



# Miss WEIO Cultural Pageant Application 2024

## Miss WEIO Mission Statement

As a representative of World Exhibition of Indigenous Olympics (formally known as World Eskimo-Indian Olympics), Miss WEIO embodies the ideals for which WEIO was created. She is knowledgeable of her Native culture, language and traditions. She agrees to encompass the spirit of WEIO by honoring traditions of strength, agility, and endurance in harmony with the Native way of life.

Miss WEIO is respectful of elders from all cultures and agrees to share her knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Native Heritage. She is familiar with and understands WEIO. Miss WEIO is alcohol and drug free and promotes sobriety for all people. She is knowledgeable of Native issues and supports subsistence and the Native lifestyle. Miss WEIO will assist in the preservation and perpetuation of traditional Indigenous people's games of skill, dances, and the arts as a representative of WEIO.

### **To the Prospective Miss WEIO Contestants:**

The Miss WEIO Committee welcomes you to the 2024 World Exhibition of Indigenous Olympics! We are very pleased you are considering your participation in this year's Miss WEIO Pageant. We are firmly convinced that all participants will experience a turning point in their lives as the result of their participation.

To assist you in your preparation to enter the Miss WEIO Pageant, we are providing this information packet. Please review and read carefully all the information we have provided.

Return the completed application to the WEIO coordinator at [kunaq@weio.org](mailto:kunaq@weio.org) or at the WEIO office along with a \$200 entry fee for the contestant. Make check out to WEIO and submit by the July deadline.

This year's WEIO will be held July 10-13, 2024. Contestants are expected to arrive in Fairbanks by Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Miss WEIO Orientation will be on Tuesday evening at 7 pm. The competition will begin on Wednesday morning.

**This year, we are providing housing at the MacLean House. Additionally, we will have a van that transports contestants from the venue to their housing.**

Each contestant is encouraged to have a helper join them throughout the competition. This helper aids the contestant to prepare for each competition and if she is crowned, the helper will read their bio at coronation.

Please be aware that each application will be photocopied for each of the Miss WEIO Pageant judges, so your application should be clearly legible.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Miss WEIO Pageant Coordinator Marjorie Tahbone (907)304-1751 or by e-mail at [kunaq@weio.org](mailto:kunaq@weio.org)

We hope you have a safe trip, and we'll see you at the Olympics! We wish you the best of luck!

Sincerely,

The WEIO Pageant Committee

## **Duties of Miss WEIO**

After her coronation, deliver an acceptance speech to be followed by a walk around the arena to acknowledge her new role as Miss WEIO.

Present medals to Olympians following the final pageant events.

Deliver welcome speeches to the audience and participants.

Attend functions representing WEIO as Miss WEIO when invited by other organizations or asked by the Pageant Committee.

Periodically report to the WEIO Board regarding all public functions attended as Miss WEIO.

If convenient and applicable, attend all WEIO Board meetings.

At the end of her reign deliver a farewell speech and walk around the arena as a gesture of gratitude to WEIO.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be at least one-sixteenth (1/16) Alaska Native, Native American, U.S. Pacific Islander, Canadian First Nations, Indigenous Greenlandic or Indigenous Siberian.
- Must be between eighteen (18) to thirty (30) years of age throughout the pageant.
- Never been married or have birthed any children.
- Has acknowledged, accepted or signed a sobriety and drug-free pledge.

## **Pageant Activities**

Numerous public appearances are scheduled throughout the week for the contestants in Fairbanks to practice for the role of Miss WEIO. They have many opportunities to present themselves and share their culture with others. Contestants may compete in other WEIO events if the Pageant Schedule allows. Pageant activities will take precedence over other activities, family, and friends.

## **Lodging, Meals, Transportation**

Lodging will be provided at the MacLean dorms on the UAF campus; however, it is not required to stay at the dorms for the competition. An agenda will be given to contestants at least one week before the competition so they can be prepared for what they need to do on their own.

Meals are not provided during the competitions unless noted on the agenda. There will be one lunch provided and it will be marked on the agenda.

Transportation from the MacLean dorms to the Big Dipper Arena will be provided every day of the competition, however, if you want to rent a car you are welcome to.

## **Prizes**

Miss WEIO will receive a \$3,000 scholarship divided into two (2) increments paid to the educational institution of their choice OR can be used to fund travel expenses to communities to represent WEIO as

Miss WEIO. Gifts and other prizes are presented to the contestants from local Alaskan Artists and businesses.

## **Judging**

Contestants are judged in four separate sessions: a personal interview with a panel of judges, cultural talent presentation, Indigenous language and the impromptu question session. The personal interviews are held privately while the other three sessions are public events.

For the personal interview competition, a panel of judges selected by the Miss WEIO Pageant Committee asks each contestant questions related to their regalia, platform (issues they are passionate about working on within their community). One important scoring component is the contestant's ability to introduce themselves using their Indigenous language. The scoring will be on their confidence and gracefulness of how they speak their language. Their name, where they are from, and what tribe do they come from is adequate, however more is encouraged. Example: Uaᅇa Kunaq, Sitnasuaᅇmiutauruᅇa. Inupiaᅇuruᅇa (My name is Kunaq, I am from Nome. I am Inupiaq)

During the talent portion of the competition, the contestant will prepare and present a five to eight (5-8) minute talent presentation before a panel of judges. Contestants wishing to use any audio/visual equipment or any other kind of devices as a part of their talent presentation should first check with the Pageant Committee. Some equipment such as tape recorders and overhead projectors do not always perform well for larger audiences. Those contestants wishing to use props as part of their talent presentation must also inform the committee by providing the appropriate information in the application packet. The talent presentation will be timed and scores may be influenced by ability of the contestant to keep with the five-eight (5-8) minute time limit.

During the impromptu question session, each participant will be judged on how well they articulate their answer and stay within the time allowed. Contestants will have three (3) minutes to answer an impromptu question. Warnings will be given when one (1) minute is remaining and (30) thirty seconds are remaining. Question topics can range from cultural traditions, issues within the community, and cultural values.

The categories on which the contestants are judged include knowledge of their culture and language, confidence, poise, overall presentation, personality, knowledge of WEIO, and current Native issues.

While being judged, the contestants will wear their traditional Native dress or semi-formal clothing, depending upon the event. The schedule of events will include information on which attire will be required for which event.

Based on the judges' overall scores, a contestant with the highest score will be crowned Miss WEIO, followed in descending order the First and Second runners-up. Awards will also be given for the Most Talented (highest score in talent competition) and Most Traditional (highest score during personal interview). The contestants will select from among themselves a person to hold the title of Miss Congeniality. A volunteer photographer will select a contestant for the Most photogenic.

## Gifts

It has been the tradition of the WEIO Pageant for the contestants to exchange gifts among themselves. You are encouraged to bring a gift representative of your culture that will be exchanged with another contestant toward the end of the pageant.

## Introduction & Descriptive Information

The pageant committee encourages you to provide on typed cards or sheets of paper information about yourself so you may be introduced to the audience correctly. We also encourage you to provide an emcee (or your helper) to read your introduction in the manner you prefer and to ensure Native names are properly pronounced.

The personal introductions should be no longer than 2 minutes long and should be presented in your Indigenous language first and then in English (not required). Here is a list of what your introduction could look like.

- Name
- Home community and the state or province in which it is located
- Parents, grandparents etc.
- Cultural background or the tribe to which you belong
- Age
- Who you represent
- If you are planning to attend college, the name of the educational institution, where it is located and your major emphasis of study
- Future plans
- Activities you enjoy, favorite hobbies, community involvement, etc.
- A personal statement of significance to you

The talent presentation introduction should have the following information:

- A description of the talent you wish to present.

The description of your traditional dress should have the following information:

- Who made it.
- The materials used.
- Description of the outfit from head to toe.

## Introduction Example

**(You may wish to refer to the following example to help you in preparing your introductions)**

Contestant number (##), Sally Jones, is a Koyukon Athabascan from the village of Rampart on the Yukon River. Sally's parents are Paul and Jane Jones; her grandparents are Sam and Alice Smith, and William and Mabel Jones. Sally is proud to represent her community and family. She is 18 years old and is representing her community and family.

Sally graduated from Mount Edgecumbe High School in May of 1999. She plans to attend the University of Alaska in the fall, majoring in business administration. She hopes to continue her education upon graduating from college and earn a master's degree in business, after which she wants to create her own business in Rampart that will employ local people.

Sally enjoys outdoor activities, such as dog sledding and cross-country skiing, and participates in many community events, including potlatches and dances. She is also an avid reader of non-fiction stories and enjoys surfing the net.

Sally's presentation will be a demonstration of how to clean and cut king salmon for making dry fish. Sally will wear a *b'its'ah hoolaanh*, made by her grandmother Alice Jones, and a pair of her favorite old beaded moose skin slippers made and given to her by her mother, Jane. Sally learned this skill from her summers in fish camp with her family.

Her grandmother, Alice Jones, made Sally Jones' traditional outfit. It is made of moose hide tanned by her father, Paul Jones. *(The description of the regalia should include everything the contestant is wearing, such as the material used, the type of animal, etc.).*

## Code of Conduct, Expectations, Waiver and Contract

The young woman who earns the privilege of wearing the Miss WEIO crown is expected to carry on with pride and honor the heartbeat of WEIO. The crown represents the hard work she has demonstrated in order to represent the age-old traditions and spirit of WEIO.

Miss WEIO will symbolize our camaraderie as Native people – whether it is within her own community, at WEIO or elsewhere. Miss WEIO will be and is in harmony with the Native way of life when she honors the traditions of strength, agility, and endurance. She is expected to respect elders from all cultures and to share her knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Native heritage. Miss WEIO is a role model for whom others may aspire to emulate.

There are responsibilities by which all Miss WEIO contestants are expected to adhere. These guidelines were developed expressly with your safety in mind:

- Show respect to the other contestants by being on time for scheduled activities
- Show respect for WEIO by being present at all scheduled activities
- Show respect to your community and supporters by involving yourself in the WEIO
- Your behavior and manners must reflect the role you are playing as a representative of your community or area
- You are expected to fully commit yourself to the WEIO pageant selection process
- You are expected to commit yourself to being drug and alcohol-free while in the WEIO Pageant and while representing WEIO

Please be advised the WEIO Pageant Committee may ask you to withdraw from this event if you knowingly do not abide by the rules of conduct as outlined above.

Contestants and helpers are expected to read, understand and sign that you understand what is expected of you during this busy week. The chaperone will be expected to provide you with assistance as you prepare for each scheduled activity. The role of your helper is to help enhance your experience as you compete for the title of Miss WEIO.

## Check List:

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| _____ Contestant Registration Fee \$200.00 | _____ Introduction & Descriptive Information |
| _____ Helper, Travel, Emergency Form       | _____ Copy of Tribal/BIA CIB Card            |
| _____ Contestant Application               | _____ Signed Waiver & Contract               |

Please inform the WEIO office of any changes in your travel plans, helper or other information about which you feel is important for us to know before your arrival in Fairbanks.

## Contestant Application:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Village: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-

mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth

date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_ Who are you representing? \_\_\_\_\_ Do

you have a Title? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what is your title? \_\_\_\_\_ Higher

Education Institution Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be Miss WEIO 2024?

Please explain your platform (your goals as Miss WEIO, what issues you find most important to address?)

What are your future plans?

