



# Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

July  
19-28  
2015

Native Youth in Food & Agriculture Summer Summit:  
Summit Fellow Application



## Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in returning to Fayetteville for the 2015 Native Youth in Food & Agriculture Summer Summit! The review committee looks forward to receiving your application and learning more about what you've learned since attending your last Summit. Please note: the **Summit Fellow Program is for returning Summit participants only**. If you are a first-time applicant, or you wish to be a student leader, please select a different application from our webpage.

You should submit your entire completed application except for recommendation letters to Rebecca Sims on the Initiative staff using the contact information below. Your recommendation letters should not be submitted with your materials, but should be sent directly from your recommenders to Ms. Sims. Contact information for both applications and recommendation letters is:

- To send via email: [ras017@uark.edu](mailto:ras017@uark.edu);
- To send via regular mail: UA School of Law, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative c/o Rebecca Sims, 1045 W. Maple St., Fayetteville, AR 72701

## About the Fellows

The Summit Fellows Program is designed for students who have already attended a previous Summit and who are ready to take a more active leadership role, not only in the program, but in their Tribes, communities, and all of Indian Country food and agriculture. Summit Fellows will be tasked during the event with specific leadership duties, a collaborative project, and will be expected to act as mentors to their peers throughout the week. They are also automatically eligible to become Student Leaders at future Summits once they meet the age requirements. Summit Fellows may be late high school or early college-aged. Student Leaders are college-aged.

## Review Process

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis by the application committee. Once your application has been reviewed by the committee, we will contact you to notify you of the status of your application. We will continue to accept applications until all available spaces have been filled, or until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, whichever comes first. However, because there are a limited number of spaces available, **we encourage you to submit your applications as soon as possible.**

**2015 Summit Dates: July 19th-28th**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Affiliation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

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

I have previously attended the Summit: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**II. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT**

Check all that apply

_____ FFA Member	_____ 4-H Member	_____ Cattle
_____ Horse	_____ Sheep	_____ Community Service
_____ Crops/Grains	_____ Poultry	_____ Art
_____ Sports	_____ Music	_____ Traditional Foods
_____ Student Government	_____ Community Garden	_____ Other Food/Ag (specify)

**III. STUDENT INTERESTS**

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

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#### IV. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. **Résumé** that includes evidence of academic achievement (G.P.A);
2. **Letter of reference:**
  - One professional or personal reference letter from a current or former employer or supervisor, teacher, or member of your family, Tribe, or community who can speak to your dedication to food and agriculture and your leadership abilities.
  - Your recommenders should email, fax, or mail your letters directly to the Initiative staff. Contact information can be found in the application instructions above.

3. **Summit Fellow Project Proposal:**

Summit Fellows are late high school or early college-aged students who have attended the Summit in the past. They will work with other Summit Fellows to design a group project focusing on food and agriculture. They will develop the project together and present the project at the conclusion of the Summit. The project should be capable of being replicated in many tribal communities, and it should incorporate elements of the Summit curriculum (business plans, risk management, food sovereignty assessments, etc). The project can propose the development of a for-profit business, nonprofit business, intertribal organization, community garden, school program, foundation, or any other group or entity that supports Indian Country food and agriculture. Each Fellow will be responsible for bringing a project proposal idea to the Summit. The Summit Fellows will meet on Day 1 of the Summit and decide as a group which project will move forward.

In a typed, double-spaced statement that is at least two pages in length, describe what kind of project you might like to undertake. Your proposal should address the following questions:

- Why is this project important?
- Who will this project serve?
- Who will be involved in this project?
- How will this project support Indian Country food and agriculture?

There is no maximum length for this proposal. If you would like, you may include supplementary information in addition to your written statement (Powerpoint or Prezi presentations, infographics, original artwork or music, etc). Please submit the proposal when you submit your application.