

CONGRESS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL  
**Annual Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards**

**2017 AWARD APPLICATION FORM**  
**Deadline: September 13, 2017**

*"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  Other

**2. Aboriginal Ancestry:**

Status Indian  Non-Status Indian  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:

- How the applicant has demonstrated an overall positive attitude towards life;
- How the applicant has overcome obstacles to get where they are today;
- How the applicant is involved in his/her Aboriginal community and/or culture;
- How the applicant has pursued continued growth in leadership, education, and/or volunteerism.

**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 Congress of Aboriginal Peoples 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:**

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' 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

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## *"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 Congress of Aboriginal Peoples' 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;
- are not a previous winner.

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.

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### **Recipient Information**

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

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

### **Selection Process**

The selection committee is comprised of three (3) 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 of the award?
- Does the applicant demonstrate knowledge or interest in cultural, artistic, or creative talents?
- Does the applicant demonstrate achievement or interest in pursuing education?
- Does the applicant's efforts contribute to the benefit of others?
- Does the applicant demonstrate perseverance in overcoming barriers?
- Do others view the applicant as a positive role model?

### **Deadline**

Deadline is Wed., September 13, 2017, 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:

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Re: Youth Awards - [Applicant's Name]

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