



Navajo Preparatory School Inc. Hózhó Naashá Pageant Application SY 25-26

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

Completed application submission deadline: **September 24th at 5:00PM.**

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 not have a cumulative GPA during the 1st semester, but may be subject to evaluations from their current NPS teachers.
 - 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 2 letters of recommendations from any of the following: teachers, advisors, counselor, librarian, administrator, or other professional non-relative. Pageant committee members may not submit a letter of recommendation for a student.
4. _____ Attach a personal biography for introduction and newsletter purposes.
5. _____ Attach a resume
6. _____ 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. The 5 minutes presentation will include the following components:

- a. How will holding the title of Hózhó Naashá Ambassador help you in reaching your goal(s)?
- b. Where do you see yourself in 10 years
- c. What is a career path you are interested in pursuing and why?
- d. How will you give back to your community (could be spiritual, service, intellectual, etc.)



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

Navajo Prep royalty will be represented by two students:

I am applying for:

Miss Hózhó Naashá /
(Cisgender Female)

Mr. Atsá Hastiín / Ayáásh Ambassador
(Cisgender Male)

Ayáásh Ambassador
(Gender Non-Binary)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ 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 the Contemporary Talent you will perform at the Pageant (cannot be changed once application has been submitted):



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

List the names of the people who you would like to have permission to be back stage to support during the pageant and how they will assist you:

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 each other and the Hózhó Naashá Pageant Sponsor to represent NPS at school, advocacy, outreach, and community events.
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 Hastíin is responsible for the care and safekeeping of the bow guard and sash 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 2025-2026; 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 against 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, who 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 Allison Becenti	Addyson Salazar	Bradley Redhouse	Yvette Escojeda
Margaret Staggers	Darah Tabrum	Rodera Johnson	Brent Garcia
Shawna Eaton	April Chee	Marla Billey	Desmon Tippeconnie
Fabrienne Denet			

Please submit the completed application to Ms. Maragaret Staggers by September 24th.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received: _____