

19TH ANNUAL SASKTEL INDIGENOUS YOUTH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2017

NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE April 7th, 2017
Gala Evening May 26th, 2017
TCU Place, Saskatoon



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WHAT ARE THE INDIGENOUS YOUTH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE?

A celebration of achievement by Saskatchewan youth in ten categories:

- Outstanding Achievement (Male & Female)
- Leadership
- Education
- Community Service
- Culture
- Sports & Recreation (Male & Female)
- Fine/Performing Arts
- Technology/Science
- Spirit
- Innovation

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

Any individual youth who...

- is of First Nations, Métis or Inuit Ancestry;
- is between 14 & 18 years of age as of May 26th, 2017;
- is a resident of Saskatchewan and a registered student;
- has demonstrated outstanding commitment and/or ability in one of the ten award categories.
- no group nominations will be accepted.
- Mandatory attendance is required if nominated

HOW DOES SOMEONE GET NOMINATED?

Complete the nomination portion of this brochure and mail it to the address provided, along with the information requested. Nomination deadline is April 7th, 2017 – late submissions will not be accepted.

*For nomination forms and more information:
www.sasktel.com/siya*

WHO CAN NOMINATE?

Anyone can nominate a youth (except parents). Each nomination must be supported by two references from:

Elder, community leader, educator, coach, etc.
Nominations cannot be accepted from parents or siblings of the youth.

SOME HELPFUL TIPS!

- A youth can only be nominated in one category.
- Give complete answers to all of the questions asked.
- Provide detailed information.
- The selection committee is most interested in personal sacrifice, determination, effort, commitment, attitude, demonstrations of leadership, sense of Indigenous culture and language.
- Past award winners are not eligible to be nominated.
- Decisions of the selection committee are final and the selection committee reserves the right to move nomination to another category accordingly.

The SASKTEL INDIGENOUS YOUTH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE were established by the Wicahitowin Foundation in 1997 to recognize the many achievements of Indigenous youth in Saskatchewan.

WINNERS FOR 2017 WILL BE HONOURED AT A GALA CEREMONY AT TCU PLACE, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN ON MAY 26TH, 2017.

Decisions of the judges are final.

Dress semiformal. Limited number of tickets available. Media present.

THE SASKTEL INDIGENOUS YOUTH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATION FORM

NOTE: ALL INFORMATION IS MANDATORY.
Must provide email and postal code.

Category:

Name of youth:

Please circle one: First Nations Métis Inuit

First Nation or Métis Local:

Address:

City/Town:

Postal Code:

Email Address:

Age as of May 26, 2017:

Date of Birth/Age:

Phone:

Name of School:

Nominator:

Relationship:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Signature of nominator:

By signing and submitting this form, the nominated youth agrees that the Wicahitowin Foundation may use his/her name and likeness to promote the awards and may release his/her name to the public and media. (If the youth is under the age of 18, the signature of a parent/guardian is required.)

Signature of nominated youth:

Signature of parent/guardian:

All nominated youth will be contacted with information pertaining to the Gala Evening.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 7TH, 2017. NO EXCEPTIONS.

The following documentation must accompany this form:

- Identify the award category and reasons for nominating this youth.
- