



WINGS OF AMERICA

2015 WINGS TEAM SELECTION ASSISTANCE
FOR AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT-ATHLETES INTERESTED IN
POST-SEASON CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

THE OPPORTUNITY :

The next USA Cross Country Championships will be held on **February 7, 2015** at the Flatirons Golf Course in **Boulder, CO**. As in years past, Wings of America will sponsor a men and women's team to represent Native America in the Junior race. The organization will cover travel expenses and room and board for the fourteen young men and women selected to race in Wings uniforms. Aside from competing, the group will get the opportunity to absorb the culture of Boulder and the surrounding area through a number of site visits and activities planned and paid for by Wings.

Selection for the 2015 Wings Team will be based on performances at the 2014 Nike Cross Nationals & Footlocker REGIONAL RACES. Once all regional races have been run, those Native athletes with the top 7 times (boys & girls) will be invited to run on the Wings National Team in February. Qualifying times will be adjusted across regions according to variables in course difficulty/conditions at the discretion of a selection committee. Selected athletes will be notified the second week of December.

Wings will assist American Indian student-athletes wishing to qualify for the Wings National Team under the following terms:

REGIONAL RACE REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE :

In order for Wings to pay NXN or Footlocker Regional race registration fees, student-athletes must:

1. Have finished at least one official team race during the regular 2014 High School cross country season at (or below) the qualifying standards:

Men's Qualifying Time _____ (5K)- **17:15**

Women's Qualifying Time _____ (5K)- **21:10**

In Oklahoma _____ (3200 meters)- **12:55

2. Complete the free 2015 Wings National Team Selection application on the Wings website (<http://www.wingsofamerica.org/2015wingsnationalteam/>) **at least fourteen (14) days** before the qualifying race they wish to run.

3. Email the Wings Program Director (dustin@wingsofamerica.org) **at least fourteen (14) days** before the qualifying race they wish to run to confirm their desire to be registered to compete.

4. Be able to provide proof of enrollment in a state or federally recognized Indian Tribe.

5. Provide a copy of their class schedule and a “grade check” indicating that each of their current teachers considers their coursework to be of C-Average or “satisfactory” quality. (See form on pg. 3 of this document)

REGIONAL RACE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE :

In addition to assisting with race registration fees, Wings will transport a number of student-athletes from Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma to NXN regional races. Those traveling in Wings vehicles will be under the direct supervision of Wings personnel during the duration of the trip and must stay in accommodations arranged by the organization the night before competition. Spots in Wings vehicles are very limited and will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis with beneficiaries adhering to the following terms:

1. Student-athletes must meet ALL qualifying criteria for race registration assistance.
2. Student-athletes must contact the Wings Program Director, Dustin Martin, as soon as possible to express their interest and reserve their spot.
3. Student-athletes are responsible for the cost of all meals and/or miscellaneous travel expenses during the trip.
4. Students-athletes and their parents must return a signed accident waiver and release of liability form to the Wings office at least seven (7) days prior to travel.
5. Students-athletes must return a signed code of conduct agreement to the Wings office at least seven (7) days prior to travel.
6. Student-athletes must meet Wings vehicles at pre-designated pick-up/drop-off locations on their way to regional races.
 - a. Arizona/New Mexico locations: Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Shiprock, Gallup, Tuba City, Flagstaff. (exact locations to be specified at a later date)
 - b. Oklahoma location: Oklahoma City (Bass Pro Shop)
Alternate pick-up/drop-off locations may be arranged on a case by case bases if meeting place is on the pre-planned route of a vehicle

Contact:

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*****PLEASE do not contact Mr. Martin until you have visited the Wings National Team information page**

<http://www.wingsofamerica.org/2015wingsnationalteam/> to learn more about the opportunity and register as an eligible runner***



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GRADE CHECK**

In addition to running a regular-season qualifying mark, American Indian student-athletes wishing to receive race registration and/or travel assistance from Wings to compete in a post-season regional qualifying race must show that they maintain a C-Average or better in each of their current classes. Please return this form **and a copy of your current class schedule** to the Wings office **at least fourteen (14) days before the regional qualifying race you wish to run.**

Name of applicant: _____

School/City: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Teachers: Please help Wings maintain a standard of excellence amongst our student-athletes by reporting the above applicant’s current cumulative grade to the best of your ability. If you are unable to provide a letter or percentage grade, please indicate that their coursework meets at least a C-Average standard by reporting “Satisfactory” in the grade column. Thank you for your time.

Course/Subject/Title	Current Grade	Instructor Signature/Phone #