



THE CHICKASAW NATION

2021 - 2022

PRINCESS PAGEANT



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CHOKMA!

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Welcome to the 2021 Chickasaw Nation Princess Pageant!

Each year, Chickasaw Nation Princesses bring honor and pride to the Chickasaw people as they serve as ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation at events and functions across the nation. They are role models to those who follow and an inspiration to many.

The tradition continues this evening, as three young ladies will be crowned Chickasaw Nation Princesses. We are pleased to feature these outstanding contestants.

Thank you for showing your support and we hope you enjoy the evening's festivities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Anoatubby".

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

CHICKASAW PRINCESS

Markita McCarty



Chokma!

I am Markita McCarty and I am so proud that I have been able to serve the Chickasaw Nation as the 2019-2021 Chickasaw Princess.

The past couple of years have been some of the hardest years that we have all had to go through. I could not be more grateful to be a part of the Chickasaw Nation. Before the pandemic really hit us, we had the opportunity to travel to Tupelo, Mississippi, and visit the Homeland. This by far was my favorite experience throughout my reign. During this time, I was truly able to create that special bond with my princess sisters.

After the pandemic hit, we were at a standstill and we were not able to do anything else but wait and be patient. Once it finally started to clear, I was able to participate in multiple Facebook live events. One of my favorites, was when I was in a Zoom call with a panel of past Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation. This was such a great opportunity to have and to discuss with these women about what made them leaders. I was able to gain some great role models to look up to.

Now, I would love to give my warmest thank you to Governor Bill Anoatubby, who has allowed me and the other princesses to serve the Chickasaw Nation for two reigns. This experience has been a humbling one, and such a season of growth. Thank you to the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation for supporting the princesses, and for giving us the opportunity to serve you! I pray that this nation will continue to grow and thrive!

Yakoke!

Markita McCarty
2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Chickasaw Princess



CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS

Brenlee Underwood

Chokma! Saholchifoat Brenlee Underwood.

Hello! My name is Brenlee Underwood.

This experience has been unforgettable and something that I will always carry with me. My favorite times serving as Chickasaw Junior Princess were traveling to the Homeland, meeting new people, serving our elders at holiday luncheons, attending the Choctaw Indian Fair in Mississippi and learning more about my Chickasaw people. It showed me the importance of carrying on our language and keeping our culture alive. Learning about where we came from and seeing what we have all accomplished since then as a tribe, makes me even more proud to be Chickasaw.

I am grateful I got to share this opportunity with my fellow princesses, Markita and Kensey. Our reign was a little different than all the others, but I'm thankful for the extra time we got to represent our tribe together. I am also grateful for Mary Hartley who helped make this experience memorable, I know trying to plan events during this time was challenging. She always made sure we were prepared, fed and got us to our events safely.

I am thankful for the Chickasaw Nation and this program. Thank you Governor and Lt. Governor for your support and keeping this program going. Also, thank you to all the citizens for your support as well and thank you for letting me serve as your 2019-2021 Chickasaw Junior Princess.

Yakoke!

Brenlee Underwood

2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Chickasaw Junior Princess



LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW

Kensey Carter

Chokma!

I am Kensey Carter, 2019-2021 Little Miss Chickasaw.

As the summer comes to an end and my time as Little Miss Chickasaw is almost over, I want to write and say "Chokma'shki" to Governor Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Anoatubby, and all of the Chickasaw citizens for allowing me the honor and privilege to represent the Chickasaw Nation as Little Miss Chickasaw 2019-2021.

During the past two years as Little Miss Chickasaw, the world dealt with the pandemic of COVID-19 and I was amazed and proud to see all that our tribe did to help the citizens and community stay healthy. While my time as a Chickasaw Princess may have been different than those who came before me, I was still able to have fun, make memories, spend time with our citizens and give back to the community I call home.

My favorite times as Little Miss Chickasaw were spending time with the other princesses and our very own "princess wrangler," Miss Mary, while at events and on trips, (before the pandemic), and the Zoom calls, photo shoots and the official reopening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

I am so excited to welcome the new princesses at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival this year and to watch them learn and grow in our rich history and culture as Chickasaw citizens. Through all the adversity and tribulations of everyday life in the past two years, I am reminded that as a young Chickasaw woman, I am strong, I am a warrior, and Chikasha saya.

Yakoke!

Kensey Carter

2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Little Miss Chickasaw

LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW



Nannola Wallace

Nannola Wallace is the 9-year-old daughter of Jeremy and Ashley Wallace. She is a fourth grade student at Homer Elementary School. Nannola actively participates with the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe and the Bak Bak stickball team. Nannola wants to be Little Miss Chickasaw to teach others about Chickasaw Nation history, traditions and foods, like her favorite dish – pashofa.

“If I become Little Miss Chickasaw, I would be honored to represent my family and the Chickasaw people. I want to teach others about our history, traditions and our foods.”

CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS



Jayla Underwood

The 13-year-old daughter of Brandon White Eagle and Jerilene Underwood is an eighth grade student at McLish Middle School in Fittstown. Jayla is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Language Club and the Bak Bak stickball team. Her interests are basketball, volleyball, running and playing with her dogs. Jayla wants to be Chickasaw Junior Princess to represent the Chickasaw Nation and carry on the tradition.

“I want to be Chickasaw Junior Princess because I want to represent the Chickasaw Nation and carry on our traditions. I love speaking our language and getting to meet other First Americans. Chikasha poyakat iláyya'sha katihma. Yakoke!”

CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS



Kadence Gallup

Kadence Rene Gallup is the 14-year-old daughter of Jason and Shatona Gallup. She is an eighth grade honor roll student, member of JOM, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Thrive Youth Group, student council and FFA at Stratford Middle School. Kadence is a co-captain of her junior high cheerleading team and plays basketball. In the future, she hopes to complete her education, attend college and one day, work for the Chickasaw Nation. Her goal is to help give back to her tribe that has done so much for her.

“I would like to be Chickasaw Junior Princess because I think it would be an amazing opportunity. I know there is so much to learn about my tribe and I want

to be able to share this knowledge and attend many cultural events. I know that as Chickasaw Junior Princess I would be a representative of the Chickasaw Nation. I promise to always be a good example.”

CHICKASAW PRINCESS



Payton Robertson

Payton Robertson is the 17-year-old daughter of Steven Robertson. She is a senior at Ada High School. After graduation, Payton plans to major in pre-med and attend East Central University. She participated in the Chickasaw Nation Hinoshi' Chokma' (Good Paths) program and Toksali SMART. She is the former 2012 Little Miss Chickasaw.

“Being Chickasaw Princess would allow me to share with many people what we stand for and who we are, which is the unconquered and unconquerable. We symbolize so much more though, we are kind, we are smart, we are Chickasaw – Chikasha Poya!”

CHICKASAW PRINCESS

Faithlyn Seawright

Faithlyn Taloa Seawright is the 22-year-old daughter of Larry Seawright and Gwen Burris. She graduated from Latta High School in 2016. Faithlyn went on to receive her Bachelor of Fine Arts in museum studies from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She plans to pursue her Ph. D. in anthropology at Mississippi State University. Her career goal is to be involved with repatriation work so she can take care of and return ancestral remains and sacred ceremonial items to their respective tribes.

Faithlyn is the president of the Regalia Making Relatives and currently plays stickball for The

Unchosen, Chikasha Toli' and Chikasha Toli' Ihoo. She was the 2011-2013 All Nation Pow-Wow Princess of Ada, 2013-2014 Chickasaw Junior Princess, 2015 Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma and the 2017-2018 Miss Indian SOSU. Faithlyn has participated in the Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work program, Chickasaw Explorers, Chikasha Pelichi Ikbi and the Toksali' SMART program.

"My experiences have prepared me to be Chickasaw Princess and to continue sharing my cultural knowledge with all. If chosen, I will represent my Chikasha people with grace, pride and honor. Chokma'shki!"



THE PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies: Triana Browne-Hearrell

2019 Miss Oklahoma USA and former Miss Oklahoma

Princess Program Manager: Ms. Mary Hartley-Apodaca

INVOCATION & INTRODUCTIONS

Invocation: Luther John

Introduction of Judges

CONTESTANT INTRODUCTIONS

2021-2022 Princess Contestants

Little Miss Chickasaw

Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chickasaw Princess

FAREWELL VIDEOS

2019-2021 Outgoing Princesses

Little Miss Chickasaw Kensey Carter

Chickasaw Junior Princess Brenlee Underwood

Chickasaw Princess Markita McCarty

TALENT PRESENTATION

Little Miss Chickasaw

Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chickasaw Princess

RANDOM QUESTIONS

Little Miss Chickasaw

Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chickasaw Princess

FAREWELL SPEECHES

2019-2021 Outgoing Princesses

Little Miss Chickasaw Kensey Carter

Chickasaw Junior Princess Brenlee Underwood

Chickasaw Princess Markita McCarty

CROWNING OF 2021-2022 CHICKASAW PRINCESSES

Little Miss Chickasaw

Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chickasaw Princess

PRINCESS PAGEANT JUDGE SELECTION

Pageant judges are selected by a confidential committee based on experience, knowledge and impartiality. Judges are screened for conflicts of interest prior to the pageant event and are prohibited from interaction with contestants until the preliminary personal interview portion of the pageant, held before the evening event.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Contestants are scored based on the following exhibitions:

- **Preliminary personal interviews with judges** (interviews completed during the day on Friday, Sept. 17; 15 possible points)
- **Traditional Chickasaw dress and introductions** (10 possible points)
- **Talent/presentation** (10 possible points)
- **Response to random question during pageant** (10 possible points)
- **Tiebreaker** (if needed, written response from contestant answering provided question; 5 possible points)



