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Chief Joseph Ladouceur Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation 146 S. Court St. Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X6

Boozhoo and Greetings,

This August will mark the return of the Aboriginal Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) in Thunder Bay. AYLP is being delivered by Anishinabek Employment & Training Services (AETS) in collaboration with Leadership Thunder Bay to develop tomorrow's community leaders. The program is designed to contribute to participant's cultural, spiritual, mental, physical and emotional wellbeing.

This exciting initiative first launched in February 2013 as a pilot leadership development program for Aboriginal youth. Today, with 38 graduates and numerous community partners, the program continues to build capacity among Aboriginal Youth age 19-29. Similar to past years, this year's opening retreat will feature an outdoor experiential learning opportunity and other exciting events.

Following AYLP's retreat there will be eight learning days taking place every other week between August and November. A graduation at the beginning of December will allow participants a chance to celebrate the completion of the leadership program.

AYLP's learning days will revolve around the Medicine Wheel and the 7 Grandfather Teachings in addition to The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People. Learning days will feature a variety of guest speakers in addition to teachings from community Elders. This year AETS has added a board of directors training component that will result in participants earning a certificate recognizing board competency. With this certificate future leaders will be better prepared to find positions on local boards of directors where their newly developed leadership skills will be essential.

To become a part of this year's AYLP please submit an application found on the AETS website (aets.org/aylp).

Miigwetch and Thank You,

Michael Hull

**AETS Life Skills Officer** 



## 2018 Application Form

## **Contact Information:**

Name:	Email	l address: _		15
Address:	1		Postal Code	:
Phone:	Date of Birth:		Sex:	
I identify as Indigenous to Canada:	First Nations	Inuit _	Metis	Don't identify
Please specify Nation/Community:		. g i ı	. 1	
Student Status: High School	Post-secondary	Not i	in school	_ Other

## Letter of Intent:

So we can better design our program around our participants, please complete a brief letter of intent by answering the following four questions and enclose a current resume (optional):

- 1. In a way that feels comfortable to you, answer, "who are you?" (i.e., activities, hobbies, interests, etc.)
- 2. Why you would like to participate in the Di-No Wi-Gehmin Aboriginal Youth Leadership program?
- 3. What do you think it means to be a good leader? What leadership skills do you already have?
- 4. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? Please feel free to share anything else about yourself that you think is relevant to being a participant in this program.

Please Tell Us: Where you learned about the Di-No Wi-Gehmin Aboriginal Youth Leadership program?

If you have any questions about the program or the application contact Michael Hull at 346-0307 or through email at michael.hull@aets.org

## Miigwetch for your interest.

Please email or fax this form and your answers to the above questions to michael.hull@aets.org (fax: 807-346-0310) on or before August 1, 2018.

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