

NATIVE YOUTH

in Food & Agriculture

PACIFIC REGIONAL SUMMIT
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA - RENO

OCTOBER 13 - 16, 2016

The Pacific Regional Summit will bring Native youth ages 15-18 together for a one-of-a-kind learning experience about the issues they will be facing as the next generation of food & agriculture leaders in the Pacific region.



APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

Download applications at IndianAgLink.com/Youth.
Apply online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/ZyPEQ4lr6BJxnwIQ2>

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PACIFIC REGION INDIAN AGRICULTURE YOUTH ALLIANCE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:



NRCS-CA State Conservationist, Azelya,
IAC Staff Member



Azelya at 2016 National RC&D Conference
Speaking on behalf of Tribal youth in Agriculture



Azelya at UC Davis speaking with representatives
from the Agriculture Sustainability Institute

“This conference will allow Native American youth to gain more knowledge about agriculture while making connections with agricultural leaders and other Native youth that have the same interests. This conference will open minds and doors to Native American youth interested in agriculture, by providing them with many different resources and knowledge through presentations and speakers. It allows Native to also find their specific area of interest in agriculture. [These conferences] allow me to gain mentorship from Native American leaders who have connected me with other agricultural agencies and organizations. It will give you a glorious insight into different kinds of agriculture and Native American tribes and allow you to be proud of your Native American heritage.”

Azelya, 16 years old, Pacific Region Indian Agriculture Youth Alliance Member

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Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in attending the 2016 Pacific Native Youth in Food & Agriculture Regional Summit! The review committee looks forward to receiving your application and learning more about your interest in food and agriculture. You should submit your entire completed application to Kelsey Ducheneaux on the Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative staff using the contact information below:

- To send application materials via email: kducheneaux@outlook.com with “PACIFIC SUMMIT STUDENT APP: **YOUR NAME**” as the subject line of the e-mail;
- To send via regular mail: IAC Technical Assistance c/o Kelsey Ducheneaux, PO Box 430, Eagle Butte, SD 57625
- To submit your application online: <http://goo.gl/forms/ZyPEQ41r6BJxnw1Q2>

Review Process

The new student application deadline is September 10, 2016. Materials must be emailed, postmarked, or submitted online by 11:59pm PST that day to be considered by the admissions committee. The committee will review applications, and students will be notified of their application status, by September 15, 2016. Late applicants will be placed on a waiting list to be reviewed on a rolling basis after the first round of students has been admitted.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FFA Member | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crops/Grains | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Foods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Medicinal Plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

III. STUDENT INTERESTS

What are you passionate about? List or summarize your interests (500 character minimum).

IV. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please submit these supplemental documents with your application.

1. Résumé that includes evidence of academic achievement (G.P.A);
2. Statement of Interest:
 - 1-2 page typed, double-spaced statement that:
 - Explains your interest in participating in the Pacific Regional Summit;
 - Discusses your involvement in food and agriculture activities at home, in your Tribe, your community, at your school, or elsewhere; and
 - Includes any membership and involvement in FFA, 4-H, or other food and agriculture organization

V. STUDENT LEADERS

If you are a college aged student and/or have leadership experience, please think about taking on a role as a Student Leader for the Pacific Summit. Student Leaders will take part in finalizing summit planning, assist in coordination during the summit, and serve in a mentoring capacity during team-based activities throughout the Pacific Summit. Student Leaders will be required to: arrive October 13, 2016 for training and take on a larger responsibility in completing their leadership role. If you are interested in serving as a Student Leader, please complete the required application steps outlined on the last page of this application.

Student Leader Application

We ask that all Regional Summit student leaders arrive prior to the Summit for staff training and camp preparation. For the Pacific Regional Summit, student leaders should arrive by 11:00 AM PST (noon) on October 13, 2016, and be available on site until the event ends on October 16, 2016. Will you be available on these dates?

_____ Yes _____ No*

**Unfortunately, we are unable to accept applications from students who are not available these dates.*

Describe your background in food production and/or agriculture (500 character maximum).

What are your strongest leadership qualities (500 character maximum)?

How do those qualities make you a good leader for youth (500 character maximum)?
