

 UNIVERSITY OF
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SCHOOL OF LAW

Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

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2015

Native Youth in Food & Agriculture Summer Summit:
Student Leader Application



Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in being a **Student Leader** for the 2015 Native Youth in Agriculture Summer Summit! The committee looks forward to receiving your application. You should submit your entire completed application to Rebecca Sims on the Initiative staff using the contact information below. Please note: the **Student Leader application is for college-age students only**. If you are between the ages of thirteen and eighteen and have never attended the Summit, please select the First Time Student application from our webpage. Also, 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;
- **To send via regular mail:** UA School of Law, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative c/o Rebecca Sims, 1045 W. Maple St., Fayetteville, AR 72701

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 schedule an interview or otherwise notify you of the status of your application. We expect to make decisions very quickly, and while we will continue to accept applications until all positions have been filled, **we encourage you to submit your application 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 _____

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

II. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Check all that apply

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

III. AVAILABILITY

We ask that all Summit student leaders arrive prior to the Summit for staff training and camp preparation. For 2015, student leaders should arrive Thursday, July 16th, and be available from then until the event ends on Tuesday, July 28th. Will you be available on these dates?

_____ Yes _____ No

If you checked no, please explain your date conflicts:

IV. SHORT ANSWER

What are you most passionate about?

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?

V. SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

1. Résumé that includes evidence of your academic achievement (current G.P.A.);
2. Statement of Interest:
 - 1-2 page typed, double-spaced statement that:
 - Explains your interest in being a leader at the Summit;
 - Discusses your involvement in food and agriculture activities at home, in your Tribe, your community, at your school, or elsewhere;
 - Includes any membership and involvement in FFA, 4-H, or other food and agriculture organization; and
 - Outlines your future plans relevant to food and agriculture.
3. Two letters of reference:
 - One professional reference letter from 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 letter from an individual (preferably a food/ag professional) in your family, Tribe, or community who can speak to your dedication to food and agricultural production.
 - Your recommenders should email, fax, or mail your letters directly to the Initiative staff. Contact information can be found in the application instructions above.