



**2017 Elders & Youth Conference:
“PART LAND, PART WATER - ALWAYS NATIVE”
Call for Proposals**

Submission Deadline: Friday, July 21, 2017, received no later than 5 PM AST

The First Alaskans Institute (FAI) Elders & Youth Conference will take place Monday through Wednesday, October 16-18, 2017, at the Dena’ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

FAI is seeking presentation proposals from individuals and/or organizations wishing to present during the Conference. Presentations should be clearly tied to the conference theme, strive to achieve the purposes of the Conference, and be grounded in the celebration of who we are as Alaska Native peoples.

Our 2017 Conference theme “**Part Land, Part Water – Always Native.**” speaks to how our identity as indigenous peoples is informed by our deep connection to our lands and waters, no matter where we live, and recognizes that Alaska always has been – and always will be – a Native place. Our theme was crafted using the thoughtful contributions and ideas of our 2017 Statewide Elders & Youth Council, FAI staff, and other members of the community.

Topics may include, but are not limited to: culture, language, Native knowledge, leadership, identity, environment, land use, traditional foods and medicines, traditional and customary hunting, fishing and gathering, law, governance and policy, ancient and contemporary history, heritage, tradition, storytelling, dance instruction, education, health and wellness, spirituality, empowerment, art workshops, community building and organizing, successful models of youth and Elder programs, resiliency, and the like. There is tremendous range to maximize and accommodate our diversity and that of potential presenters.

Conference Purpose & Objectives

- Provide an opportunity for Elders and youth to interact with and learn from each other.
- Inspire pride in cultural identity and heritage.
- Grow knowledge of community, culture, traditions, family, and self towards understanding the unique role that each person plays in our collective identity.
- Strengthen participants’ understanding and engagement with topics relevant to the Alaska Native community.
- Empower youth leadership, innovation, commitment and sharing of their knowledge.
- Foster statewide networking, sharing, discussion, and community building.
- Prepare participants to be engaged and take action after the conference and in their lives by nurturing a practice of learning and leading.



Criteria for Presentation Review and Selection

Presentations submitted to First Alaskans Institute will be reviewed and selected by the Local Project Team using a consensus based process geared towards creating a total Conference experience that achieves the purposes noted above and reflects the 2017 theme. Selection criteria may include, but is not limited to:

- Clarity of proposal and usefulness to participants
- Emphasis on interaction between Elders and Youth
- Connections to the conference purpose and outcomes
- Relevance to the conference theme
- Engagement and interaction with participants during the presentation
- Appeal to the Elders and youth audience
- Preference will be given to Alaska Native speakers and presenters

We respectfully encourage proposals that focus on the experience of the Elders and youth participants, rather than recruiting, research, or advertising. It is fine to mention your programs and opportunities, but not to allow those items to be the center or sole purpose of the presentation. Using participants as research subjects is discouraged, however, if you intend to do any research at the Conference, please make sure to indicate this in your proposal and FAI staff will follow up with you.

Timeline:

Deadline for Proposal Submissions: Friday, July 21st, received no later than 5 PM AST

Notification of Selection to Presenters: No later than Friday, August 18, 2017

*Please note, selected presenters will be asked to register for the conference using online registration.

Incomplete proposals will NOT be considered.

I. Please Complete all of the following General Information:

Name:		
Are you presenting on behalf of (CIRCLE ONE): YOURSELF ORGANIZATION GROUP		
PROGRAM		
Title (if applicable):		
Organization/Group/Program (if applicable):		
Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Office Phone:	Cell Phone:	Fax:
Email:		

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If Alaska Native, List Cultural Affiliation(s) of Presenter(s):

II. Presentation Information:

Presentation Title (Provide the title as it may appear in the conference program guide):

My preference is to be considered for:

workshop session

plenary session

My preference for presentation time (90 min max): _____

*Please note: While preference is considered, if you are selected as a presenter you may be requested to expand or shorten your presentation time or format, depending on Conference need & space available. As we continue to find ways to indigenize our Conference, we seek flexibility to create engaging formats for our participants from the lens of the overall experience to amplify the purposes and theme.

Set-Up/Equipment Needs: If selected, you will be invited to register and at that time select any special set up and/or equipment needs you may have (your group may be charged a moderate fee to cover the cost of using certain items such as: projector, screen, etc.).

Have you presented at the Elders & Youth Conference before?

If you are a returning presenter, please provide details of previous involvement (i.e. Plenary or workshop session? Topic?):

III. Please include the following Additional Information:

Speaker Biographies (100 words or less for each presenter)

Longer bios will be cut-off after 100 words.

Presentation Length, Purpose and Description - (2 Pages Maximum)

Presentations should relate to the theme and/or Conference objectives. Please provide a brief description of your presentation, including how it will benefit the audience, reflect the theme & objectives, the message you want to deliver, and the format-style you would prefer to use. Please address how participants will be interacting with the speaker/presenter(s) and each other.

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Special Presentation to Plenary Sessions

The purpose is to highlight, in a compelling manner a particular issue or topic, hear from Elders and/or youth on current issues, activities, etc. **Special presentations will be no longer than 20 minutes.**

Workshop Presentations

Special emphasis will be placed on workshops that engage the participants and focus on the topics noted above on page 1. **Workshop sessions will be no longer than 90 minutes.**

Workshop outcomes should include at least two of the following elements:

- Participants will be engaged in creating, learning and discussing issues and ideas,
- Participants will be able to apply what they learned (e.g., creation of a product, writing a document, ...),
- Participants will develop a plan for continuing their work after the Conference,
- Participants will leave the conference prepared, ready to answer the call to action!

Important: FAI will do our best to accommodate time and proposal format preferences, however this cannot be guaranteed as the Conference need and objectives are the main priority in scheduling.

We respectfully request and **thank the selected presenters ahead of time for remaining open and flexible** so they can best connect with Elders and youth participants.

Please Note:

First Alaskans Institute does not offer financial compensation for presentations. If your proposal is accepted for a workshop session, or plenary session, noted presenters will have to pay a registration fee.

All presentation proposals must be submitted online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017EYCallForPresentations>

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You may e-mail, mail, or hand deliver proposals to our office no later than 5 PM, on July 21, 2017 care of:

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