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Both the Youth Ambassadorship and Commission are being restructured to become one Board and will be known as the "Youth Commission". The new Application will become available soon, so please check back!

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NCAI Youth Commission

The NCAI Youth Commission was established at the 1997 NCAI Mid-Year meeting in Juneau, Alaska by resolution [#JNU-97-003](#). It was created in response to the vocalized need for an entity that would provide Native youth an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns. The Youth Commission seeks to provide Native youth with leadership development opportunities and to provide a forum for networking with other Native youth throughout the nation.

Youth Commission Officers

Name	Title	Tribe
Alexa Old Crow	Commissioner	Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Isaac Juan	Commissioner	Pueblo of San Ildefonso/Tohono O'odham
Jalea Walker	Alternate Commissioner	Smith River Rancheria
Karl A. Duncan	Alternate Commissioner	San Carlos Apache/Three Affiliated Tribes
Francisco Manuel	Secretary	Tohono O'odham Nation

Mission

We, the National Congress of American Indian Youth unite as a commission of all backgrounds and ages to strengthen the past, present and future of our unity, knowledge and wisdom; to serve our people's concerns and interests by enhancing our spiritual, mental, physical and emotional well-being for a better Native America.

Purpose

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Youth Commission is designed specifically for college and high school students with an interest in political science, tribal government and Native American legislative and governmental affairs.

The Youth Commission provides a youth perspective with issues that concern the youth. It is to be a resource to NCAI and Tribal Leaders. It is an opportunity to acquire knowledge from NCAI and Tribal Leaders about the process of NCAI and Tribal Politics. Also to enhance our leadership skills and utilize those we may have obtained prior. Most importantly the NCAI Youth Commission is an avenue to provide a unified voice for ALL Native American and Alaskan youth.

What the Youth Commission can offer you:

- **Mentoring Program:** spending time with an elder, leader or delegate.
- **Volunteering:** a valuable learning experience working "behind the scenes" to see NCAI in action.
- **Informative Workshops:** learn from professionals in their field.
- **Leadership Training:** hands on experience in leadership development.
- **Youth Luncheon:** keynotes, honoring elders, mentors and youth.
- **Addressing Issues:** through resolutions, lobbying and sharing as well as learning.
- **A Voice Within NCAI and NCAI Youth Commission:** participants will learn the process of NCAI as well as contribute to changes and is a tool for any youth.

Students have to pay to attend the NCAI general meetings. They do not have to pay to attend the Youth Commission meetings. However, they will not be able to attend any of the NCAI general meetings. Students also cannot vote unless they are a paying member of NCAI.

Documents

- [By-Laws](#)
- [Charter](#)

[Mission Statement](#)

[Establishing Resolution #JNU-97-003](#)

NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership Program

At the 2006 Mid-Year Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, NCAI leadership announced the creation of the National Congress of American Indians Youth Commission Ambassador Leadership Program (YALP).

Name	Title	Tribe
Quinton Lopez	Youth Ambassador	<i>Tohono O'odham Nation</i>
J. Shon Lee	Youth Ambassador	<i>White Mountain Apache Tribe</i>
Alexa Old Crow	Youth Alternate Ambassador	<i>Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes</i>

NCAI Youth Sponsorship

NCAI's youth programs continue to seek sponsorship to accommodate our financial needs. Sponsorships go towards the funding of our luncheon, receptions, Youth Track and in the future scholarships during the annual conventions of NCAI.


If you are interested in donating funds to the NCAI Youth Commission or the NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership Program, please contact our office. Any type of donations are greatly appreciated and will be recognized appropriately.

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