

# Six Nations Ambassador Competition 2023

## Competition Application Package

### MISS SIX NATIONS & MISS TEEN SIX NATIONS

*(This application is for TEEN & MISS only. See separate application for Little Miss, Mini & Pre-Teen)*

All contestants will receive a free admission pass for themselves and one chaperone if you are under age 18.  
**NEW:** As the qualifying program for the OAAS/CNE Ambassadors of the Fairs competition, we are updating our competition to align with the OAAS program. Contestants may now be married/common-law and have children/dependants.

*Our Eligibility requirements take into consideration eligibility to represent our community at CNE Ambassador of the Fairs*

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be a Resident of Ontario for at least 2 years,

**MISS SIX NATIONS:** Under-30 (*age as of sept 9, 2023*); is a fulltime student or employed full time.

**MISS TEEN SIX NATIONS:** Under-20 (*age as of Sept 9, 2023*) & not meeting Miss requirements; is a fulltime student, or high school grad who is working fulltime.

**And,**

**OPTION #1:** Is a registered band member of Six Nations or Mississaugas of the Credit FN or;

**OPTION #2:** Is Status First Nations/American Indian that is a registered member of a recognized First Nation or USA Tribe **and** has at least one biological parent that is an enrolled Six Nations or MCFN Band member.

#### **COMPETITION WEEK 2023**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> @5:00PM** – deadline for submission of applications via email or drop off hard copies to Sapling & Flint Gallery (1721 Chiefswood Rd., Ohsweken, next door to the Royal Bank)

**ALSO, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>**- 50/50 tickets now available for pick-up from S&F Gallery

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>**– MISS & TEEN CONTESTANT ORIENTATION, Woodland Cultural Centre

#### **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

- Competition & crowning rehearsal
- SENIOR TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION NIGHT & ESSAY SUBMISSION

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**- (*morning*) INTERVIEWS; (*afternoon*) MAIN COMPETITION & announcement of winners

**ALSO, SAT SEPT 10<sup>TH</sup>** – “2023 Winners” must be available after crowning to attend main stage musical performances & their official introduction to crowd.

#### **SCHEDULE**

*Must be available for all these dates. See detailed itinerary enclosed.*

# 2023 APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Submit all of the items required on this checklist during application.

**Must sell minimum 3 books of SN Fall Fair 50/50 tickets.**

CONTESTANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AMBASSADOR CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Official 2023 Six Nations Ambassador Competition Application (1 page)

A signed copy of your Contestant Agreement (1 page)

Status Card - front & back photocopy

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**ONLY IF YOU ARE AN "OPTION #2" ELIGIBLE CONTESTANT:**

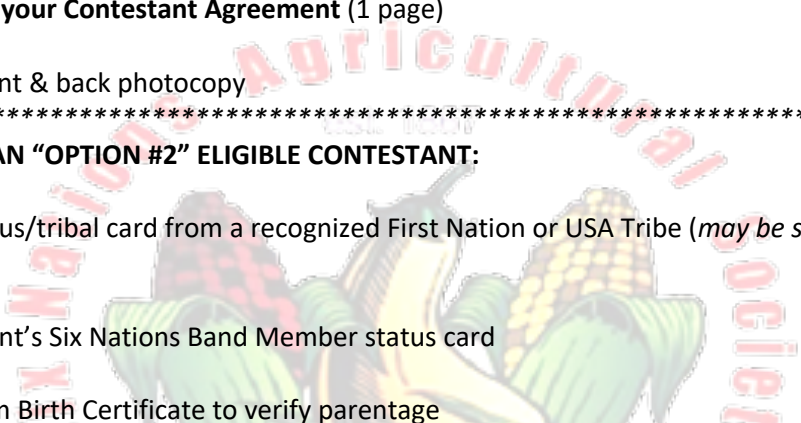
Copy of your status/tribal card from a recognized First Nation or USA Tribe (*may be subject to further verification*).

Copy of one parent's Six Nations Band Member status card

Copy of long-form Birth Certificate to verify parentage

### AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

SEQUENCE # TICKETS RECEIVED  
BY CONTESTANT



# 2023 SENIOR SIX NATIONS AMBASSADOR OFFICIAL APPLICATION (1 page)

PLACE A CHECK MARK BY YOUR CATEGORY:

MISS TEEN SIX NATIONS

MISS SIX NATIONS

FULL LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ONKWEHÓN:WE NAME & MEANING: \_\_\_\_\_  
(IF APPLICABLE)

NATION/CLAN AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY FOOD/OTHER ALLERGIES? : \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number Street/Road City Postal Code*

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ 10 DIGIT BAND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(M/D/Y)

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Valid email is required)

Check box if you have included **OPTION #2** Contestant documentation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School/Post-Secondary Institution, City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade or Year of Study, Program Name (if applicable) **OR**;

\_\_\_\_\_  
Present Employer, City, Position

**TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION DRAFT TOPIC:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(you do not have to commit to this topic; your draft topic now will help us prepare our training session activities for August 26<sup>th</sup> at Woodland Cultural Centre!)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Parent/Guardian (if 17 years and under)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name (18 and over)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian (if 17 years and under)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (18 and over)

# 2023 SENIOR SIX NATIONS AMBASSADOR CONTESTANT AGREEMENT (1 page)

I affirm my eligibility for the 2023 competition, any false submissions can disqualify me;  
I must maintain positive moral standards through my physical interactions and on social media;  
I understand that harmful or unbecoming behavior on my part can lead to my disqualification;  
I understand that I am required to participate in all events listed in my competition schedule;  
I give permission to the Ambassador Committee to verify all information I have provided herein;  
I must sell a minimum of 3 books of 50/50 tickets and submit them during Sept 8<sup>th</sup> rehearsals to be considered a qualifying 2023 contestant.

1. I must turn in all sold & unsold tickets and all monies raised from my sales. Failure to do so will result in docking of 10 points from my overall score.
2. I am solely responsible for the 50/50 tickets assigned to me.

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### 2023-24 SENIOR AMBASSADORS WINNERS MUST:

- Consent to represent Six Nations of the Grand River & Mississaugas of the Credit FN in a respectful manner;
- Sign a contract with Six Nations Agricultural Society (SNAS) for 2023-2024 reigning year;
- Be available to represent the SNAS for the duration of the 2023 Six Nations fall fair;
- Attend: 2023 Six Nations Santa Claus Parade; 2024 Bread & Cheese Day; 2024 Grand River Pow Wow;

**Attend:** O.A.A.S. District #7 meeting (Nov 2024), O.A.A.S. Annual Convention (Feb 2024); Our CNE candidate must compete in CNE Ambassador of the Fairs Competition (Aug 2024)

*All finances, fund raising, travel, accommodations to optional events are the responsibility of the Ambassador. A financial award is available by the Dreamcatcher Fund to Miss Six Nations if she chooses to compete for Miss Indian World 2024.*

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The SNAS is committed to protecting privacy and safety of all contestants. I hereby grant permission to the SNAS to use any photographs, audio or videos taken for use related to the SNAS & fall fair promotion. The SNAS is not responsible for any lost or stolen articles, personal injury or the chaperoning of minor aged contestants during any pageant events. Any/all protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a \$10.00 deposit. Protest must be made by the end of Sunday of the fair. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

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**I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above 2023 Six Nations Ambassador Contestant Agreement. I understand that if I win the Miss Six Nations or Miss Teen Six Nations title that I continue to be bound by the above agreement for my year reign. I understand that I may be disqualified as a contestant and/or Ambassador if I violate the conditions outlined above.**

**Printed Name of Contestant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Contestant:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(or guardian if under 18)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 Competition Information Package

Senior Contestants will be judged in four (4) areas: Personal Essay, Traditional Presentation, Private Interview and Impromptu Question. Each area is judged by 3 different judges with a total of twelve (12) judges accounting for your final score. The following is a breakdown of the official scoring, which is out of a potential 600 points:

