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## 2017 SAIGE YOUTH PROGRAM PRESS RELEASE

### ***SAIGE Announces Youth Program at 14th Annual National Training Program***

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is a national Non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Government employees in the federal, tribal, state and local sectors. SAIGE will host its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual National Training Program, "Standing Together," June 5<sup>h</sup> - 8th, 2017 in Scottsdale, Arizona. It will be held at the We Ko Pa Resort and Conference Center, a beautiful facility owned and operated by the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation.

As part of the Training Program, SAIGE will also host the annual Native Student Youth Program. This program is designed to provide Native American students an opportunity to learn about careers within the federal government, to experience leadership training, to participate in professional and personal development workshops, and to network with Native American professionals.

SAIGE encourages Native American youth to realize their potential to become leaders in their communities and schools, continue their education by obtaining a college degree, and ultimately, to seek a career in the government sector in one of the multitude of civil service professions. Federal agency representatives attending the conference have the opportunity to meet students, participate as Exhibitors, and promote career opportunities within their respective agencies.

**SAIGE is offering a limited number of scholarships for Native college students to attend the 2017 Training Program June 5-8, 2017 in Scottsdale, Arizona. The scholarships will include conference fee, airfare and hotel accommodations.**

The Youth Program is open to Native Students between the ages of 18 and 25 who can demonstrate they are currently enrolled in good standing at an accredited high school, college or university. Students must be interested in gaining a professional degree and in the possibility of pursuing a career with the federal government. SAIGE invites American Indian/Alaska Native students to submit their application form, letter of reference, proof of school enrollment, and completed emergency medical information form for consideration to attend the conference. A short essay about their interest in government careers and information about themselves is also required.

Completed application packets must be postmarked or electronic copies sent no later than **April 30, 2017**. To obtain a complete application visit our website at: [www.saige.org](http://www.saige.org). Under the Special Programs tab at the top, click Youth Program News to download the application materials.

We look forward to you joining us in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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