



## About DREAMSTARTER™ by Running Strong for American Indian Youth®

In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Running Strong's National Spokesperson, Billy Mills, achieving his dream of winning an Olympic gold medal and using that victory to help him give back to the American Indian community, Running Strong for American Indian Youth launched the Dreamstarter Grant Program in 2014. 50 Dreamstarter grants will help the next generation of American Indian youth make their dreams come true.

Each year, for five years, Running Strong will award ten \$10,000 Dreamstarter grants to ten teams, for 50 awards total. Each team = a youth applicant + a mentor organization. The youth applicant of each Dreamstarter team will receive an additional \$500 "I am a Dreamstarter" award upon the successful completion of the grant period. Each year will have a theme. **This year's theme is Science & the Environment.** The themes are as follows:

Year 1: Wellness (*Applications Oct 2014*)

Year 2: Arts & Culture (*Applications Oct 2015*)

Year 3: Education (*Applications Oct 2016*)

**Year 4: Science & the Environment** (*Applications Accepted Starting Oct 14 2017*)

Year 5: Any of the 4 categories (*Applications Oct 2018*)

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 3 (Education):

Dreamstarter applications accepted	<b>10/14/17</b>
Completed application deadline	<b>12/16/2017</b>
Successful applicants notified	<b>3/1/18</b>
Dreamstarter Academy in Washington, DC	<b>April 2018</b>
\$10,000 Dreamstarter Grants Awarded	<b>April 2018</b>
Projects must be completed	<b>06/30/19</b>

### APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- Parts I-II: Completed Dreamstarter Application Form with all questions answered by both Applicant and Mentor Organization
- Part III: 2 references each for the Applicant and Mentor Organization
- Part IV: Signed consent forms from Applicant and parent/guardian of Applicant if under 18
- Part V: Attachments including:
  - Dreamstarter Project Proposed BUDGET
  - Dreamstarter Project TIMELINE
  - Copy of Applicant's Certificate of Indian Blood/Tribal enrollment card
  - IRS tax exemption letter for Mentor Organization
  - Photo of Dreamstarter applicant and 1-3 photos of your community or idea
  - Completed w-9 form from the IRS for Mentor Organization
  - Mentor organization's most recent audit (if applicable)

For more information and FAQ's about How to Apply to be a Dreamstarter, visit [www.IndianYouth.org/Dreamstarter](http://www.IndianYouth.org/Dreamstarter).



**Running Strong for American Indian Youth<sup>®</sup>**  
**Dreamstarter™ Application:**  
**YEAR 4 Science & the Environment**

For an e-mail copy as a PDF or in Word, please email [Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org](mailto:Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org) and put "Request Application" in the subject line.  
 Applications may be handwritten as long as they are clear.

**PART I. Applicant and Mentor Information**

Name for your Dreamstarter idea:

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Briefly describe your Dreamstarter Idea (150 word count):

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# of people you intend to help with your idea: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dreamstarter Applicant Information**

Applicant First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (Name that would appear on a name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (must bet between 14 and 30 at time of application) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to Contact you:  Phone  Cell  Email  Snail Mail  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Best time(s) to reach you by phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Time zone: \_\_\_\_\_

UPS/Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Nation \_\_\_\_\_ Census Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Airport (This is the airport that you would fly out from & return to for the Dreamstarter Academy):

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How did you learn of the Dreamstarter Grant Program?

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If a student, you attend:     Elementary     Middle     High     College     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

School name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

You graduated from:     High School     GED     College        Grad School        Other \_\_\_\_\_

School or Community Activities:

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Work experience and current/past employment (if applicable):

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Hobbies/What do you like to do:

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Where are you on social media? Please list all that apply:

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Blog: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/> \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/> \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: <http://instagram.com/> \_\_\_\_\_

YouTube: <http://youtube.com/user/> \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Which social media page(s) do you use the most? \_\_\_\_\_

## Dreamstarter Mentor Organization Information

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Founded \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

UPS/Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you on social media? Please list all that apply:

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Blog: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/> \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/> \_\_\_\_\_

Instagram: <http://instagram.com/> \_\_\_\_\_

YouTube: <http://youtube.com/user/> \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Which social media page(s) does your organization use the most? \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Statement

\_\_\_\_\_ # of individuals served each year \_\_\_\_\_ # Full-time Staff \_\_\_\_\_ # Part-time Staff \_\_\_\_\_ # Volunteers

Total Organization budget \_\_\_\_\_ For fiscal year ending \_\_\_\_\_ (month/date/year)

Organization's Tax ID (EIN) number \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organization:  501(c)(3) nonprofit  non-501(c)(3) with fiscal sponsor (see below)

Tribal program (7871)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Is your organization audited each year?  Yes  No If yes, please attach most recent audit.

**Your organization's primary partner (Mentor) with the Dreamstarter Applicant:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Nation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to Contact you:  Org's Phone  Cell  Email  Snail Mail  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Best time(s) to reach you by phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Time zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the ways in which your organization has worked with or served the Dreamstarter Applicant:

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How did you learn of the Dreamstarter Grant Program?

