

# ALBERTA'S FUTURE LEADERS (AFL) – ARTS MENTOR – SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

*Do you have a passion for making a positive difference?*

**Assist Alberta's First Nation and Métis Communities in Creating Healthy Opportunities for Youth.**

## Job Description

The AFL program gives youth workers and arts mentors the opportunity to acquire valuable skills while doing work that is highly challenging and personally rewarding. You will gain an understanding of the grass roots approach to community development and will:

- Live in a First Nation or Métis community, becoming a link in the chain that strengthens that community
- Organize exciting art and recreation programs for Aboriginal youth
- Work with local recreation directors, community organizations, leaders, schools, band councils, and volunteers
- Develop meaningful relationships
- Work and live with another Youth Worker or Arts Mentor
- Be part of significant, "life changing" experiences

## How is this program organized?

The Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation with the Alberta Foundation for the Arts develops partnerships with Aboriginal communities, corporate sponsors and government agencies at the local, provincial and national level. The AFL Program rests on the fundamental belief that by working together we can make a difference in the lives of youth.

## What qualifications, qualities and experience do I need?

- Fine Arts, Education, Native Studies, Social Work, Child/Youth Care or relevant post secondary education
- Involvement in fine arts activities
- Experience planning, organizing and implementing programs
- Experience working with youth
- Self-motivation with good communication skills
- A willingness to live and learn in another cultural setting
- Experience working in an adaptable team environment
- Class V Drivers' License
- Standard First Aid and Level C CPR
- A criminal record check prior to placement
- Assets: Class IV License, Personal Vehicle

## What skills will I gain?

- Planning and coordinating arts and recreation programs, community events, and field trips.
- Strengthened personal leadership skills
- Cross-cultural education (First Nation and Métis)
- Critical thinking, problem solving, decision making and time management
- Interpersonal and team work skills

## Compensation

The contract period is from **April 28, 2012 – August 24, 2012 (INCLUSIVE)** with irregular hours including evenings and weekends as required (40 hours/week) Total compensation for the contract period is **\$10,800.00**.

## Where will I live?

The community provides safe, secure and appropriately furnished accommodation at no charge (Food is the responsibility of the worker)

## Will I receive training?

The first 10 days of your job will be spent in an orientation/training program. You will also participate in a mid-term workshop, and a final evaluation retreat.

## What community will I be working in?

Arts Branch staff will work with AFL program staff to assign youth workers to communities based on the communities identified needs, youth worker backgrounds and partnership profiles. Communities involved in this year's AFL Program may include: Driftpile, Heart Lake and Gift Lake Métis Settlement; with other communities yet to be identified.

## How do communities react to the youth workers?

The AFL Program works with communities to ensure that they are fully committed, attentive and respectful toward youth workers. Many students develop lasting friendships and return year after year for work or personal reasons.

## What is the deadline for applications?

Applications will be received until **February 27, 2012** with interviews taking place in early March. All applicants are thanked in advance for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Interested applicants are asked to submit their resume to:

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