Ed Furshpan & David Potter Native American High School Program

2020 Application

Program dates: June 6-27, 2020

All rising juniors and seniors in high school who are interested in attending the Native American Summer Program at Harvard Medical School are asked to write an essay on why they would like to be involved in a summer program at Harvard, what they would hope to gain from it, and how it might benefit their local communities. This program is meant to give students a realistic college experience. The program schedule includes daily lectures, workshops, hands-on activities, and cultural outings, and will include topics such as substance abuse, nutrition, neurobiology, genetics, and much more. Students will be chosen by local community members from the Tribe, school officials, Harvard staff, and elders based on their essays and on their general standing as responsible students and young adults. All who attended the program have considered it extremely valuable and a complete success. The 2020 Program dates are June 7th – 27th, 2020. If you have questions or would like more information, please email Jane Riccardi, jane@hms.harvard.edu or talk to one of your teachers or guidance counselors.

2020 Application Deadline: Friday, February 15th

Name: ____________________________________________

Gender: ___________________________________________

Birthdate:_________________________________________

High School: ______________________________________

Permanent Resident (Yes/No)_____________________

Current grade level:______________________________

Email: ___________________________________________

Race/Ethnicity

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Origin Peoples of the Americas)

☐ Hispanic or Latino geographic area:
  ☐ Central America
  ☐ Cuba
  ☐ Mexico
  ☐ Puerto Rico
  ☐ South America (excluding Brazil)

☐ Brazil

☐ Other_________________________

☐ White

☐ Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean)

☐ Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines)

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Your essay should include the following:

1. What goals do you hope to achieve in high school and after graduation?
2. What is your ideal future career?
3. What is a local problem that you see in your community that needs to be researched or addressed?
4. Why would you like to participate in this Program, and what do you think you can gain from this experience?
5. Please indicate the levels of math and science you have taken in high school thus far.
6. What areas would you be interested in learning about if you are accepted into the program? E.g., psychology, heart disease, nutrition, college admissions preparation, medical professions, etc.

Program website: http://dms.hms.harvard.edu/diversity/summer/NAHSSP.html