### SENIOR SCORING (PER JUDGE)

BRAVE, TEEN & MISS SCORING (per judge)		CATEGORY INFORMATION
<b>PERSONAL ESSAY</b>	Out of 50	<p><b>Your essay must</b> be double spaced, a legible 12pt size font and max. 2 pages, complete sentences, spelling, grammar and punctuation. <b>Your essay may be quoted from directly in your stage bio during competition.</b></p> <p>What do you think the judges would want to know about you that would make you a good ambassador of Six Nations? <b>Also answer the question:</b> "What does Six Nations Ambassadorship mean to me?"</p>
SPECIFIED FORMAT & CONTENT	5	
GRAMMAR & SPELLING	10	
QUALITY OF WRITING	10	
AMBASSADOR QUALITIES	15	
"What does Six Nations Ambassadorship mean to me?"	10	
<b>TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION</b>	Out of 50	<p>Contestants will be judged on your ability to present on a topic related to our community &amp; culture. (See more info. Attached)</p> <p><b>Presentations are up to 5 minutes</b></p>
TIME LIMIT & FORMAT	5	
TOPIC CONTENT	10	
PRESENTATION QUALITY	10	
AMBASSADOR QUALITIES	15	
CREATIVITY	10	
<b>INTERVIEW</b>	Out of 50	<p>No more than 10 minutes will be conducted with 3 judges and 1 time keeper. Contestants may be asked about community &amp; cultural knowledge, history, personal aspirations &amp; hobbies; why they think they will make a great ambassador (<i>attending the Woodland Cultural Centre tour &amp; training session will be a big help!</i>)</p>
ATTIRE ( <i>business professional or regalia</i> )	5	
KNOWLEDGE	10	
CHARACTER	10	
AMBASSADOR QUALITIES	15	
EXTRA CURRICULAR	10	
<b>IMPROMPTU QUESTION</b>	Out of 50	<p>Contestants will draw a question out of a hat and take 1 minute to answer it on-stage.</p>
TIME LIMIT ( <i>1 minute max.</i> )	5	
CONTENT	10	
VOICE PROJECTION	5	
AMBASSADOR QUALITIES	15	
PUBLIC SPEAKING ABILITY	15	
<b>FINAL POTENTIAL SCORE</b>	<b>600</b>	

### IMPORTANT POINT CONSIDERATIONS

- Contestants who fail to submit their 50/50 tickets, both sold & unsold, *when they check in for Sept 8<sup>th</sup> rehearsals at 5pm* will be docked 10 points from their overall score. No exemptions will be made. 50/50 tickets must be submitted to be recognized as an official contestant of the 2023 Six Nations Ambassadors competition.
- 50/50 TICKETS WILL BE USED AS A TIE-BREAKER** in the event of a tie for any title, place, or category; the contestant who sold more tickets will be selected the winner. **This has happened in our recent competition past**, be sure to give yourself time to sell your tickets! Email [sixnationsambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:sixnationsambassadors@gmail.com) if you require more tickets to sell.

## 2023 SENIOR COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Date & Location	Activity	Description
Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm S&F Gallery or online	Application deadline	Everything listed on your "checklist" is required to be submitted at this time. <i>Submissions can be sent to sixnationsambassadors@gmail.com or dropped off at the Sapling &amp; Flint Gallery mon-fri 11am-5pm. (PLEASE NOTE S&amp;F Gallery will be closed week of Aug 14-18<sup>th</sup> for travel; re-open Aug 21<sup>st</sup>.)</i>
Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> S&F Gallery	Pick up 50/50 tickets	50/50 tickets are available today for pick-up at the Sapling & Flint Gallery, Iroquois Village Plaza, 1721 Chiefswood Rd., Ohsweken. 11am-5pm. <i>Must sell minimum of 3 books of 50/50 tickets.</i>
Aug 26 <sup>th</sup> 1pm-3pm Woodland Culture Centre	Sr. Ambassador Training Session	Miss & Teen Contestants will tour the Woodland Cultural Centre. Trainers will review the competition; elements of good public speaking, provide tips on stage presence, interviewing, essay writing and traditional presentation ideas. Chaperones are not required to attend. <b>ATTIRE:</b> Business casual
Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> 5pm-9pm SN Community Hall	<b>REHEARSALS, TRADITIONAL PRESENTATIONS &amp; SUBMIT ESSAY</b>  <i>Do not be late, you have a very tight schedule!</i>  <i>Dinner &amp; snacks will be available in the green room.</i>	<b>BRING WITH YOU:</b> Your 50/50 tickets, official essay, traditional presentation materials & outfit, the shoes you plan to walk in on Saturday to practice in. <b>5:00pm – SATURDAY REHEARSAL, Essay &amp; 50/50 SUBMISSIONS-</b> You will practice your Saturday competition and crowning choreography. This rehearsal <b>MUST</b> be done by 6:00pm. <b>Submit your essay.</b> <i>No exceptions as judging for essays takes place right away.</i> <b>6:00pm- TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION REHEARSAL</b> <b>6:30pm- DOORS OPEN-</b> <i>rehearsals must be wrapped.</i> <b>7:00pm-9:00pm – MISS &amp; TEEN TRADITIONAL PRESENTATIONS</b>
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am SN Community Hall Sports Den	<b>INTERVIEWS</b>	Once you have arrived & registered you are expected to be nearby and prepared to be called for your interview timeslot. Committee members will not chase after you if they cannot find you. If you leave and return to find you missed your interview slot, the judges reserve the right to give a zero score. <b>ATTIRE:</b> regalia or business professional.
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 12:00pm SN Community Hall	<b>COMPETITION &amp; CROWNING</b>	- <b>12:00pm DOORS OPEN</b> – Doors open to SN Community Hall - <b>12:30PM- SHOW BEGINS-</b> Competition includes a stage walk, an Impromptu Question and the announcement of 2023 Winners. <b>Attire:</b> Contestants choice of regalia, formal or professional (think "Ambassador-like")  - <b>AFTER THE SHOW-</b> 2023 Winners are required to stay for interviews, fair fun and to be introduced at tonight's music performance on the main stage.



## Traditional Presentation Information

Contestants may use this sample topic list as inspiration for their presentations. Feel free to come up with a topic of your own! **Presentations will be discussed at the Ambassador Training Session on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Woodland Cultural Centre.** We hope to keep every contestant's topic unique so *we don't end up with many contestants telling the same topic.* The Committee will accept your topic as first come, first serve; and ask later applicants to choose another topic. **Apply early!**

**THE TASK:** contestants will conduct a presentation of a topic that shares some aspect of Six Nations community culture and/or history. Presentations are up to 5 minutes.

1. Sing & explain a traditional song
2. The Snow snake game
3. *A brief language lesson*
4. *Role of a clan mother*
5. *Role of a chief*
6. *How to make cornbread*
7. *How to make corn soup*
8. *Traditional Planting techniques*
9. *Uses of a local medicine plant*
10. *Cornhusk dolls*
11. *Explaining the clan system*
12. *The traditional names of the Six Nations*
13. *"My Onkwehón:we name and its meaning"*
14. *How to make a lacrosse stick*
15. *How to make a ribbon dress*
16. *Raised Beadwork*
17. *"Importance of women among the Haudenosaunee"*
18. *The cycle of ceremonies/ "Haudenosaunee calendar"*
19. *The Four Sacred Ceremonies*

### Tell a traditional story:

20. *Story of the Thunderers*
21. *Story of the Niagara Falls*
22. *Story of the 7 Dancers*
23. *Story of the Great Bear*
24. *Story of the 3 Sisters*
25. *Story of Lacrosse*
26. *The story of Maple syrup...*

### Teaching of Haudenosaunee Figure:

27. *Skywoman*
28. *The Twin Boys*
29. *Had'ui*
30. *Tom Longboat*
31. *E. Pauline Johnson*
32. *Joseph Brant*
33. *Handsome Lake*
34. *Cornplanter*
35. *Red Jacket*
36. *The Peacemaker*
37. *Tadodaho*
38. *Hiawatha*

### Explain a social dance:

39. *Women's shuffle dance*
40. *Smoke Dance*
41. *Robin dance*
42. *Alligator dance*
43. *Round dance*
44. *Rabbit dance*
45. *Stomp dance*
46. *Etc...*

### A wampum belt teaching:

47. *Confederacy Belt/ Ayonwatha/Hiawatha Belt*
48. *Two Row Wampum*
49. *Women's Nominating Belt*
50. *Dish With One Spoon*
51. *Coming of the Tuscarora's Belt*
52. *Etc...*