

2023 Native Vote Washington Community Trainee - Puyallup Tribal Pow-Wow

Position Summary

Native Vote Washington is seeking two Community Trainees to support and intern with Native Vote Washington's organizing and civic engagement activities through voter outreach and education in Tribal communities. This is a great position for someone who is interested in building their skills around Tribal Sovereignty, environmental activism and advocacy, political races, and learning about elections from the inside. Community Trainees engage in community and voter outreach efforts that support the Native Vote Washington (NVW) campaign.

Our Community Trainees must be independently motivated, conscientious problem solvers and eager to roll up their sleeves and connect with community members. They will gain skills in deep canvassing, including how to listen to the concerns facing a community, develop trust with voters, track responses and data, as well as learn how an environmental organization works. This position will be specifically focused on community engagement opportunities.

About Our Organization

Native Vote Washington is a 100% Indigenous-led collaborative, serving Indigenous communities across the state of Washington. The Native Vote Advisory Committee provides guidance to the development and implementation of this indigenous-led political power building project in Washington and serves as the decision-making body for the project. In 2021, Washington Conservation Action became the fiscal sponsor of Native Vote WA and the fiscal sponsor of Native Vote WA Education Fund, to increase the capacity of the organization to operate year-round

Washington Conservation Action is a statewide environmental advocacy organization that advances environmental policies and pushes for actions that equitably address climate pollution, restore Puget Sound, sustain our state's forests, and protect our democracy. For Washington to remain a national leader on environmental issues, we need environmental champions in elected office and to hold our leaders accountable. To keep our environment protected, healthy, and vibrant, we are committed to supporting Native candidates, candidates of color, and environmental leaders seeking election.

Internship Description:

Hours/Timeframe/Stipend:

This position will support NVW Senior Organizer during the Puyallup Tribal Pow-Wow. The Puyallup Tribal Pow Wow will be September 1-3, 2023 at [Chief Leschi Schools](#). This year will be the 44th Annual Labor Day Pow-wow at Puyallup. The pow-wow is a chance to celebrate Native heritage and celebrate our culture and communities with the whole family. This celebration is hosted and run entirely by Tribal members, and features food, dancing, and Native arts and crafts from local artisans and vendors. It is open to the public and shares Native cultures with all of Puyallup, Tacoma, and the surrounding community. The Community Trainees will serve 16 hours from September 1 - 3, 2023. Schedule will vary weekly but will also include a Zoom orientation before the Pow-Wow and 4 hours of training and career development opportunities September 5-15 for a total of 20 hours. Schedule is flexible, but interns should expect to work during the entire Puyallup Tribal Pow-Wow. A \$315 stipend will be provided.

Primary Responsibilities

- Recruit and mobilize community members to support and take action with the Native Vote Washington.
- Spend at 4-6 hours per day engaging activists and community members during the Puyallup Tribal Pow-Wow events.
- Conduct civic engagement activities including Get Out the Vote and voter education
- Engage volunteers through community outreach, Instagram, and Facebook
- Capture natural moments and candid photographs throughout the event

Qualifications

Previous election work is not required. Candidates should have:

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills in person
- Ability to work well individually and as part of a team
- Ability to multitask and meet deadlines
- Enjoys talking on the phone and in person, can shrug off cold responses easily while maintaining a professional and considerate demeanor
- Positive attitude and has fun while working efficiently
- Discretion and integrity to work with and maintain confidentiality of sensitive personal information
- A passion for civic engagement, voting rights, politics, or social change

Desirable Skills

- Familiar with Washington state Tribes
- Interest in protecting Tribal Sovereignty and environmental justice
- Prior experience working with volunteers

To Apply

Please submit a resume and complete this form to apply <https://www.tfaforms.com/5082188> . We will be accepting applications up to 9/28/23 but will be scheduling interviews as we receive applications and may fill the positions before that date. Please email our Native Vote Sr. Organizer, Kady Titus, kady@waconservationaction.org with questions.