



Preserving America's Heritage

How Native Youth Can Become Involved in Historic Preservation

If you are interested in more information about the field of historic preservation, or in becoming more actively involved, here are some steps to take:

Within Your Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian Organization:

- Talk with your Elders' Council or individual elders about the history and important places and practices of your culture. If your tribe or Native Hawaiian organization has a language program, talk with the elders involved and learn about the importance of place names and the connections with those places.
- If your tribe or school has a youth council, ask about historic preservation and how can it be incorporated into the program.
- Ask your leadership about opportunities to work on documenting and/or protecting important places.
- Visit your tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), cultural or natural resources department, or other office that oversees documenting and protecting important places. They may also offer internship or volunteer opportunities.

Outside Your Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian Organization:

- Follow events and information shared on social media and other news sources (such as *Indian Country Today* and *Indianz.com*), and follow websites such as the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
- Take courses on historic preservation, or in history, anthropology, or law (such as public archaeology, cultural resources, Indian law).
- Seek out an internship with a museum, archaeology firm, state or federal agency to gain experience and knowledge in the field.

The ACHP's Office of Native American Affairs is also a valuable resource for more information.

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