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

**Previous Projects**

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**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?**

**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 will be issued to the individual teacher, not to the school.
What is the Dreamstarter Teacher Grant Program?

The Grant

Running Strong is awarding up to $25,000 in grants to teachers who serve American Indian 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 will be issued to the individual teacher, not 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

2019-2020 Grant Applications Due June 15, 2019