



Native Youth in Food and Agriculture

Summer Leadership Summit

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Fayetteville AR



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Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in returning to Fayetteville for the 2016 Native Youth in Food & Agriculture Summer Summit! The review committee members look 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 Web page.

You should submit your entire completed application to Emerald Hames on the Initiative staff using the contact information below:

- To send via email: ehames@uark.edu;
- Fax: 479-575-3320
- To send via regular mail: UA School of Law, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative c/o Emerald Hames, 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 also 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

The priority application deadline for Fellows is March 11, 2016. Materials must be emailed, faxed, or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. CST that day to be considered for the first round of Fellow review. Any Fellow applications received after that deadline will be reviewed as part of the new student process in April. With a limited number of Fellow positions available, all returning students are strongly encouraged to apply by March 11. Decisions on the first round of Fellow admissions will be made, and accepted Fellows notified, by the end of March.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Tribal Affiliation(s) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Texting Yes/ No

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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| _____ FFA Member | _____ 4-H Member | _____ Cattle |
| _____ Horse | _____ Sheep | _____ Community Service |
| _____ Crops/Grains | _____ Poultry | _____ Art |
| _____ Sports | _____ Music | _____ Traditional Foods |
| _____ Nutrition | _____ Culinary Arts | _____ Traditional Medicinal Plants |
| _____ Student Government | _____ Community Garden | _____ 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. **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). In your own proposal, you can suggest 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 with your application.