

NATIVE FUTURE

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Native Future. The life-blood of Native Future is our corps of volunteers doing what they love. Together, we have educated hundreds of indigenous students and helped our indigenous partners protect hundreds of thousands of acres of rainforest.

Since 2004, more than 30 volunteers have contributed to the Native Future mission. Some volunteers have been with us from the start running the organization and its programs. Others join us for shorter-term assignments helping move the baton ahead or taking it across the finish line. We believe many hands make for a light load. Here's one way you can help us meet our mission and contribute to a sustainable future for our indigenous partners.

Position: Ambassador

Position type: intermittent short-term assignments for a year (renewable)

Ambassadors are enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who are excited to share the story of our indigenous partners and spread the word about Native Future's mission. Ambassadors are passionate about our cause and committed to keeping abreast of our activities and the issues affecting our indigenous clients. Ambassadors have the ability to participate in fundraising activities and to seek the contributions of time, money, and/or in-kind support from individuals and corporate partners, large and/or small. If you read this and said, "this is me!" - we need you!

The Ambassador's primary responsibility is to be a spokesperson and fundraiser for Native Future to help us meet our mission.

Scope of work

The Ambassador will work closely with the Executive Director to identify and prepare for opportunities to increase awareness about Native Future and our mission to target audiences.

Tasks

Ambassadors are asked to help Native Future in the following ways:

- Become conversant about Native Future, the indigenous peoples we work with and our activities and mission by:
 - Reviewing existing documents and media about Native Future mission, goals, strategies and programs and our indigenous partners to familiarize yourself with our organization.
 - Attending a one-hour start-up orientation and work planning session.
 - Engage in conversations with Native Future program staff to deepen understanding of issues and activities.
 - Optional: participate in a one-week Native Future-led discovery trip to indigenous communities of Panama.

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- Carry out two activities per year:
 - Identify and participate in at least one awareness-raising event to attend: examples include presentations at civic clubs, tabling at an appropriate event or making presentations to classrooms.
 - Carry out one fundraising campaign per year: examples include, organizing a house party, silent auction, developing individual or corporate sponsorship or carrying out an individual “go-fund-me” campaign. (Fundraising campaigns may naturally be developed with awareness-raising events.)
- Attend quarterly, one-hour Ambassador meetings to stay apprised of organization’s progress.
- Commit to regularly sharing Native Future social media and e-news.

What you can expect from Native Future

- All Ambassadors will receive a packet of information about Native Future including promotional materials, handouts, props (E.g. Wounaan & Ngäbe Buglé arts) and a volunteer agreement form.
- Access to online materials including downloadable Power point presentations, videos, informational materials, slideshows and suggested talking points.
- Native Future will recognize Ambassadors and your work in our media channels. (Website, social media and newsletters.)
- Native Future will promote the events Ambassadors attend and share the media generated in the course of your Ambassador-ship.
- Optional: for specific events and with sufficient availability of funding attendance at an event by the Native Future Executive Director and/or an indigenous partner spokesperson may be available.

Products

The Ambassador will be expected to contribute the following products:

- Signed volunteer agreement.
- Contact information sign-in sheets from events.
- Photos of awareness and fundraising activities.
- Short report of event: title and description of event, location, # of participants and total monies raised, assessment of event success.

Additional considerations:

- We’re a remote team, dispersed around the country and the world. You’ll need to be comfortable working independently and remotely by online platforms (e.g. Skype) and telephone.
- You’ll be a member of a team of committed volunteers who work within the time commitments they can give; patience - and follow-up - is a virtue!
- Have you visited indigenous Panama? It’s not a requirement but can be helpful!

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Estimated Time Commitment – 3 - 5 hours per month.

Illustrative activities

Start- up (month 1): 3 hours

- Review Native Future media, materials and plan. – 2 hours.
- Orientation and work plan meeting – 1 hour.

Quarterly: 14 hours

- Quarterly conference call Ambassador meetings with Executive Director and other staff – 1 – 2 hours
- Sharing Native Future news – 3 hours
- Event preparation and implementation – 9 hours

Native Future's Executive Director will work with you on a work plan and timeframe that will best meet your availability and interests.

Want to help? We'd like to meet you! Send us an email and your resume to native.future.contact@gmail.com. (Positions open until filled.) Thank you!