

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribal Organization

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AWARD PERIOD: October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016

FEDERAL AWARD: \$436,756

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

The overall goal is to support efforts to prepare primarily low-income Native Americans to fill high demand, and/or high wage jobs in the Dakota or Thurston County, Nebraska, or Woodbury County, Iowa area. The Winnebago Step-Up Project will focus on preparing twenty-five Native Americans per year to fill employment positions in three primary labor demands in Thurston and Dakota counties in Nebraska and Woodbury County in Iowa; education, healthcare, and industrial mechanics and maintenance.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- The Step-Up Program will enroll 50 Native American students, during the two year performance period. Approximately two-third of the students will attain industry-recognized credentials, certification/licensing, or associate degree in their chosen field.
- The Step-Up Program projects that seventy-five percent of the participants, who complete their course of study, will be placed in a job, receive an upgrade in their current job, or transfer to a baccalaureate degree program in healthcare, and industrial mechanics and maintenance.
- The administrator/counselors will receive professional development training in the area of case management and soft skill work readiness curriculum within the first 6 months of the project.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS: Postsecondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS:

PROGRAM

CERTIFICATION

Early Childhood

Certificate, AA degree

Healthcare

Certificate, AS degree

Industrial Maintenance and Mechanics

Certificate/Licensing, AS degree

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

Tuition and fees assistance

Stipend for class time hours

Class tools and books

Transportation assistance

Childcare assistance

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 1

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES:

Winnebago Higher Education Office

Western Iowa Tech-Health

Little Priest Tribal College

Winnebago Transit Program

Nebraska Indian Community College

Northeast Community College

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (Western Iowa Tech, Little Priest Tribal College, Nebraska Indian Community College, and Northeast Community College)