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Please provide the name(s) of radio stations or newspapers that serve your community:

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## **PART II. Essay Questions**

Please answer the following questions in a separate document. Applicants and Mentor Organizations may talk about these answers together but please have each answer their questions in their own words.

### **A. Dreamstarter Applicant Questions (no more than 500 words per question)**

- (1) Please describe yourself (for example, your name, age, clans, parents, where you were raised, what you like to do, favorite subjects in school, etc.)
- (2) Please describe your community (what it's like to live there, is it urban or rural, etc.)
- (3) Please explain your dream idea and how you thought of it.
- (4) Why is your idea needed? Does anything like this exist?
- (5) Who do you want to reach/help with your idea and why? Please be specific.
- (6) How will your dream project impact your community and other Native youth?
- (7) Please describe any skills or experiences you have that could be useful to making your dream a reality.
- (8) This grant will require you to work as a team with your Mentor organization. Please give an example of a time that you worked well in a team.
- (9) What would you say are your greatest strengths? What are you good at?
- (10) How does your application fit into this year's theme of Science & the Environment?
- (11) Please describe what Billy Mills' story means to you.
- (12) Is there anything else that you want Running Strong and Billy Mills to know about you?

*Some applications will include a phone interview with the Applicant.*

### **B. Dreamstarter Mentor Questions (no more than 500 words per question)**

- (1) Please briefly describe your organization.
- (2) Please describe any skills, assets, or experiences that your organization has that will help make this dream a reality.
- (3) Please describe any skills, assets, or experiences that your organization has that make you a good mentor organization for the Dreamstarter applicant.
- (4) Please tell us about the staff member or volunteer who will be your organization's primary partner and will serve as the Dreamstarter's Mentor on the project.
- (5) Please describe how you know the Dreamstarter applicant.

(6) Why you think he/she and your organization should be a Dreamstarter?

*Some applications will include a phone interview with the Mentor Organization.*

**C. Applicant and Mentor Together Questions (no word minimum or word limit)**

- (1) Please fill out a timeline that lists the steps that you intend to take to make your dream a reality using the attached template.
- (2) Please attach a draft budget showing how you plan to use the \$10,000 using the attached template.
- (3) Please list 3-5 things that you want to accomplish.
- (4) What challenges do you see in making your dream a reality?
- (5) If chosen, how do you plan to evaluate your results?
- (6) How will you continue the dream after the grant period is over?

**PART III. References**

Please list the name and contact email/phone numbers of 2 references that we can contact.

**Dreamstarter Applicant:**

(1) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
How he/she knows the Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact this reference:  Phone  Email  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Best time(s) to reach this reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Time zone: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
How he/she knows the Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact this reference:  Phone  Email  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Best time(s) to reach this reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Time zone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dreamstarter Mentor Organization:**

(1) Name \_\_\_\_\_

How he/she knows your organization \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact this reference:  Phone  Email  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Best time(s) to reach this reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Time zone: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name \_\_\_\_\_

How he/she knows your organization \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact this reference:  Phone  Email  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Best time(s) to reach this reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Time zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional comments:

I certify that the information included in this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print signer's name here** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mentor Organization Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*Must be authorized*

**Print signer's name here** \_\_\_\_\_





# Running Strong for American Indian Youth®

## Dreamstarter™ Application:

### YEAR 4 Science & the Environment

#### Part IV: Applicant Consent Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Applicant”), hereby certify that I am an applicant, with \_\_\_\_\_ (“Mentor/Partner Organization”) for Running Strong for American Indian Youth (“Running Strong”) Dreamstarter grants, and hereby certify the following:

- I have read and reviewed Running Strong’s application materials in detail.
- I understand and agree that, if I am chosen as a Dreamstarter, the \$10,000 grant award will be distributed directly to Mentor/Partner Organization and that I and my Mentor/Partner Organization are responsible for appropriate use of those funds.
- I am a citizen of the United States or its territories.
- I am not related, by blood or marriage, to anyone affiliated with Running Strong for American Indian Youth or its National Spokesperson, Billy Mills.
- I grant permission for my photo/image, name, age, and all other personal identifiers listed in the application form to be published on Running Strong’s public internet site, press releases, presentations and other materials.
- I grant permission for media coverage as it pertains to Running Strong and my initiative.
- I absolve Running Strong of any liability pertaining to my application, initiative, and usage of awarded funds.
- I absolve Running Strong, its staff, Board members, committees, and volunteers of any liability for violations of law or wrongful conduct undertaken by grant recipients.
- I understand that Running Strong assumes no responsibility for the protection of any intellectual property that results from a Dreamstarter grant.
- I understand that I may be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility and a liability and publicity release as a condition of receiving any award.
- I understand that my attendance may be requested at an event of Running Strong, including a meeting of the Board of Directors or donors, as a condition to receiving my award.
- I understand that if chosen for a Dreamstarter grant, I and a representative from my Mentor/Partnership Organization must travel to Washington DC during the week of April 18, 2018 to attend the Dreamstarter Academy. I understand that my flight, hotel (shared room with other Dreamstarter), meals and most transportation expenses will be paid for by Running Strong but that I will be responsible for other my own out of pocket expenses.

