

## Announcing

### Nation Building for Native Youth (NBNY)

#### 2010 Summer Training Institute

*June 21-25, Millennium Resort Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ*

#### About NBNY?

*Nation Building for Native Youth* (NBNY) is a life-changing youth empowerment program for up to 36 Native Youth ages 15-19 and adult advisors. Funded by the UPS Foundation and others, it combines historically accurate and culturally relevant content with leadership, peer mentoring and experiential learning. It integrates powerful and proven 21st century educational strategies associated with building positive, confident, responsible and empowered youth with Harvard University's Nation Building framework and cutting-edge leadership, communications, life skills, and service learning.

#### Goals & Outcomes

NBNY aims to enable Native youth to lead positive, successful lives and ultimately serve and lead their communities. Participating youth gain increased self-awareness and self-confidence, exposure to cultural and social competencies. Youth also learn about: 1) the inner workings of tribal governments, 2) effective ways to operate in the greater society while remaining consistent with their culture, and 3) ways to mobilize community resources to make a difference.

#### Program & Activities

- Tribal Sovereignty & Nation Building
- Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets
- Experiential trust and team-building exercises
- DiSC® Behavioral Styles Inventory
- Leadership Theory & Skills
- Public speaking & presentations
- Planning and decision-making exercises
- Capstone Exercise – Mock Tribal Council
- Motivational Speakers
- Service Learning
- On-going contact and mentoring



#### Why NBNY Stands Out?

The NBNY regularly receives a high 9.5+ out of ten from adult advisors and youth. It distinguishes itself from other Native youth programs as follows:

- Small size, high ratio of mentors to students
- More intense and intentional than most youth conferences
- High quality resource materials that can be used in the community
- Focus on leadership for nation building and community development

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- Special instruction, mentoring and materials for adult advisors
- Carefully blended multi-faceted curriculum designed and presented by professional team\* who are leaders in their fields.
- Participants receive continual feedback and can sense their progress and growth.



## What Past Participants Have Said About NBNY?

- I learned I need to be ready for any opportunity.
- NBNY showed me I can make a difference.
- It made me want to be more involved and active in my community.
- The Institute helped me understand specific jobs/skills my tribe needs help with.
- NBNY will help me follow the issues of our tribe and maybe in the future, I will run for the Tribal Council.
- I've gone to a lot of leadership programs before. . .this one was different. . .it was life changing...I'm so glad I came.
- It was awesome!

*Ask us about our on-site programs we can tailor to your needs!*

## Eligibility Requirements & Who should attend?

Up to 36 Native youth and 6-10 adult youth workers/teachers/advisors from tribes throughout the nation are eligible to attend. Eligible youths need *not* be **A** students, **BUT** they should be motivated and demonstrate leadership qualities, positive character traits and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. In addition, participants must:

- 1) Provide registration fee of \$500 and all travel and travel-related costs;
- 2) Be accompanied by an adult chaperone/advisor who also must pay travel-related costs and be available throughout the Institute;
- 3) Submit an application and permission forms.

## Costs & Location

The Cost is \$500 per person (one adult teacher/advisor is free of charge for each tribal/organizational group of 3 or more) plus travel. Students will receive room & board for 5 days, and conference materials. **Some scholarships are available.** The Program will begin at 1 pm Monday, June 21 at the Millennium Suites Hotel at McCormick Ranch, Scottsdale, Arizona at 7401 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253. It will end after the awards banquet luncheon on Friday, June 25, at 2:00 PM.



## About the Nick Lowery Youth Foundation (NLYF)

NLYF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping disadvantaged children by providing and leveraging resources to help them help themselves. In the past eight years the Foundation's primary focus has been Native American youth and communities. The Foundation is able to mobilize exceptional teams of people including American Indian political leaders, educators, role models, youth leaders and youth workers to deliver programs like Nation Building for Native Youth (NBNY) and its new program **NEXT**.

**Applications & Permission forms and more information can be found at:**  
[www.nickloweryyouthfoundation.org](http://www.nickloweryyouthfoundation.org)

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