PAST TITLEHOLDERS

CHICKASAW PRINCESS

1963-1967	Ranell (James) Harry
1968	Shirley (Ned) Falls
1969	Kay (Holly) Perkins
1970	Debbie (Seeley) Jackson
1971	Debbie (Downing) Miller
1972	Georgia Brown
1973	Debbie Alexander
1974-1975	Sherri Alberson
1975-1976	Georgia Ann Henry
1976-1977	Lahoma Gayle (Shields) Clark
1977-1978	Barbara (Boston) Underwood
1978-1979	Caren (Parnacher) Turtle
1979-1980	Georgette Johnson
1980-1981	Francine (Allen) Parchcorn
1981-1982	Rebecca Reneé Orphan
1982-1983	Staci Worcester
1983-1984	Stacy (Wasson) Wesberry
1984-1985	Tina (Boston) Underwood
1985-1986	Jacquelyn Watson
1986-1987	Jerri Digby
1987	Samantha (Wisdom) Gross
1988	Johnna (Ellis) Walker
1988-1989	Regina McMillan
1989-1990	Cheri (Bellefeuille) Gordon
1990-1991	Shannon (Smith) Parnacher
1991-1992	Melody Cooper
1992-1993	Deborah (Shelley) Hook

PAST TITLEHOLDERS

CHICKASAW PRINCESS

1993-1994	Monica Fulsom
1994-1995	Rachel Stick
1995-1996	Jenny Fox
1996-1997	Lisa (Nail) Impson
1997-1998	Lori Hamilton
1998-1999	Candice Wisdom
1999-2000	Kristen Keel
2000-2001	Tonya Loper
2001-2002	LaRue (Baken) Wright
2002-2003	Crystal Underwood
2003-2004	Kasie McDonald
2004-2005	Shelly Wall
2005-2006	Tamela Alexander
2006-2007	Monica (Seawright) Copeland
2007-2008	Jaisen Monetathchi
2008-2009	Carla Lane
2009-2010	Jessie Miller
2010-2011	Sesiley Robertson
2011-2012	Nacobi Walker
2012-2013	Autumn Underwood
2013-2014	Savannah Burwell
2014-2015	Taylor Weems
2015-2016	Raechell Meely
2016-2017	Julie Underwood
2017-2018	Tiffany Postoak
2018-2019	Mikayla Hook
2019-2020	Markita McCarty
2020-2021	Markita McCarty

PAST TITLEHOLDERS

CHICKASAW JUNIOR PRINCESS

1994-1995	Gwendolyn Johnson
1995-1996	Rebecca Johnson
1996-1997	Tonya Loper
1997-1998	Tara Brown
1998-1999	Cheresta Tyson
1999-2000	Monica (Seawright) Copeland
2000-2001	LaTasha Johnson
2001-2002	Courtney DeCoteau
2002-2003	Tamela Alexander
2003-2004	Erin Brown
2004-2005	Tesia Worcester
2005-2006	Jaisen Monetathchi
2006-2007	Nacobi Walker
2007-2008	Catie (Newport) Hamilton
2008-2009	Julie Underwood
2009-2010	Alexis Walker
2010-2011	Taloa Underwood
2011-2012	Raechell Meely
2012-2013	Chelsea Wedlow
2013-2014	Faithlyn Seawright
2014-2015	Maegan Carney
2015-2016	Lauren John
2016-2017	Keilyn "Ke-Ke" Factor
2017-2018	Cydnee Miller
2018-2019	LaKala Orphan
2019-2020	Brenlee Underwood
2020-2021	Brenlee Underwood

PAST TITLEHOLDERS

LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW

1989-1990	Summer Stick
1990-1991	Clarice Monetathchi
1991-1992	Nola Monetathchi
1992-1993	Tonya Loper
1993-1994	Malynda Yochum
1994-1995	Monica (Seawright) Copeland
1995-1996	Penny (Anderson) Adkisson
1996-1997	LaTasha Johnson
1997-1998	Courtney DeCoteau
1998-1999	Jaisen Monetathchi
1999-2000	Tamela Alexander
2000-2001	Tesia Worcester
2001-2002	Erin Brown
2002-2003	Julie Underwood
2003-2004	Nakita Parnacher
2004-2005	Sesiley Robertson
2005-2006	Hailey Taylor
2006-2007	Caitlynn Sparlin
2007-2008	Alexis Walker
2008-2009	Chelsea Wedlow
2009-2010	Lauren John
2010-2011	Maegan Carney
2011-2012	Keilyn "Ke-Ke" Factor
2012-2013	Payton Robertson
2013-2014	Jacee Underwood
2014-2015	Jazlyn Key
2015-2016	Lauren Key
2016-2017	LaKala Orphan
2017-2018	Olivia Worcester
2018-2019	Jadyce Burns
2019-2020	Kensley Carter
2020-2021	Kensley Carter



2019-2021 OUTGOING PRINCESSES: (from left) Markita McCarty, Chickasaw Princess; Brenlee Underwood, Chickasaw Junior Princess; and Kensey Carter, Little Miss Chickasaw



Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

