Indigenous Campership Award

Objective
This "Campership" offers indigenous youth from diverse communities and economic backgrounds the opportunity to experience Camp Nor'wester and be part of a community of cultural sharing and exchange. Our mission is to inspire independence and knowing of oneself, grow and strengthen relational skills with both peers and adults, and awaken a passion for the outdoors in an emotionally-safe and nurturing environment so that stewardship becomes a ripple effect throughout one's life.

Who We Are
Established in 1935, Camp Nor'wester is a non-profit summer camp for youth ages 9 through 16, with a mission of providing an outdoor living experience unique in today's world. Camp's traditional camping and outdoor curriculum includes sailing, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, mountaineering, backpacking, and bike touring, which culminates in 3- to 5-day expeditions for the older campers. Also adding to our rich history are long-standing traditions of singing and playing music together, all-camp events, and connecting with indigenous culture. Camp Nor'wester has been fortunate to be in relationship with the Kwakwaka'wakw community since the 1950's, and have made indigenous education a priority in our program in the years since. We have a Kwakwaka'waka-style Big House and art by several Indigenous artists on property, which are used often in our summer programs to enhance our community's understanding of the history of the Northwest Coast region as well as to provide a foundation for cultural education and relationships.

Eligibility
All indigenous youth (between the ages of 9-16) interested in this unique four-week camp experience are encouraged to submit an application for review. Selection will be based on application, involvement in home community and desire to be part of a life-shaping experience.

Award Details
This Campership covers the cost of tuition to one Session (four weeks) at Camp Nor'wester. Families are responsible for their own Trader Horn (Camp Store) account, and transportation to and from Sea-Tac Airport, the designated Seattle-are pick-up location or the designated Anacortes pick-up location on arrival and departure days. The same individual may apply for the Campership for as many years as they'd like, however in the interest of providing opportunity to others, preference may be given to other applicants after that individual's third year enrolled at Nor'wester.

Application Process
Please visit our website, contact the camp office at (425) 670-1935, or email info@norwester.org to request an application packet.

Deadline for Applications
All materials are due by November 15th. Any applications submitted after this date may not be considered due to enrollment constraints.

Notification
Campership applications will be reviewed starting November 1st and applicants will be notified as soon as possible of an award being granted so the camper can be enrolled (including completion of a regular camper application) by November 30th. Any applicant not receiving an award will be notified by November 30th.