



# *Miss Na:tini-xwe'* 2026-2027

By July 30, 2026

Have completed, signed, and submitted to Hoopa Tribal Education office:  
Application, Code of Conduct & General Guidelines Agreement,  
Essay responses, photographs, and Traditional Talent Presentation form.

## August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 8:30am | Check-In                                              | Council Chambers |
| 9:00am | Personal Interviews- Contestants & Judges             | Council Chambers |
| 11:45  | We will introduce Miss Na:tini-xwe' contestants       | Stage            |
|        | You will give a description of your cultural attire   | Stage            |
|        | You will be asked by judges a few impromptu questions | Stage            |
|        | You will give your traditional talent presentation    | Stage            |
|        | Shortly thereafter                                    |                  |
|        | Coronation of 2026 Miss Na:tini-xwe'                  | Stage            |



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## Official Application

Enrolled Hoopa Members  
Ages 18-25 (before July 2026)



### I. Contestant Information

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Hoopa Tribal Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Educational Background

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in college: 1 2 3 4

### III. Essay Requirements

**In not more than 500 words for each question, please answer the following, each on a separate sheet of paper:**

1. Explain briefly why you would like to become Miss Na:tini-xwe' and the platform (i.e. an important issue of concern to you) that you plan to use should you be chosen.
2. Provide information about your involvement with tribal culture and traditions.
3. Provide information about your personal background: your family, your interests, and hobbies. Include short- and long-range educational goals and objectives. Any further information you would like to share.

### IV. Submit two (2) 5x7 photographs with this application.

1. Traditional Regalia
2. Modern Attire

### V. Submit a Signed Copy of the Miss Na:tini-xwe' Code of Conduct & General Guidelines Agreement.

### VI. Sign and Date Official Application.

**Complete Applications must be received at the Education Office no later than Thursday, July 30th 2026 by 5:00p.m. Incomplete applications will result in immediate disqualification.**

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**Affirmation:** I affirm that the contents contained herein, and other submitted documents, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If the preceding requirements are not complete and submitted by the established deadline, I may be disqualified for the Miss Na:tini-xwe' Competition. I understand that all decisions made by the Pageant Committee and Judges are final.

Signature of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## *Miss Na:tini-xwe'*

**The selection of Miss Na:tini-xwe' is based on a point system:**

**25%                      Submitted Application                      25 points**

In not more than 500 words for each topic, each on a separate sheet of paper, each contestant should address topics stated on application.

**25%                      Private Interview                      25 points**

The Private Interview phase of competition is an opportunity to learn as much as possible about the contestant – her knowledge of her tribe, culture and traditions, personal qualities, and attributes to be Miss Na:tini-xwe'; her level of communication skills, opinions and aspirations, sense of accomplishment, poise, and presence, as well as her ability to fulfill the job responsibilities outlined within the Miss Na:tini-xwe' Code of Conduct & General Guidelines.

**10%                      Description of Cultural Attire                      10 points**

This phase of competition is judged by how well contestants formally introduce themselves and explain the details of the dress they are modeling.

**20%                      Impromptu Questions                      10 points**

This phase of competition is designed for the contestant to extemporaneously answer questions in front of a live audience, as well as demonstrate their presentation ability. Judges are to only consider the answers to the questions.

**20%                      Traditional Talent Presentation                      20 points**

The Traditional Talent phase of competition provides an insight into the contestant's preparatory and performance skills. The Talent competition acknowledges the quality of the Traditional Talent being presented, the technical skill level, and the stage presence of the contestant.



## *Miss Na:tini-xwe' Pageant*

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### Code of Conduct & General Guidelines Agreement



1. You represent yourself, your family, and the Hoopa Valley Tribe.
2. It would not be in your best interest to conduct yourself in any way that would have an adverse effect on yourself, your family, the Hoopa Valley Tribe, and the Miss Na:tini-xwe' Pageant.
3. It is very important for you, as a contestant and an individual, to maintain certain moral standards for yourself now and in the future. It is mandatory that you and your fellow contestants conduct yourselves above and beyond reproach. This means that you will refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, smoking in public, profane language, and/or outbursts of any kind. **This type of behavior will not be tolerated. Any infringement of these moral standards will result in disqualification from the pageant or revoking of the Miss Na:tini-xwe' Title.**
4. You affirm that you have no dependents (children) or have not had any children. Should you be selected as Miss Na:tini-xwe'. Not Married or in Common Law Relationship.
5. You must have a good attitude about yourself before, during, and after the pageant. You will be required to respect, cooperate, and participate with fellow contestants, the Miss Na:tini-xwe' Committee, judges, the general public, and anyone else you may come in contact with at all times.
6. You are responsible for your personal belongings at all times. The Miss Na:tini-xwe' Committee and HVT Staff are NOT responsible for contestant's belongings, loss of articles, theft or injury.
7. Mandatory duties of the contestant crowned as Miss Na:tini-xwe' include:
  - a. Serving as a role model for young Indian Woman and as a Cultural Ambassador for the Hoopa Valley Tribe.
  - b. Riding in the current Sovereign's Day Parade.
  - c. Providing community service by actively working in at least two additional events in Hoopa, sponsored by the Hoopa Valley Tribe or a non-profit agency.
8. You must be accompanied by your parent/chaperone to assist with cultural attire during the Miss Na:tini-xwe' Pageant Friday, August 7th, 2026. Please arrive at 8:30 am.

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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 Na:tini-xwe' Pageant.

I understand that I may be disqualified as a contestant of the Miss Na: tini-xwe' Pageant if I deviate from the conditions and guidelines outlined above.

Signature of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*NOTE: Please make a COPY FOR YOUR records, and return this Agreement with your original Signature.***



# *Miss Na: tini-xwe' Pageant*

## Traditional Talent Presentation



**This form shall be submitted with your application with the same deadline of 5:00pm Thursday, July 30, 2026**

Your presentation should reflect a Traditional aspect of the Hoopa Valley Tribe:

- Performing the Lord's Prayer will not be recognized as a Traditional Talent.
- You may ask for audience/community participation during your presentation.
- Please limit your props to a maximum of 5 pieces.

There is a 5-minute time limit on all presentations. You must be able to describe, present, or perform within the 5-minute time frame. You will be judged on your ability to speak and present. You must be organized and ready; if you are not, you will be penalized in terms of scoring. All contestants must provide all materials significant to their Talent Presentation.

**Name the Traditional Talent you will present:**

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**Description of Traditional Talent Presentation:**

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