



ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS

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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. _____

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: _____

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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: _____

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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: _____

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