2026 MISS MANITO AHBEE
YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Candidate Eligibility Criteria

- Contestant must be of Indigenous/Native American descent (Canada/U.S.A.)
- Contestant must be Pow Wow Dancer.
- Contestant must be between the ages of 13 – 17 years of age, identify as female, single, without dependents (children).
- Contestant must be currently enrolled in school and be a student in good standing.
- To promote a positive and successful event, contestants must abstain from drugs and alcohol.

Applications will be accepted ONLY by email or fax

Deadline: October 25 11:59pm CDT. Please send to **powwow@manitoahbee.com**

or fax **1.204.956.0241**

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Official Entry Application

The Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador Event will take place Saturday October 31 at Canada Life Center in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Crowning will be Saturday evening, time TBD.

All contestants and their guardian will meet the committee following Saturday's grand entry to review the process and day's schedule.

Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador will be chosen based on:

- Private Interview
- Dance Competition
- Personal Essay
- Quality of Reference Letters

All contestants will be judged according to the above criterion. At the end of the Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador event, the contestant with the highest collected points will be crowned the new Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador for that year. The winning contestant will receive the following prizes:

- Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador Crown and Banner
- Other Miscellaneous Gifts

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The following items must be submitted to the Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador Committee:

- Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador Application (must be signed)
- Current Photograph (in regalia)
- Proof of Ancestry or Tribal Affiliation (i.e. Photocopy of Status Card, etc.)
- Proof of Age (i.e. Photocopy of Birth Certificate, Drivers License, etc.)
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
  - Letters should identify leadership qualities and connection to community
- Personal Essay (500 – 750 words, size 12 font, double spaced)
  - Essays should include:
    - Personal introduction
    - Demonstrated understanding of the role and responsibilities
    - Demonstrated understanding of MMIWG2S
    - Demonstrated connection to community
- Letter of Support from a School Representative

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Personal Information

Name: _____

Traditional Name: _____

English Translation: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

P.O. Box / Street Address City Prov. / State Postal Code / Zip

Home Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Nation / Tribe(s): _____

Fathers Name: _____ Nation / Tribe: _____

Mothers Name: _____ Nation / Tribe: _____

Other Family Members (Siblings, Name, Age):

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Education & Employment

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Location: _____

Employment: _____ Position: _____

Letter of Support from a School Representative

Include a letter of support from either your principal or current teacher on school letterhead. The letter should confirm that you are a student in good standing.

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Code of Conduct and General Guidelines Agreement

As a contestant for the title of Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador:

- Please remember that you represent yourself, your family, and your nation/tribe(s).
- Please to conduct yourself in a manner that would reflect a positive image on yourself, your family, your tribe(s), the Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador Event, and the Manito Ahbee Pow Wow.
- It is very important for you, as a contestant and an individual, to uphold high moral standards for yourself now and in the future. This entails refraining from the use of alcohol, drugs, smoking in public, profane language, and/or outbursts of any kind. Unacceptable socializing with a partner (i.e. intimate display of affection, etc.) in public is also not allowed. Any infringement of these moral standards will result in disqualification as a Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador Contestant.
- Should you be selected as Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador, it would not be acceptable to cohabitate with an intimate companion.
- Maintaining a positive attitude before, throughout, and after the event is a great show of healthy character and sportsmanship. You are expected to respect, cooperate, and participate with fellow contestants, the Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador committee, judges, Manito Ahbee Pow wow staff, and with the general public.

- Punctuality is expected for all scheduled activities. You should be prepared to participate fully upon arrival.
- A parent/chaperone who is 25 years or older at registration must accompany you. Your chaperone may be your mother, aunt, grandmother, cousin, or a personal acquaintance.
- You are responsible for your personal belongings at all times. The Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador committee, Manito Ahbee Staff, and Canada Life Center , are not responsible for contestant's belongings, loss of articles, theft or injury.

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I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above Code of Conduct/General Guidelines as a Contestant of the Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador Event.

I understand that I may be disqualified as a Contestant of the Miss Manito Ahbee Youth Ambassador Event, if I deviate from the conditions outlined above.

I solemnly swear that all information provided, and documents submitted, are true and valid to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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