

## Eligibility and Acceptance Criteria

Anishnabe Future Leaders (AFL) provides an opportunity for youth from the Three Fires – Ojibwa, Potawatomi and Ottawa – to learn and practice culturally-based leadership skills and to make connections with Native youth from across Michigan. There is no cost to attend AFL. Attendance is a gift.

Participants are primarily recruited from the 12 federally-recognized tribes in Michigan, through schools and through urban Native youth programs. There are 40 slots available. As space is limited, it has become necessary to outline criteria for acceptance. Our goal is to maintain even geographic and tribal representation.

### Priorities:

- Alumni (youth who have attended camp previously) are automatically accepted, but **MUST** submit a new application packet by June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Tribal Representation: Tribes that transport youth from their service areas will have 4 spots allocated. Youth living within a tribal service area should contact the local youth program to seek transportation. Fully completed applications **MUST** be submitted to ITC prior to June 20.
- As applications are received, they will be dated and filed. Only complete applications will be considered. Applications can be downloaded online or requested by calling the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (1-800-562-4957).
- After alumni and tribal slots have been filled, all other applications will be selected using a lottery system and date of application. Generally, the earlier you apply, the better chance you have. Successful applicants will be notified by phone and/or mail by June 29<sup>th</sup>. A waiting list will be maintained in case of last minute cancellations.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan receives funding for Anishnabe Future Leaders through contract for federal block grant dollars to the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services. AFL also receives funding for supplemental activities through the generosity of the Greektown Casino charity distribution.