

Meet the young women seeking to represent Tribe as 2015-16 Siletz Royalty



SuSun Fisher, Candidate for Junior Miss Siletz

I am SuSun Fisher. I am 16 years old and attend Chemawa Indian School, where I will enter my junior year this September.

I am the daughter of Tammy Fisher and Erin Case Jr. I am of the Shasta, Tututni and Rogue River bands, also descending from the Grand Ronde Tribe and Salish Kootenai Tribe of the Flathead Nation.

I enjoy traveling to pow-wows, conferences and youth gatherings. I love to play softball. I am a WeRNative youth ambassador.

As the reigning Miss Siletz, I was chosen to represent the Tribe as a White House Tribal Youth Ambassador this past December at the White House Tribal Nations Conference.

I chose to run for royalty because I'm thankful for our Tribe and this is a way for me to give back. This is not just a hobby for me, it is something I am very passionate about and something dear to my heart.

I believe in leading by example and I want to show our Native youth all of the opportunities out there for them, not only within our Tribe but in all of Indian Country as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a candidate for Junior Miss Siletz and if chosen, I will do my very best to represent you all.



Felisha Howell Candidate for Junior Miss Siletz

Hello, everyone! My name is Felisha Howell and I am 16 years old.

I am the daughter of Brenda and Jerry Howell and Tesha Clawson. My bands are the Tututunne, Sixes, Smith River and Tolowa.

Some of my hobbies include going to youth camps, leadership camps and various others. I love to go on the trips that the Tribe presents to us youth, I like helping out with community events and going to pow-wows and feather dances. Sports I play are volleyball, basketball and softball.

For this upcoming school year, I will be a junior at Siletz Valley Early College Academy.

I want to be Junior Miss Siletz because I would love to not only represent my family and community but my Tribe as well. I also would love to go to other places and experience the different types of culture that are presented there and I would love to teach others about Siletz culture.

I think that being Junior Miss Siletz would be a great opportunity for me to network and meet other youth in the different Tribal communities.



Jocelyn Hernandez, Candidate for Little Miss Siletz

Hello, my name is Jocelyn Hernandez and I am running for Little Miss Siletz 2015-2016.

I am 12 years old and am going into the seventh grade.

My great-great-grandpa is Dewey Washington and my great-grandmother is Virginia Washington. My grandfather is Duane Endres. My mother is Rachelle Endres and my father is Robert Hernandez.

I am running for Little Miss Siletz for a few reasons. One, I love to travel to different places and represent my Tribe in a good way. I feel that with my past experience, I am a great role model to all other Tribal youth. I love to serve my Elders and sit and listen to their stories.

I love sports, especially basketball and softball. Dancing jingle in pow-wows and feather dance also are some of my passions.

I hope to see you all at our pow-wow during the second weekend in August. Thank you!

Halli Lane-Skauge, Candidate for Little Miss Siletz

Hello, my name is Halli Lane-Skauge and I am running for Little Miss Siletz 2015-2016.

My parents are Alissa Lane and Jason Skauge. My grandparents are Bud and Cheryl Lane and Dick and Kristy Steenkolk. My great-grandparents are Alfred Jr. and Clarice Lane and Frank and Nancy Simmons. My Tribal bands are Rogue River, Chetco, Tolowa, Shasta and Coos.

I am 8 years old and will be in third grade this fall. I love to read, ride horses, swim and be with my family. I have been riding horses since I was 3 years old.

I play the piano and I am also in my third year of ballet/modern and jazz dance. I participate in the TAG program at my school and I also play soccer and basketball.

I love to travel. I love to meet people from different places and cultures. Spending time with my family (especially my cousins) is one of my favorite things to do.

I participate in all of our Tribe's cultural events. My culture is really important to me. I believe it is my responsibility to take care of it. I love to feather dance and to pow-wow. I enjoy talking to people about who I am and explaining about my culture.

I have earned lots of awards from school for good attendance, demonstrating positive behavior and being a good community member.

I would love the opportunity to be Little Miss Siletz so I can spend the year representing my Tribe. I want to share about our Tribe with other people. I want to represent our Tribe all over Oregon and anywhere else I go.

I want to be a good role model for younger girls and inspire them to follow their dreams. Thank you!

