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Native Launchpad 2019 Application Guidelines

Submission deadline: April 26, 5:00 pm PST

Native Launchpad is the cornerstone program of Advancing Indigenous Performance (AIP), Western Arts Alliance's national initiative to create new touring and presentation opportunities for Indigenous* performing artists.

Native Launchpad provides Indigenous artists with tools and resources needed to further their careers and introduce them to the world of arts presenting and management. Native Launchpad will help create opportunity and sustainability for individual Native artists through financial support, professional development opportunities, strategic promotions and networking. Each artist will receive direct financial and travel support, mentoring/coaching, professional development and promotional benefits, valued at \$40,000, over three years.

Four Native Launchpad Artists will be selected by a panel of six Indigenous performing arts professionals from across the country. In addition, a cohort of up to ten AIP Fellows will be invited to access professional development and networking resources through the program.

Eligibility Requirements

Qualified applicants will be U.S.-based professional performing artists at any career stage who wish to tour work within the coming three years and who self-identify as Indigenous. *In AIP forms, the term Indigenous refers to *member or descendant of a Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian nation or community, including U.S.-based Native/First Peoples of Canada, Mexico, and U.S. Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This includes individuals without official tribal status who are members of Native communities, and tribal members or descendants not living in their homelands or home community.* Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents.

The program is open to any performing arts discipline suitable for touring. Membership with Western Arts Alliance is not a requirement for applicants.

Please see the application [FAQs](#) for additional information. For application support and questions please contact AIP Program Manager, Ed Bourgeois at aipp_mgr@westarts.org.

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