



Dear applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 NCIA/MATC Sovereign Native Youth STEM Leadership Academy, sponsored by the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs (NCIA) and the Mid-America Transportation Center (MATC). By applying you are showing an interest in joining a program that empowers students to positively impact their tribal communities and shape their futures. The academy offers a variety of interactive, hands-on activities that expose students to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)-related opportunities after high school while equipping them with the leadership skills to succeed. Participants will gain a greater appreciation for Native history and culture while building lasting relationships. We look forward to receiving your application!

The academy is scheduled for **Sunday, July 16 – Friday, July 21, 2017** at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus in Lincoln, Nebraska.

All expenses for this academy are covered. There is no expense to participants. Complete details will be provided.

**There are three ways to submit your application. Note: all applications, regardless of the form of submission, require that the Parent Release Form be printed, signed, and returned via mail, email, or fax.**

1. You can complete the application form online at:  
<https://matc.unl.edu/education/SNY-Leadership/>  
**The online application will be available beginning Friday, June 2.**
2. You can submit your information over the phone or via email. Please send the form to one of the MATC affiliates listed below. If you would like to provide your information over the phone, feel free to email us to set up a time.

Gabriel Bruguier  
MATC Educational Program Coordinator  
402-472-1927  
ntc-bruguier@unl.edu  
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3. You can mail your completed application to:

Gabriel Bruguier  
Prem S. Paul Research Center at Whittier School  
2200 Vine Street  
Suite 262  
Lincoln, NE 68583

**The application deadline is June 15, 2017.**

We will be taking applications until the camp fills, so please contact us if you are still interested past the deadline. If you have questions, please contact Gabriel Bruguier.

# Sovereign Youth STEM Leadership

**CONFIDENTIAL  
APPLICATION**

Please type or print legibly (no pencil please). Additional sheets may be used.

First name:	M.I.:	Last name:
Home address:		Apartment/unit:
City:	State:	Zip:
Home phone:	Cell phone:	Email:
Emergency contact:	Phone:	Alt. Phone:
Alt. Emergency contact:	Phone:	Alt. Phone:
Tribal affiliation:	Enrollment number:	
Shirt Size (polo):	Shirt size (t-shirt):	
Gender:	Age:	

In order to accommodate the needs of our participants and make necessary preparations in advance, the following information must be provided. **The information provided in response to the three prompts below will not be considered in the evaluation of applicants.**

Dietary restrictions/Food allergies:

Please detail any medical issues or medications that we should be aware of:

Participation in the program requires moderate exercise, such as daily walking to and from activity sites, bowling, and potentially hiking. We welcome applicants of all abilities, so please indicate below if accommodations are needed to participate in these activities.

Grade level entering in the fall:

- Freshmen       Sophomore       Junior       Senior

Current GPA:

What is your interest in science?

- Very interested     Interested     Neutral     Slightly Interested     Not Interested

What is your interest in mathematics?

- Very interested     Interested     Neutral     Slightly Interested     Not Interested

What are your plans after graduating high school? (100 words or less)

What are your unique leadership qualities? (50 words or less)

We are looking for Native youth who represent each of the categories below. Which area best describes you? **Check all that apply.**

- Already an established leader
- Becoming a leader (have had some experiences)
- Could be a leader (shows interest but needs skill and opportunity)

List the school or non-school related leadership activities you have been involved with from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to the present.

What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing young people in your community today?  
(500 words or less)

What do you associate with the term “transportation”? (100 words or less)

## 2017 NCIA/MATC Sovereign Native Youth STEM Leadership Academy Release Form

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has implemented a Youth Activity Safety Policy to provide a safe environment for youths participating in UNL sponsored activities. The Youth Academy will be conducted in accordance with UNL's policy, which includes safe interaction guidelines as well as background and sex registry checks for Activity Workers. This policy will help to protect youth from potential misconduct incidents and provide a safe, educational, and enjoyable program experience. In the case of an emergency or accident involving your youth, parents/guardians will be notified, following notification of the appropriate emergency personnel.

I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (student name).  
I have read the information on the 2017 NCIA/MATC Sovereign Native Youth STEM Leadership Academy and am willing to have my child participate.

The Mid-America Transportation Center and the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs and their agents have my full permission and consent to transport and otherwise provide transportation for my child by public service bus, private automobile, vans or other appropriate means of transportation in connection with the Sovereign Native Youth STEM Leadership Academy.

I hereby release and hold harmless the Mid-America Transportation Center and the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, their members, agents, employees, or any individuals involved in the planning, organization or presentation of the Sovereign Native Youth STEM Leadership Academy programming, for any accident, injury, illness or any damage whatsoever related to the above mentioned student's attendance at, or participation in, any activity or session of the Sovereign Native Youth STEM Leadership Academy.

I grant to the Mid-America Transportation Center and the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs the right to photograph and/or film my child and the right to use those photographs and/or video, including reproductions or likenesses, with or without name, in any legal manner, for advertising, public relations, or otherwise, and in any media, whether or not copyrighted. I waive all right of inspection and approval and I release the Mid-American Transportation Center and the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs from any and all liability arising out of the exercise of these rights.

### Disciplinary Action

The directors of the Sovereign Native Youth STEM Leadership Academy reserve the right to immediately dismiss any youth from the academy who is found to have violated behavioral expectations. Dismissed youth will be sent home at their expense and will be responsible for all other expenses associated with their dismissal. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be immediately notified of a youth's dismissal.

<b>Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print/type):</b>		
<b>Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>