



## Michigan Indian Leadership Program (MILP)

The Michigan Indian Leadership Program (MILP) is a one-week indigenized summer experience co-sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) and the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at Michigan State University (MSU).

### What is MILP?

MILP is designed to give Native American youth in grades 8-12 the opportunity to experience college life and explore the many exciting educational opportunities available at Michigan State University as well as the many career opportunities available in the agricultural, food sciences, natural resources and related fields.

Although the program is not limited to Native American youth, the program content is based on issues of relevance to Native American students. Every effort is made to indigenize as much of the program content as we can.

Academic workshops, cultural activities, and social events are all facilitated and supervised by MSU Native faculty and staff members and current undergraduate students. MILP 2023 will take place July 9-14. Participants must commit to the entire time. Arriving a day late or leaving a day early is not an option.

### Who participates in MILP?

MILP is designed primarily for Native American youth entering grades 8-12 and other students with a strong interest and involvement in Native American culture and community. The program is open to 30 participants annually.

If the program does not fill with new participants, past participants will be considered for acceptance on the basis of past behavior and participation during the program.

### What will I do as a MILP participant?

MILP strives to help prepare Native youth for college. Daily activities include academic, social and cultural presentations. The mornings consist of SAT test preparation, and afternoons of tours and presentations by various MSU colleges.

Evening activities include social time, cultural presentations, and traditional arts such as black ash basket making, beadwork, indigenous games or porcupine quill work. Activities are facilitated by current Native American undergraduate students, faculty and staff members, and elders and artisans from across the state.

MILP participants live on campus in university residence halls and eat meals in the dining hall. Like many college students on campus, they will do lots of walking every day.

MILP strives to encourage healthy relationships between students and role models within the community.

## **How much does it cost?**

Students participate in MILP free of charge. The program is supported by the CANR, the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, and a number of other public and private agencies and corporations. Students are responsible for providing their transportation to and from the MSU campus.

## **When does the program begin?**

Program dates: July 9-14, 2023

Application deadline: April 7, 2023

Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis, or be placed on the waiting list.

## **How do I apply for MILP?**

To apply, submit the following completed items:

1. MILP student application
2. Essays
3. An official transcript (including classes in progress)

Applications are available for downloading or by request via email or phone. If you plan to download the application, please make sure your computer has Adobe Reader.

If requesting an application by email, please place in the subject heading of your email "Requesting MILP Application" and include your name, email address and mailing address in the body of the email to [chaus@msu.edu](mailto:chaus@msu.edu).

If requesting an application by phone, please call 517-355-0234 and inform the CANR representative that you would like to request an MILP application.

You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been received. If you do not receive a confirmation within a week of submission, there was an issue with your application submission, and you should contact Stephanie Chau by email or phone.

Please send all materials to:

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Assistant Director, Undergraduate Diversity  
446 West Circle Drive, Room 121  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI 48824  
Email: [chaus@msu.edu](mailto:chaus@msu.edu)  
Phone: 517-355-0234



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2023 APPLICATION

Selection of participants into MILP will be made on the basis of academic achievement, the application and essay questions. The completed application must be postmarked on or before April 7, 2023.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

(Please print legibly or type.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (used for housing purposes): \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request (Not guaranteed—list full name) \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name (other than parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Second Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the MILP Summer Youth Program?

EDUCATION INFORMATION

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level in Fall 2023 (check one)                      8th                      9th                      10th                      11th                      12th

INTEREST AREAS

Listed below are some of the areas in which participants in the Michigan Indian Leadership Program might have the opportunity to visit. Which areas are of interest to you? Please indicate your level of interest in the following:

Program Areas	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Interested
Agricultural & Natural Resources Education			
Agricultural Marketing/Business			
Animal Science			
Biosystems Engineering			
Community Sustainability			
Construction Management			
Crop and Soil Sciences			
Entomology			
Environmental Sciences			
Fisheries and Wildlife			
Food Industry Management			
Food Science/Nutrition/Dietetics			
Forestry			
Horticulture			
Interior Design			
Landscape Architecture			
Landscaping/Nursery Management			
Packaging			
Plant Sciences			
Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism			

## **MILP APPLICATION ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Please answer all the essay questions below. The essay questions are a very important part of the application — selection to MILP is based largely on these questions. Please be sure to fully answer ALL the questions.

Essay questions

1) Why do you want to participate in the Michigan Indian Leadership Program?

2) What are your educational and career goals?

## **PARENTAL CONSENT**

I hereby grant permission for my child/dependent (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all activities of the Michigan Indian Leadership Program (MILP) during the summer. I understand that if they are selected, I will be asked to provide additional information on health insurance and other pertinent matters.

Name of parent/guardian (Please print.) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **STUDENT AGREEMENT**

I hereby apply for the Michigan Indian Leadership Program (MILP). If selected for the MILP, I agree to fully participate in all activities and to remain in the program for the entire duration of the program. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Undergraduate Diversity Programs and of Michigan State University. (These rules and regulations will be provided to you upon acceptance to the program.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Please check to be certain that the following REQUIRED items are sent with the application. Incomplete applications will not be included in the applicant screening process.

Application form

Essay answers

An official transcript (including work in progress)

Please have the completed packet, postmarked by April 7, 2023, sent to:

C/O: Stephanie Chau  
Assistant Director, Undergraduate Diversity  
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Michigan State University  
East Lansing, MI 48824  
(517) 355-0234  
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Website: <http://canr.msu.edu/milp>