

Application Deadline – May 5, 2023

IYC Background:

The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) is pleased to host the third 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 previous two cohorts, the IAD seeks applications to serve on the Council to expand our network of Indigenous youth voices from across the state.

If you would like more detailed information about the IYC and to see our [Annual Report & Recommendations](#) 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, 2023)
- Must participate in monthly meetings and be responsive to emails and communication in between meetings. Meetings will be held virtually and in-person
- 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

*Each Council member will be offered travel incentives and complimentary lodging based on funding availability

*Each Council member will also receive free (at no cost) training and networking opportunities

*For questions or concerns please contact Kalee.Salazar@iad.nm.gov or Toney.Johnson@iad.nm.gov

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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 _____

Gender: _____ (or prefer not to say)

Tribal Enrollment: _____

Other Tribal Affiliation(s): _____

Current School: _____

Employer: _____

Additional Questions

Please list your tribal youth council/organization or school/other youth groups you participate in?

What are 2-3 components of holistic health (emotional, physical, spiritual, or mental) that you see a need to address in your community? Please provide example and what a potential solution is.

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.