## Helpers Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Village: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

# World Exhibition of Indigenous Olympics

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## CONTEST APPLICATION AND CONTRACT

### THE MISS WEIO PAGEANT

2024 Miss WEIO Competition

Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Section 1 Introduction:**

- 1.1.** The World Exhibition of Indigenous Olympics (and herein after referred to as WEIO) is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alaska. WEIO has operated a program offering scholarship assistance for young women. In doing so, WEIO has made substantial investments in, and has developed a valuable identity for, the unique symbols and elements of its organization that have achieved national and even international recognition and approval. These elements include but are not limited to (1) providing educational assistance in the form of scholarships to young adult women who have not yet begun to assume the responsibilities of family life and are interested in career and educational advancement; (2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, cultural knowledge, leadership and good judgment in young women who enter the competition; and (3) enabling them to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.
- 1.2.** WEIO intends to conduct a competition for the title “Miss WEIO 2023”, to be held in Fairbanks, Alaska July 12-15, 2023. The competition is conducted in a fashion that is designed to demonstrate respect for the traditional and historic foundations of the Organization.
- 1.3.** The winner of the competition shall be designated “Miss WEIO 2023,” and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in 2024. During this period (the “Year of Service”), Miss WEIO 2023 is encouraged to participate in personal appearances. WEIO has also developed detailed procedures and requirements that govern the activities and conduct of Miss WEIO during her Year of Service. All of these procedures, standards and requirements are intended to protect and enhance the public acceptance of WEIO, and to assure that the program will continue to be able to operate for the benefit of future participants.
- 1.4.** In seeking to participate in the competition, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and limitations that will be applicable to her activities during her Year of Service is she is selected as Miss WEIO. In addition, each Contestant must understand and accept that WEIO’s approval of the Contestant’s participation in the competition, and if selected, service as Miss WEIO will be specifically based upon the representations and agreements in this Application and Contract and its attachments and the continued compliance with all of the regulations of the program. In such regard, I acknowledge that my ability to compete in the pageant shall be subject to review at each level of competition that I enter.
- 1.5.** Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to WEIO for approval, the Contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of WEIO described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Service; and (3) the Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in Section 2 of this Contract; and (4) WEIO shall have the sole discretion to

determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the Miss WEIO Pageant, in the event that the WEIO determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the Contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Pageant.

## **Section 2: Eligibility of Contestant to Participate in the Miss WEIO Pageant**

**2.1. Age.** I am currently \_\_\_\_ years of age. I was born on \_\_\_\_\_(mm/dd/yyyy). I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I must be between the ages of 18 and 30 years of age. Must be eighteen (18) by the time of my first appearance in preliminary rounds of the competition and no older than thirty (30) years of age by the last appearance.

**2.2 Native Blood Quantum.** I understand that, in order to compete in the pageant I must be at least 1/16 Alaska Native, Native American, U.S Pacific Islander, Canadian First Nations, Indigenous Greenlandic or Indigenous Siberian. A copy of my Certificate of Indian Blood or other acceptable form of proof is included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet.

**2.3 Education.** In order to be eligible to compete, I must be a high school graduate no later than six (6) months after the date of the competition, or have successfully completed the G.E.D. testing program for high school equivalency or have successfully completed the academic requirements for entry into a four-year college/university degree program.

**2.3.1.**I received a High School diploma in \_\_\_\_\_(year),  
from \_\_\_\_\_High School in \_\_\_\_\_ (State or Province).

**2.3.2** I am currently enrolled a \_\_\_\_\_(College/University), where I am presently attending classes in accredited courses.

**2.3.3.** I received a GED in \_\_\_\_\_(year), from \_\_\_\_\_(State or Province).

**2.4 Personal Characteristics.** I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the Miss WEIO Competition, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:

**2.4.1. Gender.** I am and I have always been a female.

**2.4.2. Marital Status.** I am not now and I have never been married.

**2.4.3. Parental Status.** I am not now pregnant, and I have never been pregnant. I am not the adoptive parent of any child.

**2.4.4. Good Character.** I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.

**2.4.5. Criminal Record.** Other than minor or petty offenses, I have never been convicted of any criminal offense and there are no criminal charges presently pending against me.

**2.4.6. Prior Conduct.** I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.

**2.4.7. Health.** I am in good health and, to the best of my knowledge, can participate fully and without limitation in any Program activities. Any current medical condition or disability will not impede my ability to complete my Year of Service or fulfill my obligations under this Agreement.

**2.4.8. Substance Abuse.** I do not use or consume any illegal substances 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.

