



Close Up 2018

TRIBAL MEMBER & 1ST GENERATION INDIAN DESCENT STUDENTS IN THE 9TH-12TH GRADE!

What is Close UP: This program helps students learn and explore current issues facing Native American rights and responsibilities. It focuses on giving students the skills and attitudes to advocate for issues important to them and their tribes. They will learn how to participate in their tribal government, the structure of USET and how USET impacts their tribe and public policy.

When is Close Up: During the week of February 3rd-9th, 2018, selected students in grades 9-12 will attend the "Close Up American Indian Youth Summit", which will be held in conjunction with USET'S annual impact week meeting.

Requirements: Completed application, \$250.00 deposit due at first meeting, essay completions, mandatory class attendance, overall 'C' average & reference letters.

Applications are due on September 22, 2017 @ 5:00pm

**If you or your parents have any questions about Close Up 2018, contact
Kimberly S. McGhee, Youth Services Coordinator @ (251)368-9136, ext. 2662;
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Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Dear prospective "Close Up" participant:

Hi, my name is Kimberly McGhee and I am the Youth Services Coordinator for the PCI Education Department. I am writing you on behalf of the Tribe to invite you to try for a chance to go to Washington D.C. and participate in "Close Up" 2018! All you have to do is fill out the attached application, being sure that it is completely filled out and answer all questions to the best of your ability. When you have filled out the application and have attached the necessary documents, we will review it and notify you when we have made our selection. At that time, there will be a \$250.00 deposit that will be due, which can be made in payments, if needed. This one-time deposit is refundable and has been put in place to prevent last minute cancellations. The Tribe will pay all other travel/program expenses.

Note: It is very important to try and maintain good grades and attendance in school, as permission from you school Principal must be granted for participation in the Close Up program.

Please visit www.closeup.org for more information about the "Close Up" program!

Remember: All applications must be received by: Friday, September 22, 2018, no later than 5:00 p.m.

If you or your parents have any questions, please call the number below or email me.

Sincerely,

Kimberly McGhee
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**Poarch Creek Indians Education Department
Close Up Application 2018**

Student Contact Information:

Student Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Home Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Tribal Member? Roll # / 1 st Generation?	
Cell Phone:	
Email:	
Grade:	
School Name:	
Principal/Guidance Counselor	

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name(s):	
Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email:	

Medical Info:

Emergency Contact:	
Relationship to student:	
Insurance Company:	
Family Doctor:	
Any known medical problems/allergies:	

Qualifications:

Each participant must attend mandatory classes that will lead up to Close Up selections this year. These classes will be held @ the Education Department each month. Classes will consist of culture, government, and behavior and community service.

Questionnaire:

Answer the following questions below according to the state that you live in.

1. What is your U.S. Congressional District?
2. Who are your U.S. Representatives? (7)
3. Who is your state's U.S. Senators? (2)
4. Who are your Tribal Council Members? (9)
5. In two paragraphs tell us a little about your tribe and what it means to you? Please use a separate sheet of paper.
6. Please list your ancestors?

Leadership and Citizenship Experience:

Summarize your leadership and citizenship experience in service to your school, church or the community.

Essay Requirements:

Using entirely proper grammar, punctuation, etc. answer each essay question. Each answer must be typed or written in blue and black ink and must be at least 300 words in length. Please include first and last name. Essay questions will count for part of the selection process for Close Up.

Essay Questions:

1. If you had five minutes with the President of the United States, what topic would you discuss, and what points would you convey about that topic?
2. If you had five minutes with your Tribal Chairman, what tribal issue would you discuss and what points would you convey about that issue?

Reference:

Each student must submit two letters of reference. Reference letters will count for part of the selection process for Close Up. A good letter of reference is one that supports your achievements, skills and citizenship experience. These letters cannot be from family members or friends.

Indian Verification:

For 1st generation descendants please submit with application-a letter of Indian verification, which can be obtained by contacting the Tribal Enrollment office @ (251)368-9136 ext. 2209

Student Selection:

Students will be selected based on application completeness and compliance with the Community Services Division Participation Policy.

Note: Please remember to fill out the application entirely and include leadership and/or citizenship experience you may have!

Parent/Guardian Signature:

By signing below, I give permission for my child, _____ to participate in all Leadership related activities/meetings to prepare for the "Close Up" trip to Washington, D.C. 2018. In addition, I understand that there will be a required, refundable **\$250.00 deposit** that is due once I have been notified of my child's acceptance; this is in order to prevent last minute cancellations. If my child fails to attend Close Up for any reason other than an emergency situation, I understand that I will forfeit my deposit. Any request to withdraw due to an emergency situation must be approved by the Education Director and Community Services Division Director. I agree to attend at least 2 parent meetings which will occur prior to Close Up. I understand that if my child should misbehave at any time during this trip, he/she will be sent home immediately, and that I have the option of (1) coming to get him/her, or (2) having him/her fly home unaccompanied. I understand that I will be responsible for all costs of having my child come home early.

Parent Signature

Date:

Parent Printed Name

Youth Services Coordinator

Approval Date

Education Director

Approval Date