

**THE TRIBAL OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY
MAY 26, 2025
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY**





IRB Determination Date: March 11, 2025



Seeds of Strength

Health Education Program

Seeds of Strength is a **4-day program** designed to provide knowledge on delaying sex, recognizing healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, and preventing emotional, physical, sexual, and intimate violence—all while embracing cultural teachings. This program is part of a **research study** - participants will be asked to engage in sexual health lessons/discussions and complete surveys.



Open to youth ages 10 - 16,
who identify as Haliwa-Saponi

**Parental consent required*



Lunch & Snacks Provided



\$75 Gift Card Upon Completion

July 21 - 24, 2025



Rev. CH Richardson Building
154 Haliwa Saponi Trl
Hollister, NC 27844



REGISTER NOW



bit.ly/SoSRegister

For more information, contact
Gabrielle Evans-Mitchell
(713) 489-5338
gevans23@jh.edu

Seeds of Strength is a 4-day program that aims to empower Native youth with tools to delay sexual activity, recognize the signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships, and prevent emotional, physical, sexual, and intimate partner violence—all through the lens of cultural teachings.

Registration closes June 21st or once we reach 25 participants—whichever comes first

For any questions/concerns, please contact Dr. Gabrielle Evans-Mitchell using the information on the flyer.



Assistant to Senior Site Manager

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

Job Announcement

Description: Under the direction of the Senior Site Manager. This position is a federally funded position through Work Force Development. The person selected for this position will provide administrative support to the Senior Site Manager to include: making copies, checking meals, support senior activities, ensure facility is clean, support lunch serving and other duties as assigned. Occasional work to support van driver will be required also.

Requirements: This Work Force Development Program is designed for senior citizens (55+) to enter into the workforce. Selected applicant will be required to complete the Workforce Development program prior to starting with the Senior Site.

Compensation: This is a part-time position of 20 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$7.25.

Application

Requirements: A basic resume showing any related work experience is required to fully evaluate your qualifications for this position. Your resume must be received by 5:00 p.m. on/before the "apply by" date; postmarks will not be accepted.

Apply by: Friday, June 13, 2025

Apply to: Human Resources Coordinator
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
Post Office Box 99
Hollister, NC 27844
(252) 586-4017

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe is a drug-free workplace. In compliance with the Immigration Reform & Control Act of 1986, the Tribe will employ only those who are U.S citizens or legal aliens authorized to maintain employment in the United States. Tribal members are encouraged to apply; however, the Tribe is an equal opportunity employer, so all are welcome to apply.

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Project Coordinator

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

Job Announcement

Description:

Under the general direction of the Tribal Administrator. The person selected for this position will manage specific projects assigned by the Tribal Administrator to include supporting senior transportation needs and green house funding coordination. Position does require occasional travel outside of the local area to attend meetings/conferences.

Must be very organized with the ability to: manage assigned projects; coordinate with appropriate partners; pursue funding to support assigned projects; create reports for management and Tribal Council; meet with local, state and federal officials to secure resources & support for projects; present reports to Tribal Council; and attend training, workshops & meetings on behalf of assigned projects and the Tribe.

Requirements:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to possession of an Associate's degree in a business-related field and a year of experience in a similar position. Must be proficient in current technology and related computer software. Must have the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people with diverse backgrounds. Position requires a drivers' license valid in the State of North Carolina.

Compensation:

This is a grant-funded position. The hourly hiring range for this position will be \$16.39 to \$20.46 (Annually: \$34,083 to \$42,565 annually). The tribe provides a comprehensive employee benefits package.

Application**Requirements:**

An official completed Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe application and any supporting documents (transcripts, certifications, awards, etc.) are required to fully evaluate qualifications for this position. The completed application and supplemental materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on/before the "apply by" date; postmarks will not be accepted. All portions of the application must be completed as they relate to your background for this position. Applications may not refer to a resume or other enclosed document (i.e. "see resume" or "see attached"), nor will these items be accepted in lieu of a completed application. We will be unable to consider incomplete applications for this position. This position involves working around children with the Tribal School. Prior to hiring, a criminal background check will be required under the provisions of N.C. General Statue 115C-332.

Apply by: Friday, June 27, 2025 (extended)

Apply to: Human Resources Coordinator
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe HR
Post Office Box 99
Hollister, NC 27844
(252) 586-4017

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Amilia Maria Berrun 2024-2025 Junior Haliwa-Saponi

Nahq:pipi:! Amilia Maria Berrun
migikohane`se, Good day! My name is
Amilia Maria Berrun. I am honored to say that I had an amazing year serving
as Jr. Miss Haliwa-Saponi 2024-2025. I've thoroughly enjoyed traveling to
various powwows, special events and conferences engaging with all of my
Indigenous brothers and sisters. Additionally, I'll forever cherish the special
bond that I've built with many of our tribal elders.



As your Jr Miss Haliwa-Saponi, my goal was to encourage LOVE and UNITY among ALL of our Indigenous people! I truly believe that I accomplished this goal by simply being a smiling face and sharing encouraging words and a positive spirit with all that I encountered. This experience truly shaped me as a young leader and gave me the confidence to speak boldly on behalf of our people. It was certainly my pleasure to walk the sacred path that our ancestors paved for us!

Pi:la'huk (Thank you), to everyone that encouraged and supported me during my reign and I ask that you continue to keep me and my family in your prayers as I enter into the newest chapter of my life.

To our newly crowned Jr Miss Haliwa-Saponi, Miss Angel Selena Jones, I wish you all the best and I know that you will do an amazing job. Always remember to hold your head up high, be yourself and represent our people with pride, dignity and respect! May God Bless You as you embark on this new journey!

Pi:la'hik Amilia Maria Berrun Miss Haliwa-Saponi 2024-2025





Amilia Maria Berrun *2025-2026 Miss Haliwa-Saponi*

Nahq:pipi:! Amilia Maria Berrun migikohane`se, Good day! My name is Amilia Maria Berrun.

I am so honored and excited to be your newly crowned Miss Haliwa-Saponi 2025-2026. Becoming Miss Haliwa-Saponi has been one of my lifelong dreams. I have looked forward to this moment since I was a small child. It is my honor to continue this legacy within my family as I am the first young lady in our tribe to obtain the crown and title of Miss Haliwa-Saponi whose mother and grandmother were also crowned Miss Haliwa-Saponi. My grandmother, Rita Mills Harris served as Miss Haliwa-Saponi 1970-1971 and my mother Sharon Harris Berrun was Miss Haliwa-Saponi 1990-1991.

As I begin this new chapter in my life, I hope that each of you will join me in promoting my platform RISE UP! - Encouraging ALL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, both young and old to recognize and honor the sacred path that our ancestors paved for us and RISE UP to continue their legacy!! I proudly acknowledge, honor, praise and give thanks to our ancestors

for sacrificing so much so that we could stand proud as indigenous people. We must not only remember and honor the work that was done by our elders, WE MUST LIVE UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS!! WE MUST REKINDLE THE FLAMES OF THE FIRES THEY BUILT!! WE MUST CONTINUE THEIR LEGACY!! As a young person, I am committed to doing just that because we owe that to our forefathers! Let's show love and compassion for all of our Indian Brothers and Sisters. Let's display the strength, determination and commitment of our elders and move our people forward because it is long overdue! LET'S ENDURE TOGETHER!

As your new tribal princess, I have already been busy promoting the Haliwa-Saponi name and representing our people in a positive light! My journey began on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at our 60th Annual Blooming of the Dogwood Pow-Wow, as I was crowned Miss Haliwa-Saponi 2025-2026. Words simply can't express the pride I felt in that very special moment. I was overwhelmed with emotions and beaming with pride as I accepted not only the crown and title but the responsibility and duty to my people! I will cherish that moment for the rest of my life.

On April 24, 2025, my family and I flew out to the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico. What an experience, being in the midst of thousands of Indigenous people! During my time there, on Thursday night, I had the honor and privilege to represent our tribe at the Miss Indian World Traditional Talent Presentation competition. There were 27 beautiful Indigenous women competing for the crown and title of Miss Indian World all of which did an amazing job. On Friday, we kicked off the pow-wow and what a powwow it was! Thousands of dancers from all corners of the earth came together to celebrate our culture, heritage and way of life! I was absolutely ecstatic to meet, network and fellowship with our Indigenous brothers and sisters from all over the world while carrying the great Haliwa-Saponi name! It was truly one of the best experiences of my life!!

On Saturday, May 10, 2025, I attended the Mother/Daughter Banquet at my church, Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. As Miss Haliwa-Saponi, I had the pleasure of sponsoring a full sheet cake for the event. Additionally, thanks to my grandmother, Rita M. Harris, I was able to give each participant at this event a gift of a corsage and/or rose. This event was one to remember as grandmothers, mothers and daughters had the opportunity to spend some much needed bonding time together and celebrate the gift and sacredness of the mother/daughter relationship. Additionally, our chief, Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson, delivered a heartfelt speech that will resonate with me for years to come. Special thanks to Mrs. Regina Mills and Women on Missions for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful event. I definitely look forward to participating again next year!

