Native Youth in Food and Agriculture

Summer Leadership Summit

>>> ⟶ **Student Leader Application** ⟵ <<<

July 17-26, 2016
Fayetteville AR

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Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in being a **Student Leader** for the 2016 Native Youth in Agriculture Summer Summit! The committee members look forward to receiving your application. Submit your entire completed application to Emerald Hames 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 15 and 18 and have never attended the Summit, please select the First Time Student application from our Web page. Please note, your recommendation letters should not be submitted with your materials, but should be sent directly from your recommenders to Emerald Hames. Contact information for both applications and recommendation letters is:

- 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

Review Process

The application deadline for Student Leaders is March 11, 2016. Materials must be emailed, faxed, or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. CST that day to be considered for the position, unless special circumstances warrant a later application. Summit staff will review each application received by the deadline and will select the most qualified individuals for phone interviews.

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

_____ 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. AVAILABILITY

We ask that all Summit student leaders arrive prior to the Summit for staff training and camp preparation. For 2016, student leaders should arrive Thursday, July 14, and be available from then until the event ends on Tuesday, July 26. Will you be available on these dates?

_____ Yes _____ No

If you checked no, please explain your date conflicts:

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IV.   SHORT ANSWER

What are you most passionate about?

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Describe your background in food production and/or agriculture.

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What are your strongest leadership qualities?

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

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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:

     o Explains your interest in being a leader at the Summit;
     o Discusses your involvement in food and agriculture activities at home, in your Tribe, your community, at your school, or elsewhere;
     o Includes any membership and involvement in FFA, 4-H, or other food and agriculture organization; and
     o 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.