawa Nation contestant and, in the case of the chosen Miss Odawa Nation, loss of the title, crown and sash. Should this unfortunate situation occur, the first runner-up from the most recent competition will be asked to assume the Miss Odawa Nation title and duties.
- You affirm you are not married and have no dependents (children) nor have had any children.
- You affirm you do not have a criminal record.
- All contestants must be drug and alcohol free.
- You must refrain from posting inappropriate pictures/photos or comments on social media.
- You must have a positive attitude before, during and after the contest. You will be required to respect and cooperate with fellow contestants, the Miss Odawa Nation Committee, Judges, Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow staff, the general public and anyone else you may come in contact with at all times.
- As a contestant, you cannot have previously held the title of Miss Odawa Nation.
- Miss Odawa Nation is expected to participate in and be on time for at least four pow wows in Michigan and two community events in the Harbor Springs/Petoskey area. The major part of being Miss Odawa is to represent the Odawa people. Monetary and logistical travel assistance and reimbursements are to be coordinated through Annette VanDeCar at 231-242-1427 or [avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).
- Miss Odawa Nation is responsible for the Miss Odawa Nation crown. After reigning for one year, the crown must be returned in the same condition as when it was awarded.
- All the above rules also apply to Miss Odawa Nation when representing the Odawa people, LTBB and the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow outside of Michigan.

These rules/regulations must be obeyed while representing the Odawa people. Failure to abide by these rules/regulations will result in disqualification as a Miss Odawa Nation contestant or your title being forfeited.

By signing this document, I have read and agree to the rules/regulations listed above.

Signature of Contestant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Release Form

I give LTBB Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar my permission to use the information included in my biography submitted to the Miss Odawa Nation Committee for an article which will appear in the September issue of Odawa Trails.

Once the article is written, it will be sent to me to review before publication. At that time, I can indicate any changes needed to be made to the article.

I also give LTBB Communications Department staff my permission to take a photo of myself and my immediate family after I am crowned on Saturday at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow. That photo will be sent to me to review before publication. I also understand photos of me as Miss Odawa Nation may be selected for use in other publications related to the LTBB tribe, the Miss Odawa Nation program and/or the Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow.

I am including an e-mail address where the article and the photo can be sent for my review.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if under 18)

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## Application Checklist

The application process requires submitting the following items to Annette VanDeCar, Miss Odawa Nation Program, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740. Applications will be accepted until noon on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

**PLEASE NOTE: ADDITIONAL POINTS WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE CONTESTANTS WHO SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS BY: AUGUST 3, 2024.**

Please submit:

- Official Entry Application
- Letter of Reference/Support
- Proof of Tribal Affiliation
- Signed Contestant Agreement
- Current Photograph
- 1-2 page essay about yourself (biography)
- 1-2 page essay: *“What would I do and/or accomplish as Miss Odawa Nation?”*

To: Annette VanDeCar  
Miss Odawa Nation Program  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you would like more information, please contact Annette VanDeCar at [avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

# MIIGWETCH AND GOOD LUCK!