

Master	Town	Apprentice(s)	Town	Traditional Art Form	Start	End	Award	Report
Deborah Gourneau	Belcourt	Cameron Allery	Dunseith	Ojibwe Storytelling, Dance & Regalia	07/07/2025	10/31/2025	\$4,074.00	
Cheryl Poitra	Dunseith	Maria Cree	Minot	Ojibwe/Cree Basket Weaving	07/01/2025	12/31/2025	\$3,818.00	
Justine Two Lodge	Cannonball	Misty Heiden (1)	Mandan	Sioux Dentalium Cape Making	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,092.00	
Robert Larsen	Brainerd, MN	Steve Engbrecht (2)	Fargo, Horace	Norwegian Hardanger Fiddle Construction	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$3,942.00	
Anita Burbeck	Horace	Amanda Heidt	Fargo	Traditional Finnish & Viking Weaving	09/08/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,344.00	
Yixuan (Lexy) Liu	Fargo	Cadence You (3)	Fargo	Traditional Chinese Dance	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,440.00	
Robert Larsen	Brainerd, MN	Amy Rand (4)	Fargo	Fiddle Restoration & Repair	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,296.00	
Jack Scholl	Belle Fourche, SD	Brianna Kramer	Makoti	Cowboy Hat Making	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,500.00	
Dzenan Becic	Sabin, MN	Joshua Epping	Fargo	Baroque Acanthus Woodcarving & Design	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,200.00	
Damber Subba	Fargo	Anil Sapkota	Fargo	Traditional Nepali Music & Singing	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,500.00	
Margreat Sam	Moorhead, MN	Aadhya Vyas (5)	West Fargo	Bharatnatyam & Kuchipudi Dance	07/01/2025	03/26/2026	\$4,480.00	
Hamzat Koriko	Grand Forks	Reginald Tarr	Grand Forks	West African Drumming & Storytelling	08/01/2025	12/31/2026	\$4,000.00	
Shabir Rai	Fargo	Man Bir Bhujel	Fargo	Traditional Bhutanese Drumming	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,460.00	
Jack Scholl	Belle Fourche, SD	Alisha Nord Donnelly	Valley City	Cowboy Hat Making	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,500.00	
Anita Burbeck	Horace	Elizabeth Leach	Fargo	Scandinavian/Viking Weaving	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,357.00	

Shawn Kamer	Towner	Zachary Bonine	Newburg	Saddle Construction	07/01/2025	10/01/2025	\$4,500.00	
Melissa Kramer	Towner	Kristina Bonine (6)	Newburg	Cinch Weaving	10/01/2025	04/15/2026	\$4,164.00	
Jed Anderson	Nome	Owen Tichy	Tower City	Mosaic Damascus Bladesmith	06/01/2025	12/31/2025	\$4,060.00	
Jed Anderson	Nome	Noah Johnston (7)	Kathryn	Damascus Bladesmith	06/01/2025	03/31/2026	\$3,960.00	
Ben Suchy	Bismarck	Daniel Harildstad	Beulah	Songwriting & One-Man- Banding	07/15/2025	04/15/2026	\$4,015.00	
Tara Austin	Grand Marais, MN	Molly McLain	Bismarck	Norwegian Gudbrandsdal Rosemaling	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$3,932.00	
Dave Urlacher	Belfield	Wyatt Reis	Fairfield	Saddle Construction	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,500.00	
Dean Hagen	Maddock	Justin Roe	Burlington	Blacksmithing	10/01/2025	03/31/2026	\$3,550.00	
Anita Burbeck	Horace	Lillian Stegman (8)	Cavalier	Scandinavian Weaving	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$4,500.00	
Jed Anderson	Nome	Charlie Birklid	Fort Ransom	Bladesmith Apprenticeship	07/01/2025	03/31/2026	\$3,500.00	
Gerald Schlag	Minot	Titus Bulow	Minot	Accordion Music	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$3,000.00	
Marina Carrillo Prieto	Williston	Xitlalli Eiza Alejo (9)	Alexander, Williston, New Town	Mexican Folklorico Dance	07/01/2025	12/20/2025	\$4,000.00	
John Andrus	Valley City	Reuben Pratt	Cummings	Bluegrass Banjo	07/01/2025	04/30/2026	\$1,616.00	
Melissa Kramer	Towner	Rebecca Tschida	Fort Rice	Cinch Weaving	07/01/2025	04/30/2025	\$2,000.00	
Teresa Perleberg	Fort Ransom	Molly Roberts	Tolna	Needle Felting	09/01/2025	04/01/2026	\$4,200.00	
Total Request							\$119,500.00	

Additional Apprentices

Maliyah Heiden (1)
Leah and Julie Erpelding (2)
Matthew and Andy Robinson (2)
Monica Pavek (2)
Gabby Wang (3)
Robert Ames (4)
Bonnie Hanson-Ames (4)
Swati Kumar Vyas (5)
Lillianne Bonine (6)
Caden Johnston (7)
Caroline Stegman (8)
Diana Laura Arias Rivas (9)
Yuri Garcia Gallardo (9)

Total Artists – 68

Minors – 15

Gabby Wang
Cadence You
Owen Tichy
Noah Johnston
Caden Johnston
Charlie Birklid
Titus Bulow
Reuben Pratt
Caroline Stegman
Wyatt Reis
Xitlalli Eiza Alejo
Lillianne Bonine
Zachary Bonine
Aadhya Vyas
Maliyah Heiden

Towns – 36

Towns Under 1,500 – 18

Fort Rice – UT “Unorganized Territory”
Nome – pop. 48
Kathryn – pop. 64
Newburg – pop. 94
Fort Ransom – pop. 98
Fairfield – pop. 126
Tolna – pop. 131
Makoti – pop. 145
Cummings – pop. 235
Tower City – pop. 275
Alexander – pop. 307
Maddock – pop. 384
Towner – pop. 458
Dunseith – pop. 611
Cannonball – pop. 859
Belfield – pop. 969
Cavalier – pop. 1,223
Burlington – pop. 1,306



Five Keys to ND's Apprenticeship Program Success

Apprentices under the age of eighteen are eligible

Strongly encourage family member apprentices learning from a non-family master

Repeat master/apprentice teams are encouraged

Build community of tradition-bearers practicing the same artform near one another

Extensive fieldwork and relationship building

