

Gedakina is accepting applications for summer and year-round internships. Ideal candidates will be undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing careers in education, environmental studies, social work, or adventure based counseling. We are looking for self-starters - problem solvers – and passionate people who want to make a difference for young people and in the world we live in.

Gedakina, founded in 2002, is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that works with Native American/First Nations youth and families from rural, urban and reservation communities across New England. Our organizational goal is to develop new ways of reaching Native American youth, rooted in traditional cultural teachings and values, which will provide them with skills and resources to better navigate the challenges they face in a changing landscape.

Our initiatives focus on leadership development, community health and wellness, indigenous traditional ecological knowledge (ITEK), healthy relationships and cultural revitalization/survival. Our approach emphasizes interconnected programs to reach Native American youth and families, with clear recognition that the challenges our people encounter on a daily basis are also interconnected. Gedakina conducts community-based activities and initiatives, regional alliance building, and public education and awareness building programs with a broad outreach.

Summer Interns will:

- ❖ Carry-out youth and community outreach helping to grow Gedakina’s footprint across New England’s rural, urban and reservation communities
- ❖ Assist with activity planning and implementation
- ❖ Co-lead activities including outdoor education, cultural revitalization and community/region wide events

The time commitment of interns will be negotiable, but ideally will consist of twenty to forty hours per week during the summer break, and ten to twenty hours during the academic year. Location is dependent on community needs and the intern’s preferred place of residency in New England. Internships will include a monthly stipend and travel allowance, as well as opportunities for in-house and external professional development. If required we will assist interns in obtaining housing within communities. As we primarily work within Native American/First Nations rural, urban, reservation and historical communities, candidates with family connections to these communities in New England and the Atlantic Provinces are encouraged to apply.

We suggest that candidates browse our website www.gedakina.org to familiarize themselves with our programs, our history and our organizational philosophy.

Candidates/Applicants should submit

- ❖ an application (see form below)
- ❖ a one-two page summary of experience and qualifications, including a statement on why

YOU would make an ideal intern for Gedakina

- ❖ Two–three letters of support (cannot include immediate family members).

Following submission of applications Gedakina staff and/or key volunteers will arrange interviews with candidates.

For additional information about internships please contact:

Rick Pouliot, Co/Founder and Executive Director

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GEDAKINA

APPLICATION FOR INTERNSHIP

NAME _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE/PROVINCE _____

POSTAL CODE _____ PHONE# _____

EMAIL _____

TRIBAL AFFILIATION (If Applicable) _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____

REFERENCE _____ PHONE # _____ Email _____

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Have you ever participated in a Gedakina youth oriented activity? Yes No

Have you ever attended a Gedakina sponsored public event? Yes No

Are you certified in CPR Yes No First Aid Yes No

As Gedakina conducts activities with youth, Elders and survivors of domestic and sexual violence we require criminal background and reference checks for all applicants prior to acceptance as interns.

We are a safe zone organization and follow the philosophy that all people have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

Completed applications can be submitted at rickpouliot@gedakina.org or via USPS to:

Gedakina
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Milford, NH 03055