



Affiliated Youth of Northwest Indians Ambassador Program

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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 6, 2009
PLEASE SEND ALL MATERIALS TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be 14-20 years of age
- Select Two (2) male or female representatives
- Enrolled with a Federally Recognized Tribe, Alaska Natives or Title VII (506 form)
- Current Junior High or High School Student, College student

APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The AYNI Ambassadors will be appointed by the ATNI Youth Membership at the ATNI Winter Conference. The Ambassadors selected will serve as Youth Commission for the AYNI Ambassador Program.

Applicants will need to get (20) signatures by your peers within your community, school, or college on the nomination form.

At the ATNI Winter Conference the applicant will provide a presentation which will include a speech made by the applicant discussing his or her personal interest platform. Essay entitled "An Important Indian Issue of Concern to Me and How I Plan to address this Issue during my Tenure, should I be chosen as the Youth Leadership Ambassador Program." (Limit 2 pages, double spaced, Times font, 12 point font size):

Applicants must be able to demonstrate their knowledge of tribal government, tribal culture, customs, practices, tribal history, their concerned interest in present and future issues, and the conditions affecting the well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native governments. Applicants will be required to publicly promote their platform (limited to a (3) minute speech) and must be able to answer questions from fellow peers, and answer impromptu questions. Applicants are strongly recommended to prepare a cultural presentation and the use of your Native language is strongly encouraged.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- o Complete AYNI Youth Ambassador Program Application
- o 1 Recommendation Letter by School Official, Tribal Member, or Community Member
- o Copy of your Enrollment Card or Copy of Title VII (506 Form)
- o Signed copy of AYNI Rules and Responsibilities /Media Release
- o Signed copy of Nomination Form
- o Sign Pledge of an AYNI Youth Leadership Ambassador.
- o Provide copy of Personal Interest Platform

Due to safety and supervision concerns ATNI requires that all individuals under the age of 18 be chaperoned by a responsible adult.



Affiliated Youth of Northwest Indians Ambassador Program Application

Name _____ Indian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Place of Birth _____

Tribe/Parent Enrolled _____ # _____

Parent/Chaperone Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Educational Background

High School _____ Graduation year _____

College _____ Classification _____

Major _____ Graduation year _____

Degree _____

List any honors, titles or positions you hold or have held in the past.

Upon receipt of completed application, attachments and other program materials will be sent by email to each applicant. Applicants are responsible for all travel, lodging, and meal costs during the ATNI Conferences.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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Rules and Responsibilities

- All Applicants are required to be in Tulalip Washington, on February 15, 2008 (Sunday) at the ATNI Winter Conference.
- You will need to bring all items needed for your presentation. This includes individuals that will be a part of your cultural presentation (drummers, singers, etc.) and your speech materials. Applicants will be responsible for assisting in setting up all props/audio by themselves.
- Applicants are required to attend all scheduled activities, including all events for the ATNI Youth Commission, and arrive at scheduled time. Applicants also must be prepared to participate fully upon arrival.
- Absolutely no use of illegal drugs, cigarettes or alcohol substances will be allowed during any portion of the ATNI Conferences. Failure to do so can result in an applicant's removal from the AYNI Ambassador Program.
- You are responsible for appropriate behavior during your role as an applicant. This includes maintaining a positive attitude for the duration of the Program.
- Use of abusive or vulgar language will not be tolerated any time during the ATNI Youth Commission meetings.
- You are responsible for your belongings at all times. The AYNI Ambassador Program and ATNI are not responsible for applicants' personal belongings, loss of articles, theft or injury.

I understand that I may be withdrawn as an applicant of the AYNI Ambassador Program if I deviate from any of the conditions outlined above and may further result in applicant's removal from all ATNI Conference events and activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

MEDIA RELEASE

I AUTHORIZE THE Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Youth Ambassador Program and ATNI to record on film, tape or otherwise, my name, likeness, image, voice and performance for use in various programs, which I understand may be produced and recorded for duplication, broadcast and possible distribution throughout the United States and abroad, in such a manner as may be determined for promotional, educational and or informational purposes for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Youth Ambassador Program.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____
Parental Signature (if applicant is under 18)



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Nomination Form (To be filled out by the applicant)

Name _____ Indian Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Place of Birth _____

Tribe or Parent Enrolled _____

Peer Nomination Signatures (20)

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| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

To be completed by the Organization, Tribal Department, School, or Chaperone

By completing this form, the tribe or organization acknowledges the applicant's participation in the AYNI Ambassador Program and understands its commitment to supporting the applicant upon receiving the honor of AYNI Ambassador...

Name _____ Date _____

Title _____

Tribe _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Pledge of AYNi Ambassador

I, _____, hereby pledge to serve as a role model to youth across the nation once I am appointed as the AYNi Ambassador.

I hereby pledge sobriety throughout my two-year tenure and will uphold the values and morals of my community and the Native community at large.

I further pledge not to use illegal drugs or consume tobacco products during my tenure as the AYNi Ambassador.

Ambassadors will be responsible for serving as a representative voice of the Youth Commission and must behave in an appropriate manner at all functions at which the Ambassadors serve as an AYNi Representative.

Upon appointment as AYNi Ambassador, Ambassadors will be required to attend the ATNI Mid-Year and Annual Conventions for the endurance of their term.

Upon appointment as Ambassador, each Ambassador will be responsible for holding regular meetings of the Youth Commission and in advancing their policy agendas.

Upon appointment as Ambassador, each Ambassador will notify ATNI staff, as identified, of any and all related travel for and on behalf of the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians once a speaking engagement or travel commitment is made, the Ambassador will be required to attend all confirmed activities, functions or events.

I hereby agree and promise to abide by the above AYNi Ambassador Program Pledge of a Youth Ambassador. Failure to do so will result in an Ambassador's removal from the AYNi Ambassador Program.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____