



NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL INC. Hózhó Naasháa Pageant Application

MISSION STATEMENT:

The NPS Ambassadors will exemplify the essence and character of Indigenous cultures and traditions. Ambassadors will uphold the role of Navajo Prep Leaders in the global society, continually making efforts to preserve Indigenous cultures, display leadership, and represent Navajo Preparatory School in a traditional manner of respect, pride, and honor.

BENEFITS:

As representatives of Navajo Preparatory School, NPS Ambassadors have the opportunity to gain personal growth and skills in the following:

- Develop leadership skills as an Ambassador for Navajo Preparatory School.
- Public Speaking, communication, networking, and public relations skills.
- Travel across the world and Navajo Nation on behalf of Navajo Preparatory School.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

1. NPS Ambassadors are to conduct themselves in a cordial and respectful manner at all times. Portray a positive role model to peers, youth, and the general public.
2. NPS Ambassadors are to maintain a 3.00 GPA or better, must not be on academic probation, and no major discipline referrals during their reign.
3. NPS Ambassadors will comply with the Navajo Preparatory Community Handbook, policies and its procedures.

The Navajo Preparatory School Hózhó Naasháa Pageant checklist form will help you in completing your Hózhó Naasháa Pageant Contestant application packet. The completed application is required to be in Hózhó Naasháa Pageant Committee's files before your application can be accepted and processed.

Completed application submission deadline: **September 16, 2024 by 5PM.**

Incomplete packets will not be accepted and returned to the applicant.



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The completed application:

1. _____ Hózhó Naashá Pageant Contest Eligibility are met:
 - a. Current Navajo Preparatory School student in grade level 9th -11th for the school year.
 - b. Must have a 3.00 cumulative G.P.A. at the time of submission. Freshmen may submit 1st Quarter grades as proof of 3.00 G.P.A.
 - c. Must be knowledgeable and/or willing to learn about Indigenous cultures, languages, and traditions.
 - d. Can only reign for one school year.
2. _____ Complete and sign Hózhó Naashá Pageant Contest application.
3. _____ Attach one recent color photo of yourself in traditional attire (waist up photo).
4. _____ Attach 2 letters of recommendations from any of the following: teachers, advisors, counselor, librarian, administrator, or other professional non-relative (non-committee member listed).
5. _____ Attach a personal biography for introduction and newsletter purposes.
6. _____ Attach an unofficial transcript
7. _____ Attach a resume
8. _____ Submit an outline of your “future plans” presentation that will be presented at the pageant. Your presentation can be produced using any source of media of your choosing. Presentation should be no longer than 5 minutes, your presentation will include and answer at least two of the following questions:
 - a. How will you apply your Indigenous knowledge and culture diversity to your future plans?
 - b. Choose one Learner Profile and explain how you exemplify it?
 - c. How will holding the title of Hózhó Naashá Ambassador help you in reaching your goal?
 - d. What can you do to help your community?



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All Navajo Prep students are welcomed to participate in the pageant. In preparation for Hózhó Naasháa Pageant activities, all contestants will provide their own supplies and equipment in presenting their Contemporary and Traditional Talents.

Navajo Prep royalty will be represented by two students:

I am applying for: **Miss Hózhó Naashá / Ayáásh Ambassador**
(Cisgender Female / Gender Non-binary)

Mr. Atsá Hastíín / Ayáásh Ambassador
(Cisgender Male / Gender non-binary)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ Hometown: _____

Student Phone #: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____

Parent Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Full Name of Parents / Guardians: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____ Maternal Clan: _____ Paternal Clan: _____

Student Maternal Grandfather Clan: _____

Student Paternal Grandfather Clan: _____

What IB Learner Profile best describes you?

List any achievement(s) or special recognition(s) you received in or out of School.

What hobbies, interests, or extracurricular activities (ie. Sports, clubs) are you involved in?

Briefly explain your Contemporary Talent you will perform at the Pageant (cannot be changed once application has been submitted):

Briefly explain your Traditional Talent you will perform at the Pageant (cannot be changed once application has been submitted):



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RESPONSIBILITIES:

Navajo Preparatory School Ambassadors are highly respected representatives and are hereby to uphold the following responsibilities:

1. Ambassadors must provide all traditional attire and jewelry at their own expense and its safekeeping.
2. Ambassadors are to dress in their traditional attire each Wednesday during their reign and during cultural events held by the school.
3. Ambassadors will coordinate with Hózhó Naashá Pageant Sponsor in participating as an NPS representative at schools and community culture events/activities.
4. Ambassadors are to refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, smoking, profane language, and unacceptable socializing with peers in public.
5. Miss Hózhó Naashá is responsible for the care and safekeeping of the crown and sash during her reign.
6. Mr. Atsá Hastiin is responsible for the care and safekeeping of the bow guard and satchel during his reign.
7. Ayáásh Ambassador is responsible for the care and safekeeping of the Navajo Prep medallion and sash during their reign.
8. All reigning ambassadors are responsible for obtaining the appropriate robe or shawl to give as a gift to the next ambassador.

PARENT / GUARDIAN ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

If my child is selected as an ambassador to represent Navajo Preparatory School, we/I will hereby uphold the following parental role and responsibilities:

(Initial)

_____ I may take my student to represent the school at various functions such as parades and community events at my own expense and provide transportation.

_____ I must commit to attending at least three (3) non-school hour events/activities

_____ I will purchase a Pendleton robe/shawl for the incoming NPS Ambassador.

_____ I will support my child as an NPS Ambassador during events and activities throughout the year.

_____ I will support the Hózhó Naashá staff and adhere to the NPS community handbook policies.



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PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT

I hereby authorize that my child _____ has my permission to participate in the Hózhó Naashá Pageant. I have read and understand the Hózhó Naashá Pageant Contest Eligibility and do agree and meet all those requirements.

I have read and understand the “Code of Conduct” and “Responsibilities” and my child accepts full responsibility to uphold if selected to serve as 2024-2025; Miss Hózhó Naashá, Mr. Atsá Hastiin, and/or Ayáásh Ambassador.

I understand and accept the “Parent/Guardian Role and Responsibilities” and “Navajo Preparatory School Role and Responsibilities” and proper coordination will be adhered to.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

LIABILITY RELEASE:

This agreement releases Navajo Preparatory School, Inc. from all liability relating to injuries that may occur during the Hózhó Naashá Pageant activities and Miss Hózhó Naashá, Mr. Atsá Hastiin, and/or Ayáásh Ambassador reign. By signing this agreement, I agree to hold Navajo Preparatory School Inc. free from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries incurred, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence.

I also acknowledge the risks involved in my child participating in the Hózhó Naashá Pageant, events, and activities. Additionally, I do not have any conditions that will increase my likelihood of experiencing injuries while engaging in these activities.

By signing, I forfeit all rights to bring a suit again Navajo Preparatory School Inc. for any reason. In return, I will also make every effort to obey safety precautions as explained to me verbally. I will ask for clarification when needed.

AFFIRMATION:

I solemnly swear that the contents herein, and other documents submitted are true, original and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Contestant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Navajo Preparatory School will support the NPS Ambassadors in providing the following:

1. Transportation to and from calendared events
2. Hózhó Naashá Ambassador sponsor, whom will mentor, support in planning and coordinating school approved events.
3. Respect and care for NPS ambassador regalia.
4. Provide a chaperone for school approved events in support of participation of Hózhó Naashá Ambassadors.
5. Provide budget/funding for school approved events.

H)ZH+ NAASH! PAGEANT COMMITTEE

If NPS Ambassadors should violate any code of conduct and/or responsibilities, the Hózhó Naashá Committee reserve the right to review, address and make final decisions on any allegations. If the Hózhó Naashá Committee finds the NPS Ambassador(s) is/are at fault of any misconduct or infraction, the NPS Ambassador(s) will relinquish their title, all benefits, royalties, and honors derived from Hózhó Naashá pageant and reign. The Hózhó Naashá Pageant Committee's final decisions cannot be appealed. If NPS Ambassadors relinquish their title for any reason, the first runner-up will assume the role and responsibility of the respective title for the school year.

PAGEANT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Shawna Becenti	Kandice Duvall	Hailey Thomas
Kevin Belin	Margaret Staggers	Yvette Escojeda
Denise Jensen	Rodera Johnson	Darah Tabrum
Lynelle Washburn	Shawna Eaton	Fabienne Denet
Anthony Cruz		

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Date received: _____

Committee Member receiving: _____