SUMMER CAMP FUNDING APPLICATION

Applications Due Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The Association on American Indian Affairs is the oldest non-profit serving Native Country protecting sovereignty, preserving culture, educating youth and building capacity. The Association was formed in 1922 to change the destructive path of federal policy from assimilation, termination and allotment, to sovereignty, self-determination and self-sufficiency. Throughout our more than 100-year history, we have provided national advocacy on watershed issues that support sovereignty and culture, while working at a grassroots level with Native Nations to support the implementation of programs that affect real lives on the ground.

The Association began providing grants to Native Youth Summer Camps in 1963 as a powerful way that the Association can support the health and well-being of Native youth. Moreover, Native youth summer camps support our vision to create a world where diverse Native American cultures and values are lived, protected, and respected. There is significant research that shows when young Native people are connected to their culture, they fare better mentally and emotionally than those who are not. Healthy and strong Native American youth will sustain strong Native cultures and protect sovereignty and self-determination for years to come.

Applications for funding are based on the following required criteria:

- The camp should provide summer programming to Native youth up to 18 years of age
- The camp must be inclusive and supportive of LGBTQ2S+ youth;
- The program should include education on physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health;
- The program should include connections to culture, language and community advocacy;
- The program should involve Elders and have active Native Nation involvement; and
- The camp must follow safety and security protocols and procedures to protect the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health of the campers and all involved.

Requirements for a successful grant:
Native Youth Summer Camps that are approved for funding must submit a 2-3 page report at the end of the camp or no later than Friday, Friday, August 30, 2024, that provides a description of activities that include:

- Length, term, location and dates of the camp;
- How many Native youth participated, their ages and which Native Nations were represented;
- How the camp was inclusive and supportive of LGBTQ2S+ youth;
• How the program included education on physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health;
• How the program included education on culture, language and community advocacy;
• How the program involved Elders and Native Nation involvement;
• How the program followed safety and security procedures to protect and care for the youth; and
• Photo release forms and digital photos to share about the camp’s success!

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Grants for the Association’s Native Youth Summer Camp Grants is dependent upon the generosity of our donors. Funding may vary from year to year; therefore, an award is not guaranteed. The Association generally does not have the ability to fund costs for entire summer programming. Funding provided is usually between $250 and $1,000, depending on the number of qualified programs applying for funding.

If you have questions about your application, please email Julie at general@Indian-Affairs.org or call (240) 314-7155.

Organization Name: ____________________________________________
Is your camp led or owned by a Native Nation, or by a Native owned entity? ______________
Please describe and/or name the owner of your camp. ____________________________________________
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Mailing Address: _________________________________________________
City/State/Zip Code: ________________________________________________
Camp Location: _____________________________________________________
Primary Contact Name & Title: _________________________________________
Primary Contact Phone: __________________________ E-mail: ________________
Alternate Contact Name & Title: _______________________________________
Alternate Contact Phone: __________________________ E-mail: ________________
Name of Camp: _____________________________________________________
Camp Website (if applicable): _________________________________________
Camp Dates: _________________________________________________________
Is this a day camp or overnight? __________ How many years has this camp operated? _____
Tribe(s) served: ___________________________________________________

How many years has this camp operated? ______Number of Youth Campers Expected: ______
Ages of Youth Campers Expected: ____________Number of Volunteers: ________________
Number of Elders: ____________ Has the camp previously received a grant: ________________
Total Camp Budget in Dollars: ____________Amount Requested: ________________
What are the other sources of funding the camp will receive?

Is there a charge for participants to attend camp? If yes, how much?

Describe the purpose and goals of your camp:

Is your camp inclusive and supportive of the LGBTQ2S+ Native youth that attend your camp? Please describe how your camp is inclusive and supportive:

Please describe how your camp will include education on health and wellness:

Please describe how your camp will include culture, language and community building:

Please describe how your camp will address the mental and emotional health of the campers:

Please describe how your camp will provide safety and security, including physical health precautions:
How did you hear about the Association’s Summer Camp Grants?

If selected, how will your camp be accepting the award funds (Venmo, PayPal, Mailed check or ACH Transfer)?

Please share the account information for the selected payment method:

Application completed and submitted by (Name):

Position: Date:

Signature: