



RUNNING STRONG®
FOR AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a Running Strong Dreamstarter Creative! This year, Running Strong will donate up to \$25,000 in Dreamstarter Creative (DSC) grants to Native artists who are following their dreams creating and promoting their art!

HOW IT WORKS:

- Native artists and other creatives (graphic designers, beadworkers, seamstresses, painters, illustrators, etc.) can apply for up to \$2,500 to create or promote their art.
- If successful, Dreamstarter Creative grants will be disbursed in 2 ways:
 1. One disbursement of up to \$2,500 made out to the INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT - If grants are made out to the individual creative, we need a W9 with personal information.
 2. One disbursement of up to \$2,500 made out to a partnering NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION - If grants are made to a non-profit organization, we need a W9 from the organization.
- You are to select 1 out of the 4 art prompts listed in the application below. You will use this grant to create a selection of artwork around your chosen art prompt. You may use the grant to attend relevant workshops, purchase needed equipment or materials, but you **MUST** complete the required art prompt. You will also have the guidance of our staff to help your grant year succeed, including mentorship on your artwork, budgeting or any other help you may need.

DEADLINES:

July 1, 2021: Applications OPEN

September 1, 2021: Applications are DUE by 11:59 pm EDT. You may use this form and email it to Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org along with the required attachments, mail this form and the attachments to our office at 8301 Richmond Highway, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22309 (Attn: Dreamstarter Creative), OR you may use the online form at www.IndianYouth.org/DreamstarterCreative

October 5, 2021: Running Strong notifies successful applicants.

October 15, 2021: Either individual or partnering organization receives grant money.

June 30, 2022: Grant period ENDS and all grant monies must be spent.

August 15, 2022: All receipts and grant reporting DUE

AUGUST 15, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022: ALL DREAMSTARTER CREATIVE FUNDS MUST BE USED DURING THIS PERIOD.

ELIGIBILITY:

-*Native artists and creatives of any medium* (graphic designers, beadworkers, seamstresses, painters, illustrators, etc.)

-*Age Limitations:*

If you are applying as an INDIVIDUAL, you MUST be 18 years or older to apply.

If you are applying with a PARTNER ORGANIZATION, you MUST be 14 years or older to apply.

-*Eligible expenses:*

Supplies, materials and equipment

Professional development

Workshops/seminars

Stipends for culture bearers

Weight is given to unique, self-driven projects rather than travel to or attendance at projects sponsored by other organizations.

Have a need that you aren't sure is eligible? Email us at Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org.

ATTACHMENTS:

When you submit this application, please attach/include the following -

(1) Grant budget. Please email Dreamstarter@IndianYouth.org if you need a grant budget template. This budget must be detailed, including specific dollar amounts requested for each line item and all income & expenses.

(2) Grant budget NARRATIVE. Please explain in detail what each budget line item is, what is the purpose of each budget line item and why it's needed. If you have questions about this part, contact us at dreamstarter@indianyouth.org.

(2) Signed w9 form. If you need a blank form, you can download one here:
<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

NOTE: If you are requesting one installment of up to \$2,500 made out to YOU, please submit a PERSONAL W9. If you are requesting one installment of up to \$2,500 made out to the ORGANIZATION, please submit the ORGANIZATION'S W9.

(3) Samples of your artworks. Please submit 3-5 photo samples of your work and the type of work you intend to produce. You must include an artist statement (5-7 sentences).

(4) A HEADSHOT of yourself that you are willing to share on social media. Successful applicant's photos and details about their project will be shared on the Running Strong website. You have the option to add 3 more attachments if you wish.

(5) Tribal Enrollment Document/Identification. If you are enrolled you must attach your tribal documentation.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Total Amount of Grant \$ Requested (up to \$2,500) _____

I would like one (1) installment made out to ME (individual applicant)

I would like one (1) installment made out to a PARTNER ORGANIZATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____ Cell Home Work

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

UPS/Street Address (if different) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you enrolled in a federally or state recognized tribe? Yes No

Tribal Nation: _____ CIB/Tribal enrollment # _____

If no, is your parent or grandparent enrolled? Yes No

What is your connection to your community? _____

Social Media Handles: Instagram _____ Facebook _____ Twitter _____

Website/Online Portfolio (optional) _____ Tshirt size _____

How did you find out about the Dreamstarter CREATIVE grant? _____

Best way to contact you: _____ Best time to contact you _____

Is there anything you would like to tell our National Spokesperson, Billy Mills? (optional) _____

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION (optional):

Organization Name: _____

Organization Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Organization Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Any additional comments:

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

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Organization Contact Name (optional): _____ Date: _____

Organization Contact Signature (optional): _____

II. DREAMSTARTER CREATIVE GRANT ART PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS:

For this grant, you are to select 1 of the 4 art prompts that you will pursue throughout the grant year (August 15, 2021 – June 30, 2022). These prompts focus on the past, present, and future of Native communities allowing your artwork to connect through time and space. Choose a prompt that speaks to you.

You are to complete 3-5 pieces of significant artwork pertaining to the art prompt you have chosen. You are to complete this work and all required reporting by August 15, 2022.

Please select one of the following:

- A section of artwork describing the creation of your tribal nation, community, and people.
- A selection of artwork describing what Billy Mills' Olympic victory and legacy mean to you.
- A selection of artwork describing the future of Native American communities.
- A selection of artwork describing the importance of traditional foods and food sovereignty.

III. ESSAY QUESTIONS:

Please complete these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- (1) How long have you been an artist or how long have you been pursuing artwork?
- (2) What is your favorite medium to work with and why? What medium will you be working with for your Dreamstarter CREATIVE project?
- (3) What is the importance of art in your community?
- (4) What is your Dreamstarter CREATIVE idea?
- (5) How do you plan to spend this money? Please be very specific in this budget narrative. Please list 3-5 things you hope to accomplish with this grant money.
- (6) What impact do you feel this grant and project will have on your community and/or yourself?
- (7) List any previous accomplishments and projects you have completed.
- (8) Please tell us why you should be selected for a Dreamstarter Creative grant with Running Strong for American Indian Youth.

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

_____ authorizes Running Strong for American Indian Youth®
(NAME OF GRANTEE)
to use any video/photos of Grant program events & participants in their Annual Report, newsletters, website, social media, video, fundraising letters or other publications to document its support & need for this Grant program. GRANTEE understands that these images maybe used for promotional, news, fundraising, research and/or educational purposes. This authorization shall continue indefinitely unless an authorized representative of GRANTEE otherwise revoke said authorization of specific photos in writing, recognizing that it may take up to thirty days to remove from any on-line location and up to six months until any/all print material is distributed (Running Strong will then not include photo(s) in any further print run.)

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (optional): _____ Date: _____

Applicant or Parent/Guardian Signature: _____