

Miss WEIO contestants

Ten young women including two from outside Alaska will compete for the honored title of Miss World Eskimo-Indian Olympics for 1984 when the Olympics begin Thursday.

The contestants for the title which is much more than a beauty contest include contestants from the White Mountain Apache tribe in Arizona and from the Cherokee people of South Carolina.

Other representatives from Alaska include:

- Elizabeth Shirley Ann Koutchak, 18, daughter of Freddie Allen Koutchak of Unalakleet and Bessie Jewel Koutchak of Klawock. She is Inupiaq and Tlingit. Her sponsor is Chevron U.S.A.

- Marie P. Williams, 24, Miss Cook Inlet Native Association. Her parents are Marilyn and Bill Williams of Anchorage. She is Tlingit.

- Agatha Lupe, 20, Miss White Mountain Apache. She is

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Maria Williams

Ten women vie for Miss WEIO title



Elizabeth Koutchak



Melvina Swimmer



Agatha Lupe



Christine Carpenter



Rose Abraham

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the daughter of Roger and Gertie Lupe of Arizona.

- Melvina Swimmer, 20, Miss Cherokee, representing the Eastern Cherokee tribe. She is the daughter of Amanda Swimmer of Cherokee, N.C.

- Christine A. Carpenter, 19, Miss Arctic Native Brotherhood. Her parents are Jack and Lorena Carpenter. She is Inupiaq.

- Rose Abraham, 20, the daughter of Mickey Abraham. She is Yup'ik.

- Lucy S. Nelson, 19, Miss Arctic Circle. She is the daughter

of Alice and Henry Nelson of Kotzebue. She is Inupiaq and is sponsored by the NANA Region.

- Lily Walunga, Miss St. Lawrence Island. She is Inupiaq.

- Flora Solomon, Miss Top of the World, from Barrow. She is Inupiaq.

- Geraldine Simon, Miss Fairbanks Native Association. She is Athabascan.

Contestants are judged on their knowledge of their culture, their traditional Native costume, and a traditional talent.

They have been in Fairbanks all week working on the competition, appearing on the local television and getting acquainted with each other.

Miss WEIO will be crowned on the night of August 5.

The current Miss WEIO is Paula White, who is now attending college in Oregon. She is Tlingit and is from Anchorage.

The winner will represent the Alaska Native people at the annual Miss National Congress of American Indians meeting in Green Bay, Wisc. in October.

Donators to the WEIO Queen contest are: Doyon Ltd. Tim Wallis, president, \$250 to scholarship;

JC Penneys, Anchorage, Doug Rush \$200 to scholarship; Plaza II Bingo, Rod and Janet Mead \$100

to scholarship; William M. Dotson, Jr., DDS \$25 to scholarship; Robert McGrane, McGrane Jewelers, coral necklace valued at \$150; Pictures Inc., \$15 to scholarship; Gene A. Kremer, D.C., \$50 to

scholarship; CIRI, Roy Huhndorf, \$250 to scholarship; Chevron, USA, George Day and Tom Gallagher,

\$250 to sponsor Elizabeth; Ulu Factory, 5 jade ulus for the judges, David Gransbury; Laura Wright,

Summer parka for the Queen; Eskimo dolls as a gift to all contestants from the WEIO Committee;

Jade trophy for the Queen from the NANA Regional Corporation; Capt. Jim Binkley, Riverboat

Discovery tour for all contestants; Honda of Anchorage, Tony Getts, \$50 to the scholarship; Ralph Little, usage of "Spirit of the Wind" film (to help raise money).

JUDGES ARE: Judy Ramos, Tlingit, past Miss NCAI, CINA, WEIO; Marilyn Milligrock, past Miss WEIO; Sarah Scanlon, past Miss WEIO; Googie Glazier, Athabascan, past Miss WEIO, from Northway.