Greetings!

On behalf of the Happy Canyon Board of Directors, we are pleased that you have made the choice to apply to become a Happy Canyon Princess. We seriously consider each application received as any selected Happy Canyon Princess will represent over 100 years of history, tradition, and thousands of hours of volunteerism.

The "Happy Canyon Indian Pageant and Wild West Show" is the oldest and longest standing live night show in the country. It was started shortly after the birth of the Pendleton Round-Up for the purpose of nighttime entertainment for those who came to the Pendleton area to see the Round-Up. The original script is still used today, almost entirely as it was written in 1916.

The responsibility of being a Happy Canyon Princess is great, as are the rewards and honor of being in the spotlight. The commitment of being a Princess is also great, but the relationships built in the Pendleton Community and throughout the Northwest become life-long. You will go places, see things, and experience the life of royalty. The cost to you will be long hours, early mornings, late evenings, and most weekends during your term as a Princess, representing the show and the hundreds of volunteers that make Happy Canyon a success.

It will take more than just you to fulfill the position of Princess. The commitment of your family and/or support network are just as crucial. They will often spend the same hours as a Princess, and sometimes more, getting you and your horse ready for each event well before you get on to ride. It is also their responsibility to be at every parade and many other events, including some formal occasions you will attend throughout the year.

You will be judged in many different areas during the selection process, beginning with how well you put together this application. Please be as complete as possible—include as much and as accurate information as you can. This application is your first introduction to the Selection Committee, make it a good one.

We wish you the best of luck throughout the selection process.

Very sincerely,

Happy Canyon Princess Selection Committee