

Champions for Change – 2017 Application

The Champions for Change (CFC) program at the Center for Native American Youth (CNAV), inspired by a 2011 White House initiative, recognizes and encourages inspirational Native American youth (ages 14 to 22) working in their tribal or urban Indian communities to promote hope and make a positive impact.

Each year, CNAV selects five inspirational Native youth to join the CFC program. Champions are individuals who initiate programs, events, or other efforts that improve the lives of fellow youth in Indian Country.

Below is the application form to apply for the 2017 class of Champions for Change.

***Note: You will not be able to save and return to this form. We recommend typing responses in a word processing document first and then pasting into the form when you're ready to submit.*

Please visit [CNAV's Champions for Change webpage](#) for more details and up-to-date information on the program.

EXTENDED Application Deadline: November 18, 2016

INACTIVE

Name *

First Last

Gender

Birth Date

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Tribal Affiliation(s) *

Grade Level (example: High School Junior) *



Job Title (if applicable)

Company/Organization (if applicable)

Phone Number

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Email *

Home Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Which of the following categories most accurately describe your youth-led initiative? Check all that apply. *

- Health (including access to health care; substance and alcohol abuse prevention; health promotion)
- Mental Health and Well-Being (including suicide prevention; bereavement, grief, and healing practices/promotion)
- Education, Mentorship or Afterschool Programs
- Sports, Nutrition or Wellness
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Building Healthy Relationships (including teen dating; relationships with elders, family, or peers)
- Cultural Preservation and Native Languages
- Anti-Bullying or Peer to Peer Support
- Self-Expression through Arts and Crafts
- Emerging Leadership in Civic Engagement (including engagement with local and/or tribal governments)
- Economic and Community Development (including promoting financial literacy)
- Other

Other (please describe)

Name of Youth-Led Initiative

Student Essay/Video Form

We want to hear from Native American youth to learn about how you are working to overcome the challenges facing your communities. Please respond to each of the questions listed below in a written essay or video submission.

Videos must be no longer than 5 minutes. Essay responses must be between 500 and 1,500 words (between 1 and 2 pages, single-spaced).

1. What are the most important challenges you see facing youth in your community?
2. Describe your leadership initiative. What have you done to help solve the issues outlined in question number one? (This is the

most important portion of the essay.)

3. What specific challenges or barriers did you overcome to make your initiative a reality?

4. How many people have been involved with or affected by your leadership initiative described in question number two? (Tell us how far and wide your impact has been!)

5. Describe examples of how your initiative has been successful in positively impacting Native American youth. (Examples are very helpful for the application review committee.)

6. What are your dreams for your leadership initiative? How do you want to see your initiative sustained and/or expanded?

Please select your form of story submission *

- Video Upload
- Essay
- Other

Essay Question Response

Must be between 750 and 1500 words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

Video Upload

Remember that your video must last no longer than 5 minutes. Please upload your video here AND send to jraphaelitocnay@gmail.com with the subject "2017 Champions for Change Video Submission".

Upload your application video here!

No file chosen

(Optional) Upload a photo here!

No file chosen

Thank you!

Thank you for applying to the Champions for Change program at the Center for Native American Youth.

Applicant's Electronic Signature:

"I certify that all of the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge." *