

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY OF CANADA NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL  
**Annual Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards**

2016 AWARD APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: September 19, 2016

"Recognizing Achievement - Establishing Role Models"

**1. Applicant Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

**2. Aboriginal Ancestry:**

Indian (including Status & Non-Status)

Inuit

Métis

Nation, Community and/or Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a Provincial Affiliate:  No  Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Applicant Bio:**

The applicant bio can be completed by the applicant or by a nominator. The letter must be no more than one page in length and include the following points:

- Explain through examples how the applicant has demonstrated an overall positive attitude towards life;
- Briefly discuss and describe how the applicant overcame obstacles to get where they are today;
- Explain through examples how the applicant is involved in his/her Aboriginal community and/or culture.

**4. Applicant Resume:** Please attach a current resume.

**5. Applicant Photo:** Please attach a current color photo of the applicant. Sorry, photos cannot be returned.

**6. Letters of Support:** Please attach two (2) signed Letters of Support from non-relatives with current contact information.

**7. Nominator Information (If applicable):**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** By signing this application form, you give the Indigenous Peoples' Assembly of Canada permission to officially release photographs and enclosed information for the purposes of announcements, media releases and related advertisements.

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SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Mail completed form and all attachments to:**

Indigenous Peoples' Assembly of Canada National Youth Council ♦ Attention: Youth Awards

867 St. Laurent Blvd. ♦ Ottawa, ON ♦ K1K 3B1

For more information please call (613) - 747- 6022 or email Rufus Jacobs at ru.jacobs@abo-peoples.org



# Annual Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards



## "Recognizing Achievement - Establishing Role Models"

Recognizing youth for their achievements is a great way to build self-esteem; and more importantly, it establishes role models so others can see that their goals are tangible.

Understanding how important this is for our youth, the Indigenous Peoples' Assembly of Canada National Youth Council (NYC) established this unique awards program to honour and show appreciation to both achievements and efforts.

*"We feel that Aboriginal youth in Canada are realizing goals and deserve to be recognized for both their efforts and achievements. We want youth to know that the journey is as important as the destination. For that reason this award is also based on effort and not entirely on accomplishments." - NYC Member*

### Award Criteria

Any person in Canada be nominated for an award, so long as they:

- are between the ages of 15 and 29 by the deadline;
- are of Aboriginal ancestry, participates in his/her Aboriginal community and/or culture, and;
- demonstrates an overall positive attitude towards life.

### Application Process

The nominator (if applicable) or applicant, must send in all of the following documents:

- Letter about the applicant;
- Two (2) signed support letters from non-relatives;
- Applicant resume;
- Current color photo of the applicant and;
- Completed application form with signatures.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Sorry, photos cannot be returned. Past winners are not eligible to apply.

### Recipient Information

The award recipient(s) will receive a cash award (amount to be determined based on monies fundraised) and a plaque with his or her name.

The recipient will be announced within two months of the closing date. The recipient's photo and biography may be displayed on the IPAC website, promotional items and media releases.

### Selection Process

The selection committee is comprised of two (2) National Youth Council Members, one (1) representative of the Congress and (1) one Elder. The following questions will be utilized during the selection process:

- Does the applicant show an overall positive attitude towards his/her efforts?
- Does the applicant reflect the spirit and intent of the award?
- Does the applicant qualify for the award?
- How do others feel about the applicant?
- Is the applicant viewed as a role model to others?
- What impact has the applicant's efforts/achievements had on the applicant and his or her community?
- Has the applicant's efforts/achievements benefited other Aboriginal Youth?
- What are the nominee's future plans and ambitions?

### Deadline

Deadline is Monday, September 19, 2016 at 11:59 PM.

Application packages must be received in full by the deadline or post marked by the deadline. Please email or mail the completed application and attachments to:

ru.jacobs@abo-peoples.org

Re: Youth Awards - [Applicant's Name]

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