



2011 SAIGE YOUTH TRACK PRESS RELEASE

SAIGE Announces Youth Track at Eighth Annual National Training Conference

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is a national Non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Government employees. SAIGE will host their 8th annual training conference, "Service, Honor, Respect: Strengthening our Cultures and Communities," June 13-17, 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the Cherokee Hard Rock Hotel.

As part of the Training Conference, SAIGE will also host the annual Native Youth Track. This program is designed to provide Native American students an opportunity to learn about careers within the federal government, to participate in professional and personal development workshops and training, and to network with Native American professionals.

SAIGE encourages Native American youth to realize their potential to become leaders in their communities and schools, continue their education by obtaining a college degree, and ultimately, to seek a career in the government sector in one of the multitude of civil service professions. Federal agency representatives attending the conference have the opportunity to meet students, participate as Exhibitors, and promote career opportunities within their respective agencies.

SAIGE is offering a limited number of scholarships for Native students to attend the 2011 Training Conference June 13-17, 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The scholarships will include conference fee, airfare, hotel accommodations and per diem for meals.

The Youth Track is open to Native Students between the ages of 18 and 25 who can demonstrate they are currently enrolled in good standing at an accredited high school, college or university. Students must be interested in gaining a professional degree and in the possibility of pursuing a career with the federal government. SAIGE invites American Indian/Alaska Native students to submit their application form, letter of reference, proof of school enrollment, and completed emergency medical information form for consideration to attend the conference. A short essay about their interest in government careers and information about themselves is also required. Completed application packets must be postmarked or electronic copies sent no later than **April 15, 2011**. To obtain a complete application visit our website at: www.saige.org under Youth Track.

We look forward to you joining us in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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