



## 2024 – 2025 Daughter of Morongo Division I and II Application Packet

### Qualifications

Daughter of Morongo contestants must meet the following minimum requirements to be eligible:

- ❖ Division I must be at least 5 years of age, not more than 13 years before June 8, 2024.
- ❖ Division II must be at least 14 years of age, not more than 17 years before June 8, 2024.
- ❖ Must be an enrolled member of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- ❖ Maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA or submit a copy of your high school diploma/GED.
- ❖ All applicants must be unmarried/non-cohabiting and without child(ren) for entire reign.

### Selection

Daughter of Morongo is based on a total point system. Contestants will be judged on the following criteria:

- ❖ Raffle Ticket Sales
  - Raffle tickets will be sold online under the tribe's website: <https://morongoculture.com/daughters-warriors-of-morongo/> and as paper tickets.
  - Paper Raffle ticket sales counting towards the contestants will end by 5:00PM on June 7, 2024
  - Online Raffle ticket sales counting towards the contestants will end by 11:59pm on June 7, 2024.

Daughters of Morongo shall serve to represent the Morongo Band of Mission Indians as role models and goodwill ambassadors for the tribe and the community. While holding the title these ladies must exemplify the qualities of humility, truth and respect for themselves and their people, just as past Daughters of Morongo have upheld over the years.

Daughter of Morongo will be crowned on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Morongo Band of Mission Indians Cultural Heritage Days Celebration. Please direct inquiries to Maria Lorenzo at 951-755-5139, [mlorenzo@morongo-nsn.gov](mailto:mlorenzo@morongo-nsn.gov) or the contact information below:

Cultural Heritage Days Celebration  
ATTN: Daughter of Morongo Contest  
Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
12700 Pumarra Rd., Banning, CA 92220

## **Application Checklist**

All applicants must have submitted a complete application by 5:00pm, Friday, May 31, 2024 to be considered a contestant. Applications can be dropped off at Tribal Administration, mailed or emailed to [mlorenzo@morongo-nsn.gov](mailto:mlorenzo@morongo-nsn.gov). If applications are mailed, they must be postmarked on or before Friday, May 31, 2024.

1. Daughter of Morongo Application will consist of the following:
  - ◆ 2024-2025 Cultural Heritage Days Celebration Daughter of Morongo Application
  - ◆ Code of Conduct and General Guidelines Agreement
2. Birth Certificate & Tribal Enrollment Document
  - ◆ These will be used to verify contestant's age & tribal member status
3. Current school report card, if applicable, or a copy of your high school diploma/GED, 2.0 GPA
4. Provide a list of Morongo cultural and or government activities in which you have participated.
5. A current photograph: 5x7 portrait

**~ All information will be kept confidential ~**

All contestants will be judged according to the above categories, as well as their individual ticket sales. The contestant with the highest ticket sales in their respective division will be crowned Daughter of Morongo on Saturday, June 8, 2024 and will reign for one year.



**2024-2025 Daughter of Morongo Application**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT & GENERAL GUIDELINES AGREEMENT**

**As a contestant and for the title of 2024-2025 Daughter of Morongo:**

- ❖ You represent yourself, your family, your tribe(s) and communities.
- ❖ You must have a positive and respectful attitude about yourself, before during and after the pageant. You will be expected to respect, cooperate and participate with Daughter of Morongo Committee, judges, the general public, and anyone else you may come in contact with.

**If crowned 2024-2025 Daughter of Morongo:**

- ❖ You must not conduct yourself in any way that would have an adverse effect on yourself, your family, your tribe(s), communities and the American Indian community at large.
- ❖ You will be expected to wear the crown and sash provided to you by the committee when participating in Grand Entry at the Thunder and Lightning Powwow, and other powwows, gatherings, events and conferences you attend in the future.
- ❖ You will represent the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and be a welcoming figure at the following events: Dragonfly Gala (August), 2024 Thunder and Lightning Powwow (September), 2024 Open Ranch Rodeo (October), as well as other events that Tribal Council, the Cultural Heritage Days Committee or Cultural Heritage Department may request your attendance and participation.
  - Regularly attend Tribal Council and General Membership meetings.
  - Become involved in a tribal committee, cultural department has 3 committees (Cultural Day's, Powwow, and Rodeo) recommend assistance.
  - Learn to make your own bird dress.
  - Learn the seasons of traditional gatherings – food, medicine, dwellings, clothing, and hunting elements, (acorn, mesquite, pinon nuts, yerba santa, chia, willow, arrow weed, cotton wood, etc.).
  - Help with Cultural workshops, events (Cultural Day's, Powwow, and Rodeo), and traditional gatherings.
  - Learn an introduction monthly from your native language.
  - Assist with promoting Cahuilla/Serrano language to the community (social media, web page, power points).
  - Learn one element monthly in our traditional culture
    - Bird Song /Dance
    - Traditional games (history, songs, objects)
    - Cahuilla/Serrano Creation Story
    - Morongo's Irrigation system (stone ditch)
    - Significance of a Tribal Village Site (artifacts)
    - Morongo Round up's
    - Morongo Orchards
    - Morongo Canyons and their importance within (history).

- Basket Weaving/Hunting tools (history, usage, and begin/or make your own).
  - Gathering of Medicines (creosote) usage, gathering, preparation.
  - Native Gathering (acorns) usage, preparation, season
  - Pottery – gathering of clay, learn how to make a traditional item, and preparation (firing of pots/items).
  - Significance of White Sage / Tobacco (gathering, usage, and tradition)
- ❖ You must keep a consistent and professional line of communication with the Cultural Heritage Days Committee within the entirety of your reign.
  - ❖ ***Create a video of your choice on the aspects of what you have learned after each workshop, lesson, or experience. At the end of your term, you will be asked to present a PowerPoint of everything combined.***

I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above Code of Conduct/General Guidelines as a Contestant of the Daughter of Morongo Pageant and as a potential titleholder of the Daughter of Morongo.

I understand that I may be disqualified as a Contestant of the Daughter of Morongo Pageant if I deviate from the Conditions outlined above.

I understand that if I am crowned 2024-2025 Daughter of Morongo, the Cultural Heritage Days Committee will hold me accountable to the expectations of the 2023-2024 Daughter of Morongo titleholder as outlined above.

I understand that if I am crowned 2024-2025 Daughter of Morongo, the Cultural Heritage Days Committee reserves the right to ask me to relinquish my title for failure to meet to the expectations of 2024-2025 Daughter of Morongo titleholder as outlined above, or for any reason not stated in this document but the Cultural Heritage Days Committee see as applicable, and that I will immediately return my medallion, crown and sash to the Cultural Heritage Days Committee in a cooperative and dignified manner.

I understand that if I am crowned, this code of conduct and general guidelines agreement will still pertain to me, as 2024-2025 Daughter of Morongo.

I understand that photos and media taken of 2024-2025 Daughter of Morongo during my reign reflect on the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, its programs and my family, community, and myself, therefore I agree to conduct myself with respect, honor and composure while holding this title.

I acknowledge and agree to allow the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Cultural Heritage Days Committee and Cultural Heritage Department to use photographs, films, and social media for promotional materials.

Contestant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please make a copy for your personal records and return this agreement with original signature to:

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