INSPIRE Pre-College Program

Program dates: July 1 – July 20
The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is a full scholarship open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian rising junior and senior high school students, including 2018 anticipated graduates, who want to spend 3-weeks on the George Washington University (GW) campus to learn about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government. The program is a full-day experiential undergraduate course, Native Politics and the American Political System taught by GW faculty, which will offer opportunities for students to meet and interview influential Native advocates who work in Washington, D.C.

INSPIRE scholarships are awarded to students based on academic ability, leadership potential, and an interest in public service. Students from all tribes and from every part of the United States are welcome to apply.

There is no application fee. The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is made possible by a generous contribution from AT&T.

What does the NAPLP scholarship cover?
- One credit bearing course in Native Politics and the American Political System (3 credit hours)
- Room and board at GW
- Airfare to and from Washington, D.C. (one round-trip ticket)
- Textbooks
- Required local travel related to the course

NOTE: While credit bearing courses are typically transferable to other institutions, please check specific university policies.

Applicant’s Information

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Gender: □ Male  □ Female
Are you an American Citizen? □ Yes □ No
If “No”, are you a permanent resident or refugee? □ Yes □ No
Applicant’s Information (Continued)

High School Name
High School City, State & Country

Current Grade Level:  ☐ Sophomore (Grade 10)  ☐ Junior (Grade 11)  ☐ Senior (Grade 12)
Graduation Date:  ☐ 2020  ☐ 2019  ☐ 2018

Have you ever been subject to academic disciplinary action, (e.g. probation, suspension or dismissal) from a high school, college or university (including GW)?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or entered a plea of guilty to one, or do you have a pending criminal or civil case against you?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If you answered “Yes” to either of the prior two questions, please attach an explanation.

Title VI Information

Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we are required to ask the following question of U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Answers will not affect our admissions decision. Your cooperation is requested and appreciated, but is not required.

Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

In addition, please indicate one or more races from the following:

☐ White  ☐ Black or African-American  ☐ Asian
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native  ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Applicant’s Parent/Guardian Information

Title:  ☐ Mr.  ☐ Ms.  ☐ Mrs.  ☐ Dr.

First Name
Last Name

Address (if different from above)  City

State/Province  Zip Code  Country of Citizenship

Phone Number  Email Address
Application is due on March 1, 2018

How did you hear about the program?

☐ Poster    ☐ NAPLP INSPIRE Website
☐ Teacher   ☐ Twitter
☐ School Counselor ☐ Facebook
☐ Peer      ☐ Mentor
☐ Parent
☐ Community Leader
☐ Other: __________________

I certify that the information I have provided on this application form is complete and accurate.

_________________________________________________________________________________
Applicant Signature                        Date

Required supporting documents

To complete the application process, please return this form to the address below with the following:

☐ 350 - word essay
   Please write your essay stating why you are interested in the INSPIRE pre-college program and what you hope to learn. Indicate what type of career you want to pursue in public service or politics. How do you currently or want to serve your community?

☐ High School transcript (in English)
☐ Recommendation form by a teacher or counselor
☐ Proof of tribal enrollment or ancestry

Send documents to:
Mail: The Native American Political Leadership Program at the George Washington University
     Attn: The INSPIRE Pre-College Program
     1922 F Street, NW, Suite 401
     Washington, DC 20052
Email: inspire@gwu.edu
Fax: 202-994-8471

Have questions?

Give us a call – 202-994-3284
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Visit our website – http://inspire.naplp.gwu.edu
Recommendation Form

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- ☐ Yes, I do waive my rights to access this recommendation
- ☐ No, I do not waive my rights to access this recommendation

I authorize all secondary schools I’ve attended to release all requested records and authorize review of my application for the admission process indicated on this form.

Applicant Signature  
Date

Recommender’s Information

The student above is applying to the INSPIRE Pre-College Program facilitated by the Native American Political Leadership Program and the Pre-College Program at the George Washington University. The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is best suited for students who are mature, independent, responsible, and academically motivated. Your thoroughness in answering the following questions will help us evaluate this student’s ability to be successful in the program. Please attach additional pages if you need more space.

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- ☐ Teacher  
- ☐ Counselor  
- ☐ Other ___________________________
Student Evaluation for _____________________________________________

How long have you known the applicant and in what context?

How would you describe the applicant’s academic abilities?

Do you have any concerns regarding the applicant’s ability to be successful in a rigorous, urban college environment? If the student is non-native English speaker, please also comment on the applicant’s English language skills and readiness for college-level work in the United States.

What words come to mind when describing the applicant’s character and personal qualities?
Student Evaluation (Continued) for ____________________________________________

How does the applicant resolve academic or social problems or challenges?

Are you aware of any disruptions or behavioral issues that might interfere with the applicant’s ability to be successful in this program?

Has the applicant ever been suspended or asked to leave school for any reason? Please explain.

________________________________________________________________________________

Recommender Signature

Date

Submit recommendation by mail, email or fax to:

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