

2017 DALLAS PETERMAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

We are now accepting applications for the **Dallas Peterman Youth Leadership Award** for Native American students between the ages of 18 and 25, who demonstrate good academic standing and are currently enrolled or plan to enroll.

Past youth leaders in collaboration with the **Society for American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE)** and **Ancestral Lands** are proud to honor Dallas Peterman through the 1st Annual Dallas Peterman Youth Leadership Award. Dallas was tragically killed on March, 1st 2017 by a passing semi-truck while hitch hiking on one of his infamous cross-country treks. Through this award we aim to extend his legacy and continue to support young individuals as they begin their career paths. Dallas believed in the potential of Native youth to change their lives and communities for the better.

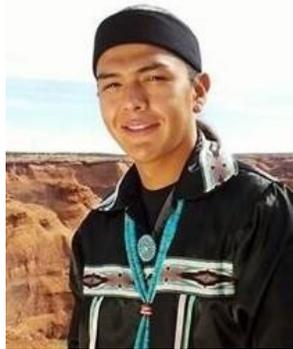
The award recipient will receive an all-expenses paid trip to the 14th Annual SAIGE Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona at the We Ko Pa Resort and Conference Center on June 5-8, 2017. SAIGE is a non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Government employees in the federal, tribal, state and local sector. As part of the Training Program, the selected winner will participate in the annual Native Student Youth Program. The Selected Applicant will be recognized on Wednesday, June 8, 2017 at the Award Ceremony.

Application will be based on the following criteria:

- Service • Environmental Justice
- Creativity and Innovation
- Tradition, Culture, and Language

About Dallas Peterman:

Dallas River Peterman was born on July 22, 1993 in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was delivered by a Captain in the Air Force. His parents are Anthony and Winnie Peterman. He has four siblings and a daughter, Blu Sky Peterman. In his 23 years, he lived a life of adventure, was eager to learn new things, meet new people and most importantly work to better his community. He attended and graduated from Diné College in Tsaile, AZ. Dallas Peterman Participated in the 2012 SAIGE National Training Program (NTP) and Continued to attend until the 2016 SAIGE NTP in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dallas' leadership and charismatic energy quickly earned him the admiration of many. He was known for starting a volunteer trash pickup in his local community, for documenting his hitch hiking adventures, and bike riding every summer.



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Application Deadline: May 19th 2017

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