



National Aboriginal Achievement Awards

NOMINATION FORM

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The Foundation has awarded more than \$37 million dollars in scholarships and bursaries to over 9800 recipients nationwide since its inception.

CATEGORIES EXAMPLES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SPECIAL YOUTH AWARD (Aged 15 to 24)

ARTS

Artists, performers, writers, architects, etc.

BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Careers in business, finance, commerce, entrepreneurs, etc.

CULTURE, HERITAGE & SPIRITUALITY

Elders, spiritual leaders, First Nations, Inuit, Métis languages, etc.

NOMINATE AN ACHIEVER

You can fill out the nomination form on reverse, or download an electronic version at www.naaf.ca. Accompanying support letters can be mailed to the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation or emailed to amorriseau@naaf.ca. See deadline section for details.

Please note that the quality of the nomination itself has a powerful effect on the selection of the successful recipients for the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

It is important that nominators answer and complete the application requirements to the best of their ability, only the first 8 pages excluding letters of support will be considered. The letters and nomination form should articulate a strong and coherent

The awards recognize career achievements by Aboriginal professionals in diverse occupations, building self esteem and pride as well as providing valuable role models for Aboriginal youth. Supported by the public and private sectors, this Aboriginal initiative represents the highest honour the community bestows upon its own achievers.

A national jury, comprised of accomplished Aboriginal people, selects 12 career award winners, one youth and one lifetime achievement award recipient. The 14 recipients are then honoured at a nationally televised gala awards ceremony.

EDUCATION

Teachers, trainers, college & university professors/lecturers, researchers, scientists, etc.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Careers in agriculture, energy, forestry, fisheries, mining, gas & oil, water, etc.

HEALTH

Medical doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, specialists (psychiatrists, dentists, optometrists, etc.), pharmacists, medical technicians, traditional healers, etc.

LAW & JUSTICE

Lawyers, judges, paralegals, court workers, traditional approaches to conflict resolution, etc.

argument as to why the nominee would merit an award.

Do not send photos, newspaper clippings etc. Please follow the application closely; we have also posted a sample application at www.naaf.ca to help make the process simple, clear and focused.

DEADLINE

The deadline for nominations is mid September each year. Please see our website at www.naaf.ca for the specific deadline or call the NAAA Secretariat at 416-500-2892 for further deadline details.

Application packages must be physically at the NAAF office by the stated deadline, no postmarks accepted. Please fully complete the application form with the required

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any person in Canada may nominate individuals:

- Of First Nations, Inuit or Métis heritage; Who demonstrate outstanding career achievement;
- Of any age (youth achiever nominees must be 15-24 years of age);
- Who are permanent Canadian residents or Canadian born.

Please note that nominations on behalf of the deceased will not be accepted. Jurors are ineligible for nomination, nor may they submit nominations or support letters.

MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

Careers in journalism, television, radio, newspaper, magazines, etc.

POLITICS

Community leaders, Chiefs, counselors, politicians at the regional, provincial & federal levels, etc.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Careers in administration, social services, housing, public works, human resources, etc.

SPORTS

Athletes, coaches, etc.

TECHNOLOGY & TRADES

Engineers, technologists, computer sciences, etc.

submissions and send by mail or fax to:

National Aboriginal Achievement Awards Secretariat

215 Spadina Ave. Suite 450
Toronto, ON, M5T 2C7
FAX: (416) 926-7554

Questions or Clarification
Call or Email NAAF Secretariat:
TOLL FREE: 1-800-329-9780 x 242
Email: secretariat@naaf.ca

TEL: (416) 500-2892
Website: www.naaf.ca

Note: As part of the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards process, only those selected as recipients for the current year are contacted.

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1. CANDIDATE NOMINATED

Name: _____
 Male Female Birth Date: _____
Current Employer: _____
Title of Position: _____
Employment Address: _____
Street: _____
Town/City: _____
Province: _____
Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____
Fax: _____
Email: _____
Home Address: _____
Street: _____
Town/City: _____
Province: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

2. CANADIAN ABORIGINAL ANCESTRY

- First Nations (including Status & Non-Status Indians on & off reserve)
- Inuit
- Métis

First Nations, Inuit, Métis: Nation, Community and/or Membership: _____

3. NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Please select one nomination category.

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4. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Describe the employment history (that relates specifically to this award nomination) of the candidate being nominated. Submit maximum of one page.

5. EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND LIFE EXPERIENCE

Submit a description (one page maximum) of the education, training, and life experience that the candidate has achieved. Clearly state how this has influenced your nomination of the candidate.

6. AWARDS AND HONOURS

Submit a description (one page maximum) of the national achievements, recognition, and awards received by the candidate. Clearly explain how the candidate has made a contribution worthy of national recognition. What has the candidate done that was acknowledged or made an impact at the national or international levels.

7. CAREER CONTRIBUTIONS

Describe (submit half page maximum) how the candidate has made an important contribution to his/her career field. How does this relate to his/her nomination for this Award? May include reference to art works, published books, research papers, production or invention of body of work, events, presentations/speeches, etc.

8. CONTRIBUTION TO WELL-BEING OF FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, MÉTIS PEOPLES

Describe (submit one page maximum) how the candidate has made an important contribution to the well-being (physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual) of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples at the local, regional, national, and international levels.

9. HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE NAAA AND NOMINATIONS PROCESS?

Newspaper Radio Online Television Other

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Add noteworthy comments about the candidate in the space below.

11. CONSENT OF NOMINATED CANDIDATE

Yes, I have contacted and received the consent of the candidate for his/her nomination to be put forward for a National Aboriginal Achievement Award.

12. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Submit a minimum of two letters of support with this nomination.

13. NOMINATOR

Name: _____
Street: _____
Town/City: _____
Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____