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Please complete and mail to Camille Mercier,
Royalty Committee, 9615 Grand Ronde Road,
Grand Ronde, OR 97347 by April 15, 1996.

~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ENTRY ~

Full Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 Phone Number: _____
 Roll Number: _____ Age: _____
 Place of Birth: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Father's Full Name: _____
 Mother's Full Name: _____
 Sponsor: _____
 Sponsor's Phone Number: _____
 Elementary School Attended: _____
 High School Attended: _____
 College Attended: _____
 Have you held any titles in the past? _____
 If yes, please explain: _____

 List any special accomplishments: _____

 Why are you entering the Miss Grand Ronde competi-
 tion or honorary court? _____

 Parent or Sponsor: _____
 Phone: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

~ ROYALTY COURT ~

Happy New Year! 1995 was a busy year for the Royalty Court and Committee. We've had an excellent year of representation of the past years' Royalty Court.

As 1996 gets underway its time to think about participating in this years Royalty Court. If you are a young lady, or know someone, who is a Grand Ronde tribal member and would like to represent her Tribe with pride and dignity, please look over the required rules and guidelines. If you want to be a part of this year's Court fill out the application form and send it to Camille Mercier at the address listed.

Please realize that being a part of the Royalty Court takes a considerable amount of time commitment and dedication, however it is an honor to represent your Tribe in the capacity of a princess of the Court.

There will be a mandatory meeting the last week of April for those who apply to the Royalty Court, so please have your applications mailed in by April 15. (The sooner, the better for processing.) You may call Camille Mercier after March 15 at (503) 879-2901 if you have any questions or concerns.

Royalty Committee is also considering applications for Committee positions at this time. Royalty Committee is a volunteer commitment and are not paid positions. Please call Camille Mercier for more information or the main switch board at 879-5211 to find out how to receive a committee application.

~ Guidelines for Royalty Court ~

◆ Participants must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Participants must be enrolled in public or private school and in one of the following age categories: Tiny Tot — 0 to 5 years; Honorary Court — 6 to 10 years; Jr. Miss — 11 to 14 years; Sr. Miss — 15 to 19 years.

◆ Participants must have their own regalia that is appropriate for all events. It is not the responsibility of the Pow-Wow Committee, Royalty Committee, Tribal Council, or any other program to provide these things for any reason for you. There will be a list of

scheduled events for participants to attend. A part of the judging requirements will be to attend each event.

◆ Royalty Court has no paid positions. The two Queens will receive a preset amount of travel money for attending required events. Fund-raisers will be the responsibility of the court and their parents/sponsors to coordinate. The monies raised will help the participants with travel expenses.

◆ All Royalty Court participants are expected by their conduct, to represent the Grand Ronde Tribe, their family and themselves with integrity and gracious spirit at all times. This means that participants must show good judgment by not participating in any activities that would bring adverse publicity to yourself or the Tribe while you are a member of the Royalty Court. Full dedication and preparation to represent the Tribe in a positive way is expected. Participants must be single, childless, never married. Participants must be alcohol and drug free.

◆ Royalty Court participants and their parent/sponsor must attend all required events (Pow-Wows, parades, fund-raisers, organizational meetings, and others as assigned.) Absences can be prearranged with the Royalty Committee Advisor. Three unexcused absences will result in disqualification from the Royalty Court. Please note that participants will receive 1 point for every event. Royalty Court participants will be expected to stay for the duration of events. This includes helping to set up for events such as meetings and parades, as well as dancing in Grand Entry and staying until the flags are retired unless pre-approved with the Royalty Committee Advisor. Participants will be expected to speak in front of large groups of people. Royalty Court participants must be willing and able to dance. *Remember: You are all a part of one team and will be expected to treat yourselves, running mates and others with respect at all times.*

◆ Royalty Court participants will be judged at the Royalty Court Pageant at the annual August Pow-Wow. Participants will be judged on dance, speech, attendance to required events, interview questions, and ticket sales. Participants are required to make at least one article of their regalia.

◆ **ANY MISCONDUCT WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE ROYALTY COURT AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER AGAIN.**

◆ Must have a parent/sponsor who will accompany Royalty Court participants to events as well as help coordinate fund-raisers and related events.