



Dear potential 2023-2024 Chief Seattle Days Royalty,

Greetings from the Suquamish Tribe Chief Seattle Days Royalty coordinator and planning committee. We would like to thank you for choosing our celebration as an opportunity to possibly represent the Suquamish Tribe as royalty. This is a great opportunity for youth **ages 4 to 18 years** old to learn more about community, culture, leadership, and role modeling. Please be sure that you meet the **eligibility qualifications** and can meet the **requirements and expectations**. We admire you for taking advantage of this meaningful opportunity, and we wish you the best of luck.

Historically Chief Seattle Days started as a single position, and over the years has grown to include more youth. As of 2023, this royalty opportunity is more inclusive to all youth, regardless of gender. Applicants are not required to identify as Male or Female. Royalty titles will be Senior, Junior, and Little. The goal of this year, is to have two youth holding each title. What matters most, is that all youth feel welcome and safe to participate and carry out their title and responsibilities.

Applications will be made available as early as **Friday, July 7th 2023** and the deadline for completed applications is set for **Monday, July 31st 2023**. Complete applications must be emailed. The pageant will take place on **Friday, August 18th 2023** at the Suquamish House of Awakened Culture. Suquamish Elders, community members, and previous CSD royalty will serve as judges. Judges will consider 1. Completed applications, 2. Regalia, 3. Presentation and public speaking skills when scoring contestants. More specific timeframes will be announced upon receiving completed applications.

For any questions or guidance to complete the application, preparation for the pageant, or to submit completed applications please email Cori Silvey, Pageant Coordinator via email csilvey@suquamish.nsn.us. **Applications due Monday, July 31st 2023.**

Respectfully,

Cori Silvey, Chief Seattle Days Royalty Coordinator.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Age
 - Senior Chief Seattle Days Royalty: **13-18 Yrs. Old**
 - Junior Chief Seattle Days Royalty: **8-12 Yrs. Old**
 - Little Chief Seattle Days Royalty: **4-7 Yrs. Old**
- Enrolled member or Descendent (on roll) of the Suquamish Tribe
- Lives an Alcohol, Drug, and Violence free life style (including all forms of bullying).
- Does not hold a crown/royalty title for any other pow-wow or celebration, and will not hold other crown/royalty titles during reign as Suquamish Chief Seattle Days Royalty.
- Owns Coastal Style regalia.
- Currently enrolled in school or graduated with high school diploma or GED.
 - Maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Possess and/or will practice public speaking skills.
- Family and/or community support to fulfill royalty responsibilities (travel, transportation, guidance, etc.)

GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS:

- **Conduct**
 - Royalty will represent the Suquamish Tribe and Chief Seattle Days celebrations at all times.
 - Drug, Alcohol, Violence, and Bullying in any form are prohibited.
 - Good moral character- appropriate behavior, helpful, kind, respectful, and trustworthy (including social media).
 - Regalia, Sash, and Crown during gatherings, celebrations, and events where royalty representation is requested and/or required.
 - Regular and on-going communication with the Suquamish royalty coordinator regarding updates, challenges, successes, and pictures.
 - Crown and Sashes belong to the Suquamish Tribe and must be cared for and in good condition.
 - Crowns must be returned at the end of royalty terms.
 - Sashes can be kept if royalty conduct & responsibilities have been upheld.
 - Damaged crowns and/or sashes must be reported to the Royalty coordinator and liability will be determined.
- **Responsibilities**
 - Attending and participating in Chief Seattle Days gatherings and celebrations
 - *Specific agenda for CSD weekend will be provided upon crowning.*
 - Welcoming community members and visitors
 - Helping to serve elders,
 - Set-up & clean up as requested
 - Singing and/or dancing
 - Assist with raffles and giveaways
 - Assist in crowing following years royalty
 - Community involvement- volunteer, participate, and lead peers.
 - Attend ceremonies, gatherings, celebrations, and community events as Royalty.
 - Uphold the highest standards of leadership and community service.
 - Help to promote community wellness and individual well-being (awareness events, community action, prevention efforts, and community healing efforts/events)
 - Prioritize Suquamish Tribe events and gatherings as opportunities to represent.
- **Term**
 - Royalty terms are one (1) year.
 - Royalty may not hold more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms.

In the event that royalty cannot or will not serve their term, crowns and sashes must be relinquished ASAP.

ROYALTY APPLICATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Renewal 13-18 Yrs. Old	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Renewal 8-12 Yrs. Old	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Renewal 4-7 Yrs. Old
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Participant Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Traditional Name (If applicable): _____

Meaning or Translation of traditional name (If applicable):

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of school: _____

Grade: _____ GPA must be 2.0 or higher.

Pronouns (circle one): He/Him She/Her They/Them Prefer not to answer

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Tribal affiliation (if applicable): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Tribal affiliation (if applicable): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Additional Contact/ Support Person(s) Contact Information

If an additional adult (auntie, uncle, mentor, family friend, etc.) will be essential in this participants ability to travel and uphold their responsibilities, please list that person below.

Name: _____

Relation or connection to participant: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

Relation or connection to participant: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

SENIOR (Ages 13-18 yrs. old) Chief Seattle Days Royalty Questions

Please answer the questions as you would in-person. These are the questions our judges will ask during the pageant.

1. Please introduce yourself traditionally (include your name, age, tribal affiliation, and family).

2. Please explain to judges why you've decided to run for Chief Seattle Days royalty this year.

3. Please give us three (3) examples of how you're involved with your community and culture.

4. Please share your understanding of why we celebrate Chief Seattle Days.

5. Who is someone you admire, and why?

Senior candidates are required to share a talent with the judges. This talent must be related to our Suquamish culture. Some suggestions or ideas include; regalia or art that you've created (in person or pictures), a song that you can sing for the judges, or stories with pictures of your family or teachers and their traditional practices such hunting, harvesting, singing/dancing, carving, weaving, etc.

Please plan to share your talent with the judges for at least five (5) minutes.

JUNIOR (Ages 8-12 yrs. old) Chief Seattle Days Royalty Questions

Please answer the questions as you would in-person. These are the questions our judges will ask during the pageant.

1. Please introduce yourself traditionally (include your name, age, tribal affiliation, and family).

2. Please tell us about your regalia (who helped you? Why is it important to you?)

3. Please give us three (3) examples of how you're involved with your community and culture.

4. What does it mean to be a kind and respectful person? (bully prevention)

5. Why are you running for Chief Seattle Days Royalty?

Junior candidates are welcomed to, but not required to share a talent with the judges. This talent must be related to our Suquamish culture. Some suggestions or ideas include; regalia or art that you've created (in person or pictures), a song that you can sing for the judges, or stories with pictures of your family or teachers and their traditional practices such hunting, harvesting, singing/dancing, carving, weaving, etc. **Please plan to share your talent with the judges for at least five (5) minutes.**

LITTLE (Ages 4-7 yrs. old) Chief Seattle Days Royalty Questions

Parents/Guardian or Support person, please answer the questions on behalf of the child, and include their responses if age appropriate. Please practice introductions with the child at a minimum and prepare someone to help with speaking during the pageant.

1. Please introduce yourself (include your name, age, tribal affiliation, and family).

2. Please tell us about your regalia (who helped you? Why is it important to you?)

3. Who is teaching you about your culture and traditions? Please give two (2) or more examples.

4. In what ways will this child's parent/guardian or support person help to uphold royalty expectations and responsibilities?

5. Why are you running for Renewal Royalty?

Signature Page/Agreement

I, _____, have read the eligibility criteria and guidelines and expectations before submitting this application. I understand that if I am crowned Suquamish Chief Seattle Days Royalty, I must comply with the expectations and guidelines as states above. If, for any reason, the Suquamish Royalty committee feels that I have not represented their organization and the Suquamish Tribe appropriately or have not conducted myself in accordance with their guidelines, the committee may forfeit my title as Suquamish Renewal Royalty. I understand that if my title is taken away, I will immediately (within 2-4 weeks) return my crown and sash to the Suquamish Royalty Committee.

Youth participant signature reminder: The youth participant must be present to receive a crown and sash if chosen and in the case of absents, the runner up will receive the title.

Signature of contestant

Date

Signature Parent/Guardian

Date

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 2023-2024 Suquamish Chief Seattle Days Royalty Pageant.

Royalty Coordinator ONLY	
Date application received:	Received by:
Youth Needs Age requirements: YES or NO	If yes, Senior, Junior, or Little (circle one)
Youth is an enrolled member or Descendent of the Suquamish Tribe: YES or NO	
Youth crowned as Royalty: YES or NO	If yes, title: