Dear Contestant,

As we begin this journey to crowning Teen Miss Lumbee 2014 and Miss Lumbee 2014, excitement is growing with each day**. All applications are due at the first contestant meeting Friday, April 18, 2014 at 5:30pm here at LRDA.** Please bring all items listed in your checklist. Please remember that only money orders can be accepted. Please make these to LRDA Lumbee Homecoming.

 At the contestant meeting we will be discussing Opening Number attire, details regarding interviews and on-stage question and the practice schedule. This is also the time to bring any questions you may have regarding the pageant. Please come dressed dressy-casual. There will not be any rehearsing at the meeting.

The choreographer for the pageant will be Mr. Zavery McDougald. Mr. McDougald has many years of pageant experience and you will enjoy working with him.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting each of you!

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Hunt

Miss Lumbee & Teen Miss Lumbee Pageant Director

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Checklist for items to be submitted with application:

* Registration fee $200.00 – **Must be money order to LRDA Lumbee Homecoming**
* Completed Contestant Information form
* Copy of birth certificate – Teen Miss Lumbee (13-17) Miss Lumbee (18-26) This is determined by the age you are on the day of the pageant (July 3, 2014)
* Proof of Lumbee Tribal Enrollment
* Signed Contestant Rules
* Platform Essay – One page in length. This should be an essay that informs the judges about your platform as it relates to you. More importantly you need to tell the judges what you have already done with your platform, and what you plan to do if chosen Miss Lumbee or Teen Miss Lumbee. Be advised that anything you write in your essay could become a question in your interview.

**There will not be a Signature Fee, Signature Poster, or Signature Award.**

There are a few things to remember when completing your application:

1. Under the “Talent” portion of your application it is not necessary to list the exact title of your talent presentation. You may simply indicate if you will sing (classical, popular, country), dance (tap, jazz, lyrical), play an instrument (which instrument), perform a reading (monologue, comedy, skit) or whatever you choose for your talent.

2. “Interesting Facts” is an opportunity to share things with the judges that could lead to interesting conversation during your interview. For example, you may own a unique pet, or have an extra-large shoe size, or have an unusual talent. Be creative.

3. Contestant photos will be taken at LRDA. Date will be given at a later time.

**Competition Information**

**Opening Number:** Opening number is not a judged competition. Opening number is designed to showcase the contestants and set the tone for the pageant. This is a time for contestants to have fun with the audience and shine. Opening number attire will be given at a later date.

**Talent**: The talent portion of the competition is designed to showcase the contestant’s artistic and entertaining abilities. Contestants are highly encouraged to be creative and unique. Time limit for talent will be two and a half minutes (2:30). Props are subject to approval first by the Miss Lumbee Pageant Committee, and second by the Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) staff. This area of competition will count for twenty percent (20%) of contestants total score.

**Evening Gown**: The evening gown competition is designed to showcase contestant’s beauty and personal style. This time on stage should be used to communicate a contestant’s personality and elegance. Gowns should be age appropriate and no excessive long train. This competition will count for twenty percent (20%) of contestants total score.

**Regalia**: The regalia competition is designed to display contestant’s natural beauty and grace. Contestants are asked to wear a traditional Lumbee Pinecone Patchwork regalia with a traditional fringed shawl and fan. There are no rules for personalizing your regalia. Contestants are asked, however, to remember that this is not evening gown competition and a regalia should be a reflection of who they are. This competition will count for twenty percent (20%) of contestants total score.

**Interview**: The interview competition is designed to showcase contestants’ communication skills, platform, intelligence, personality, and general knowledge of Lumbee History and Culture. Interview for Miss Contestants will be eight (8) minutes. Interviews for Teen contestants will be six (6) minutes in length. Contestants are asked to prepare a thirty (30) second closing statement. NO OPENING STATEMENTS. More details regarding interview time and location will be given during rehearsals. This competition will count for thirty percent (30%) of contestants total score.

**On-Stage Question:** The on-stage question is designed to give the contestants the opportunity to display their personality and knowledge on Lumbee culture and history with the audience. Contestants will be competing in on-stage question in their regalias’. This competition will count for ten percent (10%) of contestants total score.

**Contestant Rules**

* **Gender –** I am a female.
* **Marital Status –** I am not now nor have I ever been married, or had a marriage annulled.
* **Parental Status –** I am not now, nor have I ever been pregnant. I am not the adoptive parent of any child, nor will I become the adoptive parent of any child during my Year of Service.
* **Good Character –** I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude or behavior that is, or could be, perceived by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. as unbecoming.
* **Criminal Record –** I have not been charged with multiple minor or petty offenses. I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.
* **Substance Abuse –** I do not use or consume any illegal or controlled substances other than those obtained pursuant to a valid prescription and taken according to the directions of a licensed health care professional. I do not abuse the use of alcohol, prescriptive drugs or other dangerous substances.
* **Prior Conduct –** I have never, knowingly or unknowingly, performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. could characterize as dishonest, immoral, lewd or indecent.
* **Health –** I am in good health and can, to the best of my knowledge, participate fully in any and all pageant activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede my ability to participate and compete in all activities of the Miss Lumbee and Teen Miss Lumbee Pageant.
* **Other Competitions –** If I win, I will continue to hold the title of Miss Lumbee or Teen Miss Lumbee until my successor is selected or appointed. I agree that during my service I will not associate in any way with, promote, judge or become a contestant or participate in any other pageants.
* **Conduct of the Competition –** I understand and agree that Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of all scholarships in its sole discretion. The decision of the persons designated by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. to judge the various events in any and all matter pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.
* **Contestant Conduct –** I understand and agree that all practices as set forth by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. are mandatory. I also understand and agree that all practices are closed to the public. I further understand that profanity, abusive behavior and any behavior that could be deemed unsportsmanlike will not be tolerated. If I so choose to display these behaviors at any point, I understand I will be disqualified from the competition and will not be refunded my entry fee.
* **Social Media –** I understand and agree to not misuse any form of social media. This includes, but is not limited to: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Voy Boards. I agree that any conduct on any social media site found unbecoming by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. could result in my disqualification from the competition.

By signing this document I hereby agree to the rules as they have been listed above. I further agree that if I am found not in compliance with any of the above rules, it is the sole discretion of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. to terminate my participation in the pageant.

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Signature of Contestant (Miss) Signature of Contestant (Teen)

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Print Name Signature of Parent (If contestant is not 18)

**Contestant Information Form**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parents: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Grade/Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Platform: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Employer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Talent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Education/Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Honors/Awards: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Interesting Facts: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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