

Planting Seeds of Knowledge

In 2007, the Oneida Nation Arts Program introduced the Planting Seeds of Knowledge (SEEDS) program. The SEEDS program provides grants to schools and other community groups to hire qualified Native Artists from our roster to present interactive and engaging residencies, workshops and performances. Our artists represent the best Native teaching artists in the state and are trained to work in educational settings with teachers and students, integrating curriculum, creativity, and culture.

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Teaching Artist Program: Becoming a SEEDS Artist



PLANTING SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE

**To educate and inspire students
to develop their creative spirits
and respect their own heritage
appreciate the value in all
cultures.**



Mark Denning, SEEDS Educator

Becoming a SEEDS Artist

A SEEDS artist has a healthy personal life, a solid understanding of Native culture, a quality artistic product, and teaching abilities. SEEDS artists know that every time they go into a school, they are planting seeds that can change a child's life.

High-Quality SEEDS Artists

1. Are responsible & reliable
2. Have effective, prompt communication
3. Are courteous
4. Are responsive to feedback
5. Use age-appropriate lesson plans
6. Are adaptable
7. Handle people's ignorance/prejudice without taking it personally
8. Enjoy working with children
9. Are drug & alcohol free

Artist Requirements

Artists interested in being in the SEEDS program must be:

- 18 years or older
- Provide 1 letter of recommendation from a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe
- Able to pass a background check
- Living in Wisconsin

Application Process

1. Fill out application and background check forms
2. Submit an application with work sample
3. Complete one of the following:
attend training either with Oneida Nation Arts Program (ONAP) or present at Tribal school/SEEDS artist meeting for review
4. Sign an Artist Expectation with ONAP

Application Information:

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Jennifer Stevens, SEEDS Artist



Wade Fernandez, SEEDS Musician