## **2.5 Contractual and Other Obligations**

**2.5.1 Prior Contractual Commitments.** I have not authorized any person, firm or corporation to use my name, photograph, picture, or present or future title that I hold or may hold, in connection with an endorsement to advertise any commercial product. I am not a party to any contract with any person, firm or corporation in respect to any present title that I hold or may hold, nor have I made any commitments for the future regarding any such titles. I do not have any legal obligations that would prevent or limit my participation and appearances in the Miss WEIO Competition or, if selected as Miss WEIO, in the Year of Service.

**2.5.2. Use of the Miss WEIO Title, Organization Name, Words and Symbols.** After the conclusion of my Year of Service, if I am advised by the WEIO Organization that, in its sole and exclusive judgment, my use of any of the titles, words or symbols associated with WEIO and the Pageant has caused or is reasonably likely to cause harm, I agree to discontinue any such use immediately. I understand and agree that the judgment of WEIO shall be final and binding.

**2.5.3. Changes in Circumstances.** I understand and agree that if, at any time after I file this Application and Contract with WEIO, including during my Year of Service, if any of the facts stated in this Application and Contract or its attachments should change, I have the obligation to report any such change in writing immediately to WEIO. I also understand that if I fail to do so, WEIO may, in its sole discretion, determine to limit or prevent my participation or to terminate my Year of Service.

## **Section 3: Participation in the Miss WEIO Competition**

**3.1. Participation in Competition.** I agree to participate in the series of events and appearances leading up to the final selection of Miss WEIO. These events shall commence and be scheduled on dates to be determined by WEIO. I will be bound by the rules and regulations governing the Miss WEIO Competition and the procedures for the awarding and supervision of scholarships described in Attachment A. My participation in the competition shall include public appearances required of me by WEIO including, but not limited to, television and radio broadcasts, personal appearances, interviews, still photo sessions,

and video and audio taping or filming of all or any part of the events associated with the competition.

**3.2. Conduct of the Competition.** I understand and agree that WEIO shall determine the manner and method of conducting the competition in its sole discretion. I further understand and agree that WEIO shall also determine the time, method and manner of judging the competition and the awarding and supervision of any scholarships in its sole discretion. I understand and agree that the judging score sheets are the property of WEIO and are kept confidential and not subject to review by anyone other than authorized representatives of the organization. The decision of the persons designated by WEIO to judge the various events in any and all matters pertaining to the selection of the winners shall be final in all respects.

**3.3. Permanent License of Publication Rights.** I hereby authorize WEIO and anyone duly licensed or authorized by WEIO to (1) televise, photograph, broadcast and/or make radio, television, video and audio tapes or motion picture recordings or me individually or in a group; (2) use or re-use such photographs, recordings, video tapes, audio tapes and/or motion picture files in all media throughout the world in perpetuity; and (3) use my name, likeness and/or physical depiction for any purpose in perpetuity, in an unedited or edited manner or fashion as the organization, in its sole discretion, shall determine. This authorization shall also include the use of all such photographs, recordings, videotapes, audiotapes and/or motion picture films made during my Year of Service.

**3.4. The Miss WEIO Ownership Rights.** I understand and agree that all photographs, tapes and films made of me for trade, advertising and any other purpose or purposes as a participant in the competition, and any use of my name, likeness and/or physical depiction when identified with the Program, shall be the sole and exclusive property of WEIO. I understand and agree that I shall have no claim or right to those photographs, tapes and films, not only during the period between and during the competition and, if I am selected as Miss WEIO, during my Year of Service but in perpetuity thereafter. I understand and agree that this provision refers to and includes all photographs, tapes and films from any activities relating to the competition, including but not limited to interviews, rehearsals and publicity events, either individually or as a member of a group.

**3.4.1 The Miss WEIO crown and sash** are and remain the property of the WEIO. These items are to be returned to WEIO if the winner must step down or any reason or when she passes her title on at the end of her Year of Service. **If crown and sash are lost, damaged, or destroyed, the Miss WEIO will be responsible for paying up to \$1,000.**

**3.5. Selection as Runner-Up.** If I am selected at the competition as a runner-up for the title of Miss WEIO, I agree to remain available to assume all of the rights, obligations and commitments of the Year of Service, as described in this Application and Contract, in the event that WEIO appoints me to do so by reason of the inability or ineligibility, during the Year of Service, of any Contestant who was selected as Miss WEIO or as another runner-up.

