



MISSION AND PURPOSE

To empower students to develop academic, emotional, interpersonal, citizenship, leadership and life long learning skills, in order to achieve personal growth and life success. While living in two worlds, students learn to embrace their own identity and respect others.

EXPECTATIONS AND BENEFITS OF THE ACADEMY

To achieve the Academy's goals, students should expect and benefit from:

- Integrated classroom instruction in humanities, mathematics, and science, also specialized instruction in study skills, language, and computer literacy to increase the students' academic and personal growth;
- Development of research skills such as field research and data analysis to investigate problems relating to resource management;
- Career and academic advising, values clarification, and subsequent self-esteem building;
- Cultural and recreational opportunities that reflect the many facets of university life;
- Increased academic, leadership, and life learning skills for a successful transition from high school to higher education; and
- Earn one Carnegie unit of high school credit upon successful completion of the Academy.

ELIGIBILITY & COST TO ATTEND

Eligible students are in the 9th or 10th grades during the current school year, have a minimum 2.5 GPA (A=4.0), enrolled in a Native American Tribe, and demonstrate a need for a pre-college summer program. There is no cost to attend the program, other than a \$25 registration fee and transportation to and from the program.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the Nizhoni Academy application (Do not submit the \$25 registration fee with application)
2. Include required documents:
 - Official high school transcript
 - Copy of Certificate of Indian Blood
 - Two Recommendation Forms
3. Admission Essay should address the following in a minimum two-page, double spaced, and 12 point font format:
 - Introduction of yourself, family, and life
 - Reasons why you want to attend the Academy
 - Describe your ambitions and what you hope to gain from this summer experience
4. Application packet must be postmarked by **March 2, 2009** (Late applications will not be reviewed)
5. Mail complete application packet (application, official transcript, essay, recommendation forms, and CIB) to:

Nizhoni Academy – Summer 2009
Northern Arizona University
PO Box 6035
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6035

OTHER INFORMATION

- For additional information contact Nizhoni Academy at (928) 523-6982 or email nizhoni@nau.edu.
- Students will be notified by mail and must respond to accept their admission to the Academy