



Native Launchpad 2020 Application Guidelines

Submission deadline: March 27, 5 pm PST

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

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

Five Native Launchpad artists will be selected by a panel of 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 need to be:

- US-based professional performing artists at any stage in their career
- Have a wish to tour within the coming three years
- Self-identify as *Indigenous

*For AIP, the term Indigenous refers to: *Member or descendant of a Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian nation or community, including US-based Native/First Peoples of Canada, Mexico, and US Territories of American Samoa, Guam Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the US 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 have permanent residency status.

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

Please see the application FAQs for additional information. For application support and questions please contact AIP Program Manager, Ed Bourgeois at ebourgeois@westarts.org

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