**3.6. Change in Circumstances.** I understand that if, at any time between the date of this Application and Contract and the completion of the competition, any facts concerning my eligibility to participate in the competition should change, including without limitation my marital or parental status, good character and reputation. WEIO shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine that I am not eligible to participate in competition.

#### **Section 4: Legal Obligations and Agreements**

**4.1. Scholarship Grants and Forfeitures.** I understand and agree that the grant of scholarships by WEIO is subject to the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Rules and Regulations attached to this Application and Contract as Attachment A. By signing this Application and Contract, I agree to be bound by those rules and regulations. I understand that all scholarships that I may be awarded will be non-forfeitable in the event that I breach this Contract or fail to perform any duties that I may have as a Contestant. I also understand and agree, however, that such scholarships may be forfeited if I have made any misrepresentations as to my eligibility to compete.

**4.2. Documents and Information; Cooperation with Inquiries.** I agree to provide WEIO, at its request, with any documents or information necessary to determine any question with regard to my initial or continuing eligibility to compete or to complete my Year of Service. I also agree to cooperate fully with any inquiry undertaken by WEIO in connection with my initial or continuing eligibility, and to provide sworn statements and any relevant documents if requested to do so by WEIO.

**4.3. Termination of Eligibility.** I understand and agree that if:

**4.3.1.** any of the representations or statements made by me in this Application and Contract or any of its attachments is determined by WEIO to be false;

**4.3.2.** there is a change of circumstances that would affect my eligibility to participate in the competition or to complete my Year of Service, including without limitation changes in my marital or parental status, good character and reputation or (if relevant to my eligibility) my educational status;

**4.3.3.** I fail to conduct myself in a manner which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of WEIO, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the program.

WEIO shall have the right, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to determine that I am not eligible to participate or continue to participate in the competition or to complete my Year of Service. In that event, all titles, awards, and perquisites of my position as a Contestant, as appropriate, shall be terminated and forfeited, subject to the provisions of Section 6.1 of this Application and Contract.

**4.4. Public Release of Information.** I understand that some elements of the Program, and in particular the competition and the public appearances of Miss WEIO during the Year of Service, are frequently the subject of intense media and public interest and scrutiny. I further understand that it is very important for the Miss WEIO Organization to maintain a high level of public trust in and acceptance of the integrity of, and manner of conducting, the

competition and the qualifications and conduct of Contestants. Accordingly, I authorize WEIO, in the exercise of its sole and exclusive discretion, to release and to comment publicly upon any truthful information concerning my eligibility or continued eligibility to participate or to complete my Year of Service.

**4.5. Entire Agreement; Enforceability.** When signed and approved by WEIO, this Application and Contract, together with its attachments, shall solely and exclusively determine my rights, privileges and responsibilities to WEIO. No oral or other written statement that is in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Application and Contract shall be binding upon me or upon WEIO. If any provision of this Application and Contract should be declared void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed omitted from this Application and Contract. In that event, the remainder of this Application and Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

**4.6. Arbitration of Disputes.** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Application and Contract or any breach thereof shall be submitted in writing to the WEIO Board of Governors, within 24 hours of the end of the Miss WEIO Competition. Only disputes or claims submitted and signed by a current Miss WEIO contestant will be accepted. This Section shall not in any way affect the rights of WEIO to take any action permitted by this Application and Contract to enforce the eligibility standards of the Program in the event that time does not permit the completion of a review process before action must be taken.

On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request WEIO to accept my application to participate as a Contestant in the Miss WEIO Competition. If WEIO accepts this application, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments.

## Waiver of Responsibility

I hereby grant permission, without compensation to and from WEIO or its appointees to use my name and image taken during the WEIO in any promotional material or advertising.

## Contract

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules of contract provided at the end of this document.

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Miss WEIO Contestant

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Helper