

NATIVE YOUTH IN FOOD & AGRICULTURE

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL SUMMIT
SANTA CLARAN HOTEL - ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO

AUGUST 19 - 21, 2016

The Southwestern Regional Summit will bring Native youth ages 15-24 together for a one-of-a-kind learning experience about the issues they will be facing as the next generation of food & agriculture leaders in the Southwestern region. This program is open to both enrolled Tribal youth and Tribal descendants.



APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 29, 2016

Applications available online at indianaglink.com/youth.

Apply online at <http://goo.gl/forms/9zOlxrAfAGHShkMJ2>.

For questions contact Kelsey Ducheneaux at 605-850-4079 or kducheneaux@outlook.com.



Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in attending the 2016 Southwestern Native Youth in Food & Agriculture Regional Summit! The review committee looks forward to receiving your application and learning more about your interest in food and agriculture. You should submit your entire completed application to Kelsey Ducheneaux on the Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative staff using the contact information below:

- To send application materials via email: kducheneaux@outlook.com with "SOUTHWESTERN SUMMIT STUDENT APP: **YOUR NAME**" as the subject line of the e-mail;
- To send via regular mail: IAC Technical Assistance c/o Kelsey Ducheneaux, PO Box 430, Eagle Butte, SD 57625
- To submit your application online: <http://goo.gl/forms/9zOlxrAfAGHShkMJ2>

Review Process

The new student application deadline is July 29, 2016. Materials must be emailed, postmarked, or submitted online by 11:59pm MST that day to be considered by the admissions committee. The committee will review applications, and students will be notified of their application status, by August 5, 2016. Late applicants will be placed on a waiting list to be reviewed on a rolling basis after the first round of students has been admitted.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Tribal Affiliation(s) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Texting _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Preferred method of contact (home/cell phone, email, mail, etc): _____

Facebook Yes/No Twitter @ _____ Instagram @ _____

II. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Check all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FFA Member | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crops/Grains | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Foods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Medicinal Plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

III. STUDENT INTERESTS

What are you passionate about? List or summarize your interests.

IV. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. Résumé that includes evidence of academic achievement (G.P.A);
2. Statement of Interest:
 - 1-2 page typed, double-spaced statement that:
 - Explains your interest in participating in the Southwestern Regional Summit;
 - Discusses your involvement in food and agriculture activities at home, in your Tribe, your community, at your school, or elsewhere; and
 - Includes any membership and involvement in FFA, 4-H, or other food and agriculture organization

V. STUDENT LEADERS

If you are a college aged student and/or have leadership experience, please think about taking on a role as a Student Leader for the Southwestern Summit. Student Leaders will take part in finalizing summit planning, assist in coordination during the summit, and serve in a mentoring capacity during team-based activities throughout the Southwestern Summit. Student Leaders will be required to arrive August 18, 2016 for training and take on a larger responsibility in completing their leadership role. If you are interested in serving as a Student Leader, please complete the required application steps outlined on the last page of this application.

Student Leader Application

We ask that all Regional Summit student leaders arrive prior to the Summit for staff training and camp preparation. For the Southwestern Regional Summit, student leaders should arrive by 6:00 PM MST (noon) on August 18, 2016, and be available on site until the event ends on August 21, 2016. Will you be available on these dates?

_____ Yes _____ No*

**Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applications from students who are not available these dates.*

Describe your background in food production and/or agriculture.

What are your strongest leadership qualities?

How do those qualities make you a good leader for youth?

Please include two references, including reference names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers in your application materials:

- One personal reference being a current or former employer or supervisor, or a member of your family, Tribe, or community who can speak to your leadership abilities, preferably in a food/ag setting; and
- One personal reference being an individual (preferably a food/ag professional) in your family, Tribe, or community who can speak to your dedication to food and agricultural production.