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**Institute for American Indian Arts**

IAIA, a 4-year tribal college that gained land-grant status in 1994, occupies a modern campus in Santa Fe, NM. It is the only 4-year fine arts degree-granting institution in the Nation devoted to contemporary Native American and Alaska Native Arts. However, the college is branching out to incorporate the sciences within its newest program, Indigenous Liberal Studies. This program integrates the natural sciences, social studies, fine arts, traditional arts, and humanities through provocative courses leading to a bachelor's degree. It is precisely because of this new direction that USDA-APHIS sought out IAIA as a collaborator for the Safeguarding Natural Heritage: Our Land Our Future program.



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Our Land Our Future

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## What Is “Our Land Our Future?”

Our Land Our Future (OLOF) is an outreach program for teenagers with an interest in plants, agriculture, natural resources, and the environment. The program allows students to spend half of their time at the Institute for American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, NM, and half in a camp-out setting in northern New Mexico, learning about science from both Pueblo and Western perspectives. Students will learn from tribal elders, professionals from various Pueblos, university professors, and scientists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

The 12-day OLOF program is for students 14 to 17 years of age who want to learn more about safeguarding their natural heritage, both within and outside New Mexico. Students chosen to participate in OLOF will learn and gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, discussions, and field trips. Students will also participate in team-building activities.

## Who Is Sponsoring the OLOF Program?

IAIA and APHIS are sponsoring OLOF. For 2011, the Administrator of APHIS is funding OLOF. Five of the agency’s line programs—Plant Protection and Quarantine, Wildlife Services, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, Veterinary Services, and Animal Care—are furnishing instructors. IAIA is hosting and coordinating program participants on its campus in Santa Fe, NM. IAIA will make a variety of materials available to OLOF students in order to facilitate learning about plants, agriculture, and natural resources. Luke Reed, land-grant manager for IAIA, and environmental specialists for Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc., will facilitate the program.

## How Much Will It Cost?

Students selected for the 2011 OLOF session will pay only the cost of transportation to get from their home to the IAIA campus on June 13 and back home on June 24. The cost of tuition, room and board, and lab supplies for the program will be covered by APHIS.

## How Do I Apply?

Students between the ages of 14 and 17 are eligible to apply for admission to OLOF. *Note:* You must be at least 14 and no older than 17 as of June 13, 2011. You must submit a complete application package by **May 20, 2011**. Packages postmarked or hand delivered after that date will not be accepted.

Here’s what to put in your application package:

- A short essay entitled “How my interest in agriculture, natural resources, and the environment can help me, my community, and the country.” In the essay, include information on your interests, hobbies, and hopes for the future. Be sure to include your full name, age, address, and home telephone number.
- Two letters of reference from people not related to you who know you well. At least one of the letters must come from a teacher or counselor.

## Mail your completed application to:

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Applicants may also submit their packages to Mr. Reed at the IAIA campus in Santa Fe. All hand-delivered materials will be date-stamped on receipt; no paperwork submitted after May 20, 2011, will be accepted.

By May 25, IAIA will let you know if you have been selected for this summer’s OLOF program. Meanwhile, if you’d like to learn more about APHIS or IAIA, visit these Web sites:

[www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)  
[www.iaia.edu](http://www.iaia.edu)