Dreamstarter Teacher Celsetine Stadnick used her grant funds to develop art curriculum for her students.

Past Projects have included:

- Teaching students about traditional methods of dehydrating foods
- Incorporating culturally representative books about and by Native peoples into a school's library
- Coordinating visits of Native community members to classrooms to help students reconnect with local cultural knowledge
- Building a greenhouse
- Developing, producing, and distributing lesson plans centered on Native cultures

FAQs

Can more than one educator from the same school apply?
Yes! However, no more than two educators will be selected per school.

What are the application dates & deadlines?
Applications for the 2020-2021 Academic Year open May 1, 2020 and close July 3, 2020.

Can I have a hard copy of the application form?
Contact Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org or 703-317-9881 Ext. 2149 to request a hard copy application to be mailed to you via regular USPS.

How do I get updates about Dreamstarter Teacher?
You can visit IndianYouth.org/DreamstarterTeacher and you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

How are grants issued?
Grants are issued to the individual applicants OR the school. You will need to identify which will be receiving the grant funds in your application.

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What is the Dreamstarter Teacher Grant Program?

**The Grant**

Running Strong is awarding up to $25,000 in grants to teachers who serve Native American students. We’ll select Dreamstarter Teachers who will use their grants to meet an unmet classroom or school need and encourage Native students to follow their dreams.

Grant funds may be used for almost anything you need for the classroom: resource materials, supplies, equipment, professional development, field trips/transportation, and/or stipends to support bringing community liaisons into the classroom.

**How it Works**

Teachers or other educators (librarians, counselors, etc.) can apply for up to $1,000 to meet a need or project in their school or classroom. Dreamstarter Teacher projects may be one school-year long project or two different projects for the fall and spring semesters.

If successful, Dreamstarter Teacher grants will be made in two installments:
(1) up to $500 (depending on $ requested) in August for the fall semester
(2) up to $500 (depending on $ requested) in January for the spring semester

Grants can be issued to either the individual teacher OR the school.

**The Applicants**

To apply for this grant, each eligible Dreamstarter Teacher must:

- Teach or support Native students
- Students are defined as preschool/Head Start, elementary, secondary, and college students.
- Classes do not need to be 100% Native to be eligible but the majority of students served by the Dreamstarter Teacher grant must be Native.

For more information on eligibility and application requirements, visit www.IndianYouth.org/DreamstarterTeacher

**The Recipients**

To read about the projects of past Dreamstarter Teachers and follow their progress, visit IndianYouth.org/DreamstarterTeacher.

“Through Running Strong, we have made learning about our culture and history a normal part of the school year. Our students are appreciative of the presentations and look forward to these important connections to their past from people in their present so they can continue their culture into the future.”

-Cheryl Tuttle, 2018-2019 Dreamstarter Teacher

Support your students' dreams at IndianYouth.org/DreamstarterTeacher
2020 2021 Grant Applications Due July 3, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST