




Artist/Entrepreneur APPLICANTS



In partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through a Rural Business Development grant, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is offering a 1-year training opportunity for seven adult Tribal Members to participate in a Business Incubator Project.

Applications are available online at:

www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing

or pick-up in person at the Ziibiwing Center

For more information, please call 989-775-4750



ZIIBIWING CENTER
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) BUSINESS INCUBATOR

FUNDED FROM THE USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Project Description

In partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through a Rural Business Development grant, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways (Ziibiwing) is offering an opportunity to participate in Business Incubator Project. At least seven Tribal Members will be selected by an external Selection Committee through an application process. The project will provide artists and emerging entrepreneurs with small business training to expand and/or start their business. Community-based training will be provided for the selected Tribal entrepreneurs to develop their business intelligence so they are better equipped to create their brand, manage tax laws, and launch e-commerce platforms.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete application including the supporting documents:

- Proof of Tribal Affiliation
- About the Artist Statement
- Marketing / Promotional Samples (OPTIONAL) - limit 3 examples.

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APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Please share the address for your website or social media page (if used to market, sell, or share your artwork):

Art Medium

- Basketry
- Beadwork
- Carving
- Culinary Arts
- Dance
- Drawing
- Film/Video
- Graphic Design
- Jewelry
- Leatherwork
- Ledger Art
- Mixed Media
- Music
- Painting
- Photography
- Poetry/Spoken Word
- Pottery/Ceramics
- Quillwork
- Quilting/Sewing
- Regalia/Fashion Design
- Sculpture
- Storytelling
- Theatre/Acting
- Weaving/Textiles
- Writing
- Other _____

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What is your highest level of education

- Elementary School
- Middle School/Junior High
- Some High School
- High School Diploma
- GED
- Some College
- Associates Degree
- Technical Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Graduate Degree

About the Artist Statement: The following questions can be answered in narrative form. (Use separate sheet of paper)

1. Please provide a short biography of yourself and your work.
2. What motivates or inspires you in your art?
3. What has been the most rewarding experience in creating, sharing and/or selling your art?
4. What has been the greatest challenge in establishing your art practice or career?

When did you start selling your art?

- Date/Year: _____
- Have not started to sell yet.

Have you completed a marketing or business plan for your business yet?

- Yes
- No

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Please list your business goals (Use extra paper if needed):