

Application Deadline – April 15, 2022

IYC Background:

The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) is pleased to host the second cohort of the New Mexico Indigenous Youth Council (IYC or Council). In early 2021, the IAD established the IYC following two listening sessions that IAD held with tribal youth from across the state. Issues discussed ranged from the desire to have access to higher education resources to behavioral and mental health needs for tribal communities. Participants also voiced the desire to have more intertribal connection between the Nations, Tribes, and Pueblos in the state.

The IYC seeks to elevate indigenous youth voices in the State of New Mexico. This opportunity provides the Council members the opportunity to learn about state government, work with state and tribal leadership, increase representation in various mediums, and cultivate the next generation of indigenous leaders. IAD provides this space to come together to share mutual experiences, collaborate on shared initiatives, and build community.

Following the inaugural cohort of 2021, the IAD seeks applications to expand the council to include more indigenous youth voices from across the state.

If you would like more detailed information about the IYC, please visit - <https://www.iad.state.nm.us/from-the-office/indigenous-youth-council/>.

Requirements and Eligibility:

- Must be between the ages of 16 – 25 years old (as of January 1, 2022)
- Must participate in monthly meetings and be responsive to emails and communication in between meetings (virtual). Any in-person gatherings will follow COVID-19 safety practices.
- Must complete all parts of the application, including Additional Questions section. The purpose of the Additional Questions section is for the IYC coordinators to learn more about you and why you would like to be a part of this council
- Submit one letter of reference from someone familiar with your character and experience (teacher, mentor, friend, community member)
- Submit complete application to iad.iyc@state.nm.us



NM Indian Affairs Department



INDIGENOUS YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Tribal Enrollment: _____

Other Tribal Affiliation(s): _____

Current School: _____

Employer: _____

Additional Questions

Please list your tribal youth council/organization and any other youth groups you participate in?

What do you see as the top two or three issues tribal youth face? What is your biggest dream for Native Youth? (2-3 paragraphs)

Please send one letter of reference to iad.iyc@state.nm.us from a friend, mentor, teacher etc. List below who will be sending in the letter on your behalf.