



## Request to Alter Graduation Regalia

(Submission Deadline - April 15th)

Student Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Request Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mustang Public Schools maintains an interest to protect the time honored traditions relative to our graduation ceremonies and our desire for those exercises to be reflective, solemn, and formal. We also recognize our obligation to be sensitive and compliant with Oklahoma law.

In an effort to comply with legal requirements, any student may request to alter his/her graduation regalia if the request is based upon a free exercise of his/her religion or cultural expression. Please reference MPS School Board Policy 5075 for requests for additional cords.

Native American students who can verify their enrollment in a tribe (CDIB card or Tribal Citizenship Card) will be allowed to wear an eagle feather on the mortar board and/or have beading around the edge of the mortar board. The beading which will represent Native American culture shall be attached to the mortar board and shall not exceed ½ inch over or ½ inch under the edge of the mortar board. There will be no alterations to the robe.

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- 1) Describe the alteration of graduation regalia you are requesting.
  
  - 2) Please describe how this alteration is an extension of your sincerely held religious beliefs.

Due to the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, if your request includes the use of Eagle Feathers, please provide documentation in the form of:

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of your Tribal Citizenship Card

\_\_\_\_\_ Proof of authenticity from where your feather was obtained

**\*\*Please submit**

Native American alteration requests to Katy Patterson, Title VI Coordinator, [pattersonk@mustangps.org](mailto:pattersonk@mustangps.org)

All other alteration requests to Craig Chestnut, Senior Principal at MHS, [ChestnutC@mustangps.org](mailto:ChestnutC@mustangps.org)