

Deadline nears for Miss WEIO contest

Deadline for applications to enter the 1983 Miss World Eskimo Indian Olympics queen competition is July 15, according to event chairwoman Audrey Ambrose Armstrong.

All women between the ages of 18 and 25 who are at least one-fourth degree Alaska or Canadian Native or is a member of a recognized American Indian Tribe, are invited to enter the event.

Entrants must never have been married or had any children.

Contestants are judged on their knowledge of her Native people, her culture, traditional ways and on current issues that may have an impact on her life and her people.

The women entering will be expected to bring a Native outfit typical of the area which they represent for modeling. Contestants will appear during the three nights of WEIO events in those contests and will also be judged on the outfits.

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Contestants are also asked to bring a Native gift from her region to be exchanged among the contestants.

Ms. Armstrong, a former Miss WEIO, says she already has had contestants apply from the White Mountain Apache tribe in Arizona and from the Cherokee tribe in North Carolina and from the Northwest Arctic Native Brotherhood.

Joann Bennally from White Mountain Apache was first runner-up in the 1982 Olympics.

Paula White, a Tlingit from Anchorage, is the reigning Miss WEIO and will preside at the 1983 events until the new

queen is chosen.

The queen also will represent Alaska Natives at the annual National Conference of American Indians meeting in Wisconsin in October.

Ms. Armstrong also is seeking contributions for the annual scholarships which are given to the new queen and her runners-up in the contest.

Anyone interested in entering the queen contest or in contributing to the scholarship fund should contact Ms. Armstrong at the Alaska Native Medical Center, Post Office Box 7-741, Anchorage, Alaska, 99510 or call her at 265-9185 or 338-0448.