

Spirit Speakers: Our Languages, Our Future Youth Application Package

Due: March 17th, 2020

Send completed and signed applications to youmatter@3things.ca

Thank you for your interest in Spirit Speakers: Our Languages, Our Future youth gathering. Those who apply and are accepted will take part in a program designed and facilitated by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Three Things Consulting and Sakatay Global for youth and young adults to have space to share their input into First Nations language learning, celebrating and revitalization.

Rooted in ceremony, culture, consensus, and connection to others, this unique opportunity will be led by trained facilitators, Elders and youth work professionals who will be in place to provide 24/7 support to you.

This gathering is taking place on the traditional territory of the Algonquin people, in what is now called Ottawa **between March 27th - March 30th** with 36 youth and young adults **between the ages of 14 - 24** who will be selected to attend.

Travel and accommodations will be arranged and paid for by the Assembly of First Nations who is hosting this very important event and Three Things Consulting will be the primary contact for those selected to finalize travel and other communications.

If you are interested in participating at the Spirit Speakers: Our Languages, Our Future, please fill out this application and use the checklist provided to ensure you submit all the requirements.

If selected, you will be encouraged to share openly and participate in all group activities. Youth will unite by learning, healing, and knowledge sharing – to tackle the day-to-day issues in language revitalization and share ideas and recommendations, from a youth and young adult lens to the AFN. So, expect long (but fun) days, and the development of powerful relationships and shared experiences.

The design of this gathering will allow you to make connections with others by using creative tools to share your stories (art, music, etc.) and time for socializing with the other young people. Time and space will be made to share positive activities, initiatives, and achievements in your local First Nations or urban communities.

Please email us at youmatter@3things.ca or call/text Jeff Gennrich at 613-449-7120 if you have any questions. We will be responding to emails as we get them, generally within 24 hours.



Checklist

Included

A Completed Application Form

Essay / Art or Video

Signed Consent Forms

A Picture You Like of Yourself

Biography

Be sure to sign (or have parent/guardian sign) the consent form at the end of this package.



Application to Participate

All information will be kept confidential, secure and not shared outside of the selection committee (AFN) and facilitators (Three Things Consulting).

About You:

As this gathering is focused on Indigenous Languages, we are curious how you identify? There is no right or wrong answer here: we are looking for a diverse group of young people with diverse experiences, skills and interest.

Would you identify yourself as (please check one)?

- Interested in learning my language learning?
- Active language learner (in school, community programs, Elders or language program)
- Language speaker (where I am comfortable speaking/communicating in my traditional language)

Legal Name (for travel/on photo identification):

Preferred Name (if different): _____

Birthday (Year/Month/Date): _____

I Identify My Gender As: _____



T-Shirt Size: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town/First Nation: _____

Postal Code: _____ Province: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email Address:

I Am A Member of / from (which First Nation):

My first language (that I most often speak/write in) is: _____

I also can communicate in: _____ and _____.

We want to ensure we have a secondary person to connect with as we finalize the selection process (in case we cannot contact you directly) and in case of any emergency during the project. If you will be under 18 years old on March 26th, 2020 this **MUST** be your parent/ legal guardian.

Alternate/Emergency Contact: _____



Relationship to Applicant: _____

Alternate Contact Cell Phone Number (If applicable): (_____) _____

Alternate Contact Home Phone Number (If applicable): (_____) _____

Alternate Contact Email: _____



This information will be confidential. It will help us in case of any emergencies.

MEDICAL AND DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Allergies:	No	Yes
Physical Impairments or Restrictions:	No	Yes
Dietary Restrictions:	No	Yes
Illness or Communicable Disease:	No	Yes
Medical Problems Requiring Medication:	No	Yes

If answered yes to any of these, or you have other medical information we should know, to ensure you stay healthy at the gathering, please describe:

Provincial or Territorial Health Card Number: _____

Identification Number (i.e.: Status number): _____



Your Ideas and Experiences

This event is geared to First Nations youth with diverse experiences; youth and young adults who might not speak their language, but have an interest in learning, those who are active learners – whether at school or in the community, (such as a local language nest or other program) or language speakers. You may have been identified as leader in the past and been to these kinds of events; or maybe you have not ever taken part in something like this before. We are looking to create a diverse community, so please share as much as you are comfortable, so we can get to ‘know you’ through this process.

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Do you have any lived, work or school experiences that makes you a strong candidate for this opportunity?

