Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC)
2017-2019 Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC). The purpose of the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council is to represent the needs and interests of Navajo Nation youth. NNYAC additionally seeks to increase youth involvement within our communities and the organization as a whole. Members of NNYAC not only serve as role models for Navajo Nation youth, but also serve as leaders within their respective communities. NNYAC members consult, advise, and advocate on behalf of Navajo youth by working exclusively with the Nation's administrative branch. NNYAC members are mentored by the Nation's three branch chiefs and three (3) professionals appointed by the three branch chiefs.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 24; an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation; a registered Navajo Nation Voter; and be a community volunteer for a minimum of two (2) years. For applicants not eligible to vote (applicants under the age of 18), a copy of a parent or guardian's Navajo Nation Voter Registration Card will be sufficient to fulfil the registered Navajo Nation Voter requirement.

Council Structure:

The Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC) consists of 12 members as follows:

- Ten (10) members aged 14 to 24, representing various Navajo Nation agencies and two (2) at-large members representing Navajo Youth living off the reservation.
- The Council shall be elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer amongst the 12 members.

In addition, three (3) adult volunteer mentors are selected by the Nation's Three Branch Chiefs to assist and mentor the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council.

Member Responsibility:

Council members are expected to commit to the following responsibilities during their two-year term:

- Appropriate professional conduct and behavior;
- Work with three (3) branch mentors to prioritize youth issues and increase youth involvement;
    - Adhere to directions and complete assignments delegated by the three Branch Chiefs and the advisors.
    - Complete 3-7 hours of Council-related work per week;
- Attend NNYAC monthly meetings;
    - Meeting dates and locations will be determined by the Council approximately one (1) month prior to the meeting date.
- Participate in group conference calls. These calls often occur during evenings and occasionally during weekends. Most Council work happens during these calls and members are expected to participate on each of these calls;
    - Each member selected must have a reliable contact number and an active email account.
- Timely communication;
    - The bulk of our communication is through email and telephone. Responding to emails within 48 hours is expected.
- Travel as necessary on behalf of NNYAC;
- Active participation in NNYAC activities, including designing and implementing individual projects, is required.

Application Instructions:

To apply for membership, **the following documents must be submitted by October 19, 2017 at 11:59 PM**:

- Completed Application;
- Four (4) Responses to Four (4) Short Essay Questions in essay or video format;
- Résumé (no longer than 2-pages), which must include the following information:
  - Education
  - Work Experience
  - Community Service
    - Major accomplishments of community service
  - Professional Development (i.e. awards, conferences attended, relevant training, publications, etc.);
- Copy of Navajo Nation Voter Registration Card, or for applicants under the age of 18, a copy of a parent or guardian's Navajo Nation Voter Registration Card;
- Two (2) Completed Recommendation Forms (Please only use these forms, do not send additional letters of recommendation):
  - One (1) form to be **completed by a leader in your community**;
  - One (1) form to be **completed by someone of your choice** (not a family member).

Applicants may be contacted for an interview, to provide additional information and/or provide additional documents. *Applications may be dropped off at any Diné Youth Agency Office, or submitted electronically or via mail to any of the following Diné Youth Agency Offices* :

Chinle Agency
P.O. Box 847
Chinle, AZ 86503
Phone: (928)674-2064/2066
Fax: (928)674-2067
altsedah@yahoo.com

Crownpoint Agency
P.O. Box 1141
Crownpoint, NM 87313
Phone: (505)786-2000/7707
Fax: (505)786-2006
kristenpablo@yahoo.com

Fort Defiance Agency
P.O. Box 2090
Fort Defiance, AZ 86504
Phone: (928)729-4336/4167/4329
Fax: (928)729-4339
wstewart4@hotmail.com

Shiprock Agency
P.O. Box 3257
Shiprock , NM 87420
Phone: (505)368-1125/1133
Fax: (505)368-1132
shale_72@hotmail.com

Tuba City Agency
P.O. Box 2380
Tuba City, AZ 86045
Phone: (928)283-3021/3023
Fax: (928)283-3048
rrwms56@hotmail.com

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET BY OCTOBER 19, 2017 AT 11:59 PM.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Full Name:	Date of Birth:	Age:
Navajo Census Number:	Chapter Affiliation: (If under 18, please submit parent card)	
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Primary Cell Phone Number:	Primary Email Address:	

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
Parent Name:		
Cell Phone Number:	Home Number:	Work Number:
Email Address:		
Parent Name:		
Cell Phone Number:	Home Number:	Work Number:
Email Address:		

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	
Contact Name #1:	Relationship:
Cell Phone Number:	Email Address:
Contact Name #2:	Relationship:
Cell Phone Number:	Email Address:

SCHOOL INFORMATION		
School Name:		
School Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Current Grade Level:		

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE
List up to five (5) leadership or community service experience or projects you have completed in your community/school. (Title of Project and when.)
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

QUESTIONNAIRE (Circle One)
1. Are you a member of your school's student council or body? Yes No If so, what position:
2. Are you a member of another Youth Council? Yes No If so, please provide a name and address of the council:
3. Are you active in your community? Yes No If so, please indicate how many hours of volunteer time you have contributed. less than 5 5-10 10-15 15-20 25+

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS (300 Words Maximum) Please complete on a separate sheet of paper.
1. What challenges or issues do you see in your community that affect your peers and/or family?
2. Based off your response from Question #1, what solutions do you feel will overcome those challenges or issues?
3. How will your leadership and service benefit the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council?
4. Name someone who has been an inspiration to you. What about them inspires you?
TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS
One (1) letter from your community leader.
One (1) letter from someone of your choice (not a family member).
ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing my name below, I am indicating that all the information in my application is complete, factually correct, and honestly presented. Furthermore, I authorize the Navajo Nation to verify any information contained in this application. It is understood that any misrepresentations or omissions, regardless of the date of discovery, will result in resignation from the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council (NNYAC)
Candidate Recommendation Form

Candidate's Full Name: _____

The above-named candidate is being considered for membership to the Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council. Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council Members represent the needs and interests of Navajo Nation youth. Members of NNYAC not only serve as role models for Navajo Nation youth, but also serve as leaders within their respective communities. NNYAC members consult, advise, and advocate on behalf of Navajo youth by working exclusively with the Nation's administrative branch. NNYAC members are mentored by the Nation's Three Branch Chiefs and three (3) professionals appointed by the Three Branch Chiefs.

Candidates will be evaluated and admitted to serve as a council member based on their character, leadership and service to their communities. Your recommendation is vital in determining whether the above-named candidate will be admitted to serve as a Navajo Nation Youth Advisory Council member.

Please complete the form to the best of your knowledge and return it to the candidate as soon as possible. Candidates must submit their application by October 19, 2017. Thank you for participation.

Name of Person Completing this Form: _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Overall impression of the candidate (Please Circle One):

Strongly recommend Recommend Do not recommend

Please rate the student using the scale provided. For responses of 2 or lower, please comment.	1= poor 3= average 5= excellent	Comments:
Attitude		
Ability to lead peers		
Ability to work collaboratively with others		
Ability to keep commitment/meet deadlines		
Communication Skills		
Initiative		
Respect		
Punctuality		
Leadership Potential and Ability		
Maturity		
Responsibility		

Please share any additional information about the candidate that you feel is important for selection committee to consider below:

Signature: _____ Date: _____