To certify these statements, please sign and print your name and date:

**Applicant’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant’s Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_



# Running Strong for American Indian Youth®

## Dreamstarter™ Application:

### YEAR 4 Science & the Environment

#### Part IV: Parent/Guardian Consent Form (if applicant is under 18)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am the legal parent/guardian/person in loco parentis of an applicant of the Running Strong for American Indian Youth (“Running Strong”) Dreamstarter grant, and hereby certify the following:

- I have read and reviewed my child’s application and Running Strong’s application materials in detail and consent to the initiative being proposed.
- I understand and agree that a Running Strong for American Indian Youth Dreamstarter Grant will be distributed directly to my child’s Mentor/Partnership Organization and the Mentor/Partnership Organization is ultimately responsible for appropriate monitoring of the use of those funds once they are disbursed.
- I grant permission for my child’s photo/image, name, age, and all other personal identifiers listed in the application form to be published on Running Strong’s public internet site, press releases, & presentations.
- I grant permission for media coverage of my child as it pertains to Running Strong and my child’s initiative.
- I absolve the Running Strong, its affiliates, board and staff, and volunteers of any liability pertaining to my child’s application, initiative, and usage of awarded funds.
- I absolve the Running Strong of any liability for violations of law or wrongful conduct undertaken by grant recipients.
- I understand that Running Strong assumes no responsibility for the protection of any intellectual property that results from a Dreamstarter grant.
- I grant permission for my child’s photo/image, name, age, and all other personal identifiers listed in the application form to be published on Running Strong’s public internet site, press releases, and presentations.
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- I understand that if my child is chosen for a Dreamstarter grant, he/she and his Representative from my Mentor/Partnership Organization must travel to Washington DC during the week of April 18, 2018 to attend the Dreamstarter Academy. I understand that my child’s Mentor will act as his/her Chaperone on this trip and while his/her flight, hotel (shared room with other Dreamstarter), meals and most transportation expenses will be paid for by Running Strong but that my child will be responsible for other out of pocket expenses.

To certify these statements, please sign and print your name and date:

**Applicant’s Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your relationship to applicant (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print your name here:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Running Strong for American Indian Youth®

## Dreamstarter™ Application:

### YEAR 4 Science & the Environment

#### Part IV: MENTOR Consent Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Mentor”), hereby certify that I am the Mentor, with \_\_\_\_\_ (“Mentor/Partner Organization”) with applicant, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Dreamstarter”) for Running Strong for American Indian Youth (“Running Strong”) Dreamstarter™ grants, and hereby certify the following:

- I have read and reviewed Running Strong’s application materials in detail.
- I understand and agree that, if our Dreamstarter is chosen as a Dreamstarter™, the \$10,000 grant award will be distributed directly to Mentor/Partner Organization and that I, my Dreamstarter and my Mentor/Partner Organization are responsible for appropriate use of those funds.
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To certify these statements, please sign and print your name and date:

**Mentor’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mentor’s Name (please print)** \_\_\_\_\_



# Running Strong for American Indian Youth<sup>®</sup>

## Dreamstarter Application: **YEAR 4 Science & the Environment**

### **PART V. Attachments**

Please be sure to include the following attachments with your application:

- 1. Dreamstarter Project Proposed BUDGET (using attached template)
- 2. Dreamstarter Project TIMELINE (using attached template)
- 3. Copy of Applicant's Certificate of Indian Blood/Tribal enrollment card
- 4. Photo of Dreamstarter applicant and 1-3 photos of your community or idea (Additional photos can be included at applicant's discretion)
- 5. IRS tax exemption letter for Mentor Organization
- 6. Completed W-9 form from the IRS for Mentor Organization
- 7. Mentor organization's most recent audit (if applicable)

### **Submitting Your Application**

**Applications will ONLY be accepted via mail or email.**

#### **VIA MAIL:**

Applications via mail are due (postmarked) by December 16, 2017.

Mail applications to:

Running Strong for American Indian Youth  
8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 200  
Alexandria, VA 22309  
ATTN: Dreamstarter

#### **VIA EMAIL:**

Applications via email are due by December 16, 2017 by 6:00 pm EST.

Email applications to [Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org](mailto:Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org) with your Applicant name in the subject line.

#### **VIA FAX:**

Applications will not be accepted via fax.

### **Questions?**

Visit [www.IndianYouth.org/Dreamstarter](http://www.IndianYouth.org/Dreamstarter) for FAQs.

If your question cannot be answered there, please email us at [Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org](mailto:Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org).