



*"Be the person that you needed when you were younger..."*

## Become A UNITY Peer Guide

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12pm MST 2pm CDT 3pm EDT

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Seeking Native youth who are passionate about reaching those impacted by the juvenile justice system.

Peer Guides will travel the U.S. to help lead regional trainings to inspire youth to take action.

**Together, We Can Heal Our Communities**

A Cooperative agreement with the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

## **PEER GUIDE PROGRAM and APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Peer Guides are Native youth coming together to create community support for those impacted by the Juvenile Justice system. Together they will inspire other youth to engage in cultural prevention to heal our homes.

*Are you passionate about making a difference for Native youth?*

*Have you, a family member or friend been impacted by the juvenile justice system?*

*Would you like to join a team of peers, like minded, to work together to reach out to advocate for positive change and prevention programming? If so, this program is for you!*

UNITY seeks to recruit twelve outstanding Native youth leaders between the ages of 18 to 22 to serve as Peer Guides for the three-year Tribal Youth Leadership Development Initiative.

UNITY is recruiting youth who have demonstrated leadership qualities and can be depended on to carry through with commitments and responsibilities.

Peer Guides will receive continual mentoring and training to support and prepare them to focus on delinquency prevention and juvenile justice issues in Indian Country and lead Native youth through a series of six regional gatherings and webinars. Those selected will serve as project advisors, peer trainers, and technical assistance for the implementation of youth-developed community service projects related to juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention issues for three years.

Among other responsibilities, Peer Guides will be expected to:

- Serve as youth advisors to the OJJDP; Tribal Youth Programs;
- Serve as peer trainers at two regional gatherings to train Native American and Alaska native youth;
- Help recruit four youth councils to advocate for Native youth impacted by the juvenile justice system;
- Participate in all APeer Guide training sessions, teleconferences, webinars; and provide Peer Guide reports.

## **TRAVEL**

The initiative will cover Peer Guides' training expenses and related initiative travel costs.

## **INCENTIVES**

A monetary sum will be awarded each year to those who meet Peer Guide service requirements.

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### Invitation to Apply:

UNITY is seeking 12 American Indian and Alaska Native youth between the ages of 18 to 224 to apply for this exciting program. Two youth will be selected from each area of the country listed below.

- Phoenix, AZ- Western/Pacific;
- Orlando, FL- Southeast;
- Dallas, TX-Southern Plains/Southwest;
- Minneapolis, MN-Midwest/Great Plains;
- Seattle, WA -Rocky Mountain/Northwest; and
- Washington, DC-Northeast.

### Commitment and Requirements

- Agree to participate in all Peer Guide training sessions, teleconferences, webinars; and provide Peer Guide reports.
- Age 18 to 24 when applying.
- Provide proof of tribal enrollment upon request, from a state or federally recognized tribe.

### Application Process:

Applicants must complete and submit the attached application form prior to the noted deadline. Please note that only online submissions will be accepted for consideration.

### Nomination Process:

Applicants need to find a nominator. A nominator can be a family member; such as parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or guardian or a mentor, teacher, coach, supervisor, counselor or friend. Those who wish to apply must ensure that they get a commitment from someone willing to complete and submit the associated Nomination Form.

Nomination form: <https://goo.gl/forms/1mXOE5VpLGwnGeam2>

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### **Due Date**

Applications must be received in the UNITY office by 5:00 pm (Pacific Daylight Time) on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

The selections to the 2019-2021 class of the UNITY Peer Guide Leadership Program will be announced by Wednesday May 1, 2019.

Only complete applications will be considered to include a submitted application and nomination form.

If you have questions, contact Tami Patterson, Program Coordinator, at the UNITY office at (480) 718-9793 or send her an email: [t.patterson@unityinc.org](mailto:t.patterson@unityinc.org)

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**PLEASE NOTE: UNITY WILL ACCEPT ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY**