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you FIND that money
cannot be eaten.**

Leech Lake Environmental Supplementary Scholarship

There is a shortage of Native American

Environment Professionals. Leech Lake

Environmental Department sees this issue and is promoting science degrees for Band Members.

The department is implementing the Leech Lake Environmental Supplementary Scholarship Program.

The program is designed to financially assist Leech Lake Enrolled Members who are registered in 2

or more Science related courses at an accredited College or University. This Scholarship is designed to assist and encourage band member students to take science related courses.

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Eligible Candidates must be:

- Enrolled Leech Lake Band Members who have completed the Department's Summer Youth Experience
- Registered in 2 or more science related courses at an accredited College or University
- Must have a cumulative GPA over 2.0 or be a first semester student

Application Packet must include:

- Completed Scholarship Application (attached and will change each semester)
- Current class schedule showing registration in 2 or more science related courses
- Current GPA or be a first semester student

Students will be able to apply each semester that they qualify.



Selection Process:

- Application must be submitted to Leech Lake Environmental Office by the September 21 for fall and January 28 for spring semester.
- Scholarship selection committee (Air, Water, Brownfields Program Managers and Environmental Staff) will have two weeks from the application deadline to select two recipients for the scholarships.
- Criteria for the scholarship:
 - ~ Environmental essay
 - ~ Community outreach work
- Award letter will be sent to recipient and an awards luncheon with Environmental Staff scheduled

The application form essay question will change each semester.

Award:

- 2 students per semester (Fall and Spring)
- \$200 per student



**ENVIRONMENTAL
DEPARTMENT**

**Summer Youth
Experience**

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Leech Lake Youth Environmental Program

Leech Lake Environmental Department's:

- Summer Youth Experience
- Science Scholarship
- Urban Youth Camping Trip



Purpose

The **Leech Lake Environmental** programs are a great opportunity for the Environmental Department to engage our community in protecting the environment and give the youth of Leech Lake the opportunity to learn and to see how connected we are to our environment. Building a relationship with our youth will ensure we have partners in the future to keep our Reservation's environment clean and healthier. It has been a goal of the Environmental department program to increase the amount of youth and community outreach. This program is one of the first steps in achieving this goal.

Need

Today on Leech Lake we have many social problems of all shapes and sizes. This need is something the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Environmental Department is willing to step forward and help provide an outlet for, so we can teach our children how their environment and culture are connected, just as their computer and the internet are connected. There is a need to educate our youth about how their environment and impacts to their resources affect their everyday lives. Today we see fewer youth using their natural resources which leads to a decreased understanding of their environment. This gap in knowledge must be remedied if we are to maintain our beautiful Reservation.

Leech Lake Environmental Department Summer Youth Experience



Objectives/Goals:

- 40 Hours weekly
- Broad educational overview of all LLBO Environmental Programs
- Air Quality monitoring
- Burn barrel collection
- Indoor air quality assessments
- Radon education
- Perform community outreach venues
- Water testing on various lakes, rivers, streams and beaches
- Fish and Wildlife field work
- Septic system assessments
- Bio-diesel education
- Basic map reading/GPS Training
- Checking rice beds
- Establish a sense of responsibility for the environment
- Community building
- Knowledge sharing with Leech Lake youth
- Produce a power point of "What I learned"
- Ensure a bright future for the Leech Lake Reservation

Environmental Department



LEECH LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMER YOUTH EXPERIENCE APPLICATION

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Environmental Department is seeking 10 individuals between the ages of 13-15 who will have the opportunity to spend two weeks working alongside Environmental Department professionals. The two week intervals will be set between **June - August**.

Name _____

Age _____

Contact Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Include a one page essay in response to one of the following questions:

"Leech Lake Reservation Environment is important to me because..."



"What do you think you can do to improve Leech Lake's Environment?"

All applications and Essays must be turned into the DRM Environmental Department office by 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday in May. For questions or further information, please contact Jeff Harper