

Project Serve Summer: Peguis First Nation Application Form

Please complete this application, including the short essay questions, and carefully read the questions and information provided.

The cost of this program is \$1250. If you have any questions regarding details of the program or the application process please do not hesitate to contact us at jes.smith@uoguelph.ca.

The Sundance ceremony is a traditional Aboriginal ceremony that is held in the heat of the summer - at Peguis First Nation in Manitoba, at the time of the full moon in July. It is a sacred ceremony that has been observed especially by First Nations people of the plains for many centuries. The Sundance is a time of the coming together of community to support Sundancers in a powerful 4 day ceremony of intense prayer, teachings, thanksgiving and personal offerings for the good of self, loved ones, community and Mother Earth through fasting and dancing. It is carefully guided by Elders of the community who carry and share the ancient teachings and wisdom of this beautiful ceremony. These Elders consult with the ancestors and guides of the Spirit World for guidance.

The Sundance is a major, labour intensive undertaking and many helpers are needed to assist the Elders and community in preparing and holding this entirely outdoor ceremony. The site must be carefully prepared, medicines and wood gathered, Elders consulted and many feasts prepared for the community. The Sundance lodge must be maintained in very specific ways throughout the ceremony and Firekeepers must maintain the sacred Fire around the clock for the entire 4 days. It is a time of men, women and children working and celebrating together for the good of all.

The Sundance Chief at Peguis has given us the honour of welcoming a selected group of our students to assist as helpers in this summer's ceremony. He and his family are traditional people of Ojibway and Cree descent who carry and share the teachings of this and other traditional ceremonies. They will be taking us into their fold to guide and teach us about the Sundance as we provide, in turn, help in holding the ceremony.

This program is substance-free.

Full name:

Student Number:

Email Address:

Gender:

- Female
- Male
- Trans
- Prefer not to answer

College:

Academic Program:

Academic Major:

Semester level:

Student Type:

- Undergraduate
- Graduate

Local Address (City; Province; Postal Code)

Local Phone Number:

Where did you hear about Project Serve Peguis?

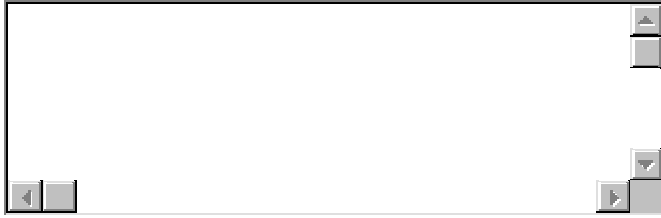
- From a friend
- Through a listserv
- Facebook/social media
- Project Serve website
- Resource Fair
- Residence
- Participated in a previous PS program
- Poster
- Other: (please specify)

I am aware that I am responsible for paying my own travel arrangement to/from the point of departure/arrival for my program, if selected. For this program, this includes travel to and from Toronto Pearson airport. We will provide you with information and options for coordination with fellow participants.

What motivates you to participate in the Project Serve Peguis program? Are there specific reasons why you want to go on this program? (Max. 150 words).

This Project Serve program takes place over the summer which requires students to do preparation beforehand in order to make sure they are prepared for the program and have explored the complexities of the theme before participating in experiential learning.

What sort of preparation and learning would you prioritize for yourself and how would you go about that in the months leading up to the program? (Max. 150 words)



What skills and qualities do you think are important for participants to have in a program such as this? Please share three skills and/or qualities that you possess and why they would be an asset to your team. (Max. 150 words)



I am aware that I will be required to attend some mandatory training sessions before this Project Serve program and I will attend all of these to the best of my ability (dates are to be announced).

If accepted to Project Serve Peguis, I understand that I must submit a \$400 non-refundable deposit by March 13. The remainder of my payment will be due by April 17th.