

# NATIVE YOUTH SUMMIT

APRIL 6 AND APRIL 27, 2025



## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM DETAILS

The Close Up Foundation is, once again, excited to offer our American Indian & Alaska Native Youth Summit in Washington, DC, in 2025. This program will help Native Youth develop the skills and attitudes to become active citizens and engaged leaders in their Tribal communities.

The Close Up American Indian & Alaska Native Youth Summit offers students the opportunity to meet other Native Youth from around the country while visiting the major monuments and museums of the nation's capital. Workshops will help students build community and identify the most pressing issues facing Tribal communities across the country. Site visits will center on examples of Native American advocacy and activism to prepare students to create their Action Initiatives.

In their travel groups, students will create Action Initiatives, the centerpiece project of the program. Students will identify a pressing issue facing their community and develop a solution that they will present to decision-makers. Throughout the process, students will research the decision-making bodies in their Tribal Nations, schools, or organizations; consider how to leverage the strengths and resources of their communities; and persuade others to take action.

**Program Details:** Tuition for the American Indian & Alaska Native Youth Summit is all-inclusive of the following: academic materials and curriculum, instructional staff, entrance fees, lodging, in-town transportation, meals, night monitors, and access to medical care through our partner, Georgetown University Hospital. Please note that tuition does not include roundtrip transportation to DC. Transportation costs are determined by departure point.

The Summit is offered the week of April 6, 2025, and the week of April 27, 2025. We also are offering the New York City add-on days to both of those weeks. Please contact your Close Up representative for pricing and to get registered!

## OUR INSTRUCTION

- A curriculum designed to help students become active changemakers in their communities;
- A supportive environment that fosters all students learning and participating;
- Structured learning activities at all key historical sites.

## ELIGIBILITY

Native Youth from schools, Nations, and youth organizations are encouraged to participate.

**Student Participants:** High school students (grades 9-12).

**Adult Chaperones:** Must be 21 years old. Talk with your Close Up representative regarding teacher fellowships to cover the cost of teacher participation.

## ABOUT CLOSE UP

Close Up's mission is to inform, inspire, and empower young people for a lifetime of civic engagement and participation. We do this through experiential programs based in Washington, DC, and in local communities, professional development for educators, and curriculum and classroom resource design. Since 1971, over one million students and educators from around the country have participated in Close Up programs—these students and educators returned to their communities and schools to share their new civic knowledge and skills.