Have you ever experienced challenges with your traditional language or language learning? If so, how did you respond and process that experience?



Is there something you currently do (or have done) that helps you maintain what you feel is a positive path for you in regard to speaking your traditional language? What works for you?

Is there any other information you would like to share about what would make you a strong fit for this opportunity?

Personal Profile Video or Essay

We want to get to know applicants beyond what's written in the application on a deeper and more personal level – we want to really get to know **the real you**.

Please create a 1 to 3 minute, (maximum), video, one page, (500 maximum words) essay or a piece of art that **answers one (or more)** of the following questions to help us 'meet' you.

It doesn't have to be edited in any way and no one other than the selection committee will see it, (unless you are selected and then it could / may be shared, **only with your consent**) so please be honest and open. We want to know who you are, so we can select those with best fit for this opportunity.



1. **Why you?** What should we know about why you think you will be a great fit as part of this project?
2. **What's your gift?** What skill/knowledge/experience will you bring and be able to share with others?
3. **What's your story?** Is there something about your life – an experience or part of your journey that we should know and how will that shape how you experience this project?
4. **Why are you a role model?** Are you? What about your life path helps you be a strong leader and role model for other youth in your life?
5. **My culture matters.** Why does it matter to you and your First Nation? What do you do to celebrate, learn about or engage with your culture?
6. **What excites you?** What about this project makes you think, yup...this could be awesome!

Please save your video, essay or picture of art and include as an attachment with your completed application.

Biography and Head Shot

These will be used in communications about the youth selected in print and online for those who are selected.

Please share 150 - 250-word biography of yourself: where you're from, your family, what you're up to in life, achievements or successes, favourite things, fun facts or other things you would be comfortable being shared in print or online should you be selected. (Note: these may be edited for clarity if you are selected.)

Please include as an attachment with your completed application, saved as 'Your Name Bio'.

Please include as an attachment with your completed application a headshot picture of yourself; one that you would be OK being shared in print and online should you be selected.



Parental / Guardian Consent Form

For Parents/Guardians (for participants under 18 years of age):

Please include with the youth application.

Please print information, check the 2 boxes as required and sign on page 11.

Participant Name:
Name of Parent/Guardian:
Parent/Guardian Email:
Home Telephone:
Work / Cell Telephone:

Consent to Participate

I give permission for my child to participate in the Spirit Speakers: Our Languages, Our Future. I have familiarized myself with the nature and content of the program and am aware that Spirit Speakers: Our Languages, Our Future is a travel experience that entails inherent risks. I also acknowledge that participants in the project must follow instructions provided and will be subject to the physical & emotional demands of a First Nations youth language forum. I acknowledge that the CEO of Three Things Consulting or a designate of Assembly of First Nations may expel anyone from the project who, through their behavior, poses a hazard to the safety of the forum or any member of forum staff, or participants at the Delegates expense. I release Three Things Consulting, Sakatay Global and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), their Directors, employees, volunteers, and staff from any liability arising from the above applicant's participation in the program.

Please check here if you give consent for your child to participate.



Media Release and Future Usage

I hereby give permission to the Assembly of First Nations, Three Things Consulting and Sakatay Global.

(AFN), to take/use photographs and/or video of _____ for promotional or commercial purposes. All usage will be of a positive/family-oriented nature and used to promote Spirit Speakers: Our Languages, Our Future or the said partners role in the project. This could include in related promotional material, social media, reporting or other related communications.

By signing below, I hereby grant the Partners permission to use their photo in any and all of its publications, including website entries and/or social media, without payment or any other consideration. I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I understand that the term "photograph" as used herein encompasses still photographs, and motion picture footage, including audio and works created by the participant as part of this program.

I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the Partners from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have because of this authorization.

Please check here if you give consent to this media release.

By signing below, you give consent for these as it applies to Spirit Speakers: Our Languages, Our Future between March 27th 2020 and March 30th 2020 and that you are fully aware of and understand the goals of the gathering.

Applicant's Signature



Signature of Parent/Guardian
(for those under 18 years of age)

Consent Form (for those applicants who are 18 years of age or older)

Please include with your application.

Please print information, check the 2 boxes as required and sign on page 13.

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I have read and understand the above:

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Signature _____

Printed name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Please scan signed form and email to youmatter@3things.ca.

For more information or any questions, please contact Jeff Gennrich of Three Things Consulting at jeff@3things.ca or 613-449-7122.