Overall, I'd have to say that my reign as your new Miss Haliwa-Saponi has gotten off to a wonderful start! I respectfully request that you please keep me and my family in your prayers as I embark on this new journey! I am extremely proud to represent my people!



Pi:la'huk (Thank you)

Amilia Maria Berrun
Miss Haliwa-Saponi 2025-2026





*Amilia
Maria
Berrun*



Miss Haliwa- Saponi



2025-2026





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Miss Haliwa-Saponi 2025-2026



John Scott Richardson Models For Designer, Dorothy Grant

John represented Haliwa Saponi Tribe well as he was one of the models for

Designer, Dorothy Grant of Dorothy Grant Studio, at Native Fashion Week in Santa Fe 2025. (See then pictured together below). Dorothy is from the Haida Gwaii community. British Columbia, Canada.

You go to the official web site to see more at <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/f2bda64a/DVLjviEyo0qLI2vlpWQkmg?u=https://darklistedphotography.pixieset.com/nativefashionweeksanatafe/p/MTQ3NTQ0NTA1MjU=-MjYzNDQ0NTI1MA/>

#Amberdawnbearrobe, #NFWSF25 and #Nativefashionweeksanatafe, this was the producer and production title of the event.



the rest is a amazing...

JOHN SCOTT RICHARDSON





Haliwa Saponi Broadway Singers Cousins Perform Together in NY

Brooke Mills Simpson and Kimberly JuJuan both from the Haliwa Saponi Tribe performs together at the Greenroom 42 in NY. What made this even more special is they are cousins. Brooke's Great-grandfather (Jim Hedgepeth) and Kimberly's grandfather (Charlie Hedgepeth) were brothers.

Brooke and Kimberly sang a beautiful song "Warrior" from the Musical called Savage written by Nicolette Blount from the Chickasaw Tribe.

Nicolette (pictured with Brooke and Kimberly below) said this: "it was a mic-drop performance....mind blown!"



**Brooke
Mills
Simpson
and
Kimberly
JuJuan**





CONGRATULATIONS

"Congratulations **Sonia Harley** on graduating from the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School and being accepted into Campbell University to study Engineering. We are so proud of you!

Momma K and Papa.

Congratulations to my Great Nephew **Luke Richardson**

We are so proud of you



Congratulations to **Chloe Rose Anstead** for graduating from the 5th grade and Leilani Skye Anstead for graduating from Pk. Praying for you both as you move forward with your next chapter.

Love your family Dad, mom, grandma Tia, Pa Punkin, pa Chris & grandma Jackie



Congratulation to "**Miyanna Nakia Burgess**" for graduating from Warren County High School a year early.

Miyanna received scholarships from Wesleyan University, ECU, Elizabeth City, and NC Central college Miyanna will be attending Wesleyan College where she will study criminal justice.

Miyanna held a 3.7 GPA her entire senior Year at Warren County High School.

Miyanna is the daughter of Malenya Silver Steed and the late Marvin Leon Burgess.

We are so very proud of you " Baby G

Love , Mom, Rob (Bonus Dad), Granny (Regina), D'nyiah, Auntie Lynette,

Uncle Chris & Aaron



Amya Richardson Graduates with Honors from UNC Charlotte earning three Bachelors of Arts degrees:

earning: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, Bachelor of Arts in International Studies.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude, Amya also earned the prestigious Charlotte Distinguished Leader Medal and made history as the 61st Chief Justice of the UNC Charlotte Student Government Association, serving in that role for three years.

Amya is the daughter of Jody and Sunshine Richardson, and the granddaughter of Ava Mae "Silver Mills and Theartis and Jackie Lynch. She has one sister Armoni and a strong support system of family and loved ones who have prayed for, encouraged, and uplifted her throughout her journey

Amya will continue her academic journey this fall as she pursues a law degree, with plans to serve her community through legal advocacy, public service, and empowering the next generation of changemakers.

Please join us in congratulating Amya on this incredible milestone and wishing her continued success in law school and beyond!

IN MEMORY OF'S

~IN LOVING MEMORY ON FATHER'S DAY~

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For someone who meant so much
and LOVED by all he knew
who left behind a trail of tears
and precious memories, too

We loved the sunshine in his smile
and KINDNESS in his heart
but Heaven saw that he was tired
which meant we had to part

And now that it's his special day
dear angels, hear our PRAYER
Please guard him with your gentle wings
and tend him with great care

For he was someone WONDERFUL
and words just can't convey
How much we wish that he was here
once more, with us today

****Dedicated to William L. Richardson****

We miss you tremendously & love you beyond all measure; Happy Father's Day to the BEST--Shadonna, Darrin, Deanie, D'Niyah, Bria, Kesha, Abel, Kase



Mae Evans Pernell - June 25, 2020

We Miss You



Correction and a Deep Apology from the Editor Carol Richardson

The post in the May newsletter was wrong on my behalf

Quincy Mills birthday is in November not in May. It was my mistake. And I do apologize.

May 12th was actually the day he went to Heaven.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF QUINCY MARKELL MILLS

NOVEMBER 21, 2003- MAY 12, 2023

FOREVER YOUNG

Love, pops, grandma Rene, aunt Sherry, pa James, baby James, Chesley, Caroline, Claud, Ivy

Editor: Carol



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS!!!!

Happy Belated Birthday to Parlshia Richardson Everett- May 18th

Happy Belated Birthday to Mae Evans Pernell- May 22nd

Happy 11th Birthday to our sweet great granddaughter Chloe Rose

On June 15th

Grandma and Pa love you so much !!!



Heavenly Birthday to my granddaughter Katie - June 2nd

Happy Birthday to my sister Lori Silver- June 8th

Happy birthday daughter Pamela Denise - June 10th

Happy 25th Birthday to my grandsons

Shane & Shawn Evans- June 27th

I Love You All, Carol



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary to Chris & Jackie Anstead

52 Years of togetherness on May 19th Love, Jackie

Happy 15th Anniversary to Ha'Ace & Amelia (Mimi) Lynch

On June 5th, 2025

Happy Anniversary to McConnel & Lori (Frybread Queen) Silver

On June 27th, 2025



Congratulations to Mike and Jewel (McGee) Bissonnette as they celebrate their 40th "Ruby" wedding anniversary on June 2, 2025!

Cheers to 40 years and counting!!

Happy Anniversary to Brett & Samantha Dale

On June 27th, 2025

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved one's name to be published, please email Carol Richardson rrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com, mail, or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we cannot publish it in our newsletter. No Call Ins Accepted

June 1- Harvey Richardson, Brooklyn Richardson

June 10- Preston Richardson

June 11- Exson "EJ" Richardson Jr.

June 20- Davie Lee Richardson

June 21- Jessalyn Kizer

June 22- Antonio McWilliams, Trassie Hewlin

June 23- Alex McGee

June 25- Arthur B. Richardson, Ty McGee

June 26- Natalie Pena

June 27- Hailey G. Richardson, David Hewlin

June 28- Malenya Steed

June 29- Grayson Richardson



Happy 67th Birthday to Sylvia Richardson- June 11th

Grants & Loans

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe has partnered with USDA Rural Development to bring housing resources to the tribal community.

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Who may apply for this program?

To qualify, you must:

Be the homeowner and occupy the house.

Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere.

Have a household income that does not exceed the very low limit by county.

For grants, be age 62 or older **Who can answer questions and how do I get started?**

Applications are accepted for this program at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. For more information on how to apply, contact Tosha Silver, Housing Coordinator, phone # 252-248-3750.



DOLLYWOOD THEME PARK TICKETS FOR SALE

Four (4) Tickets to Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge Tennessee. If interested please call or text 252-213-0458



Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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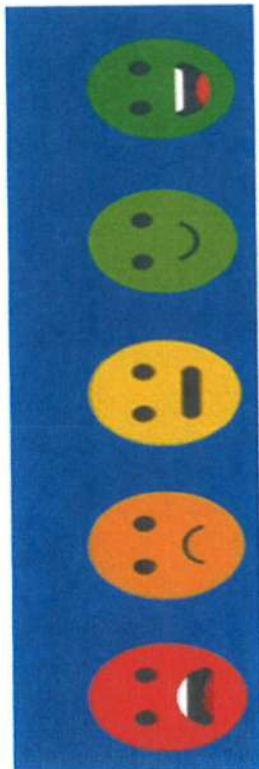
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JUNE MONTHLY TRIBAL MEETING: 6/13/25

**WE CARE ABOUT
ALL OF OUR
PATIENTS**



RURAL HEALTH GROUP

We Value Your Feedback! Your opinions matter to us. Please share your thoughts and feedback about your experience to help us improve and better serve you at our June tribal meeting. Together, we can make a difference!

Warrior's Reply

Jessica Hedgepeth

QI/Customer Service Specialist- PAR Excellence

CEA/CET COACH

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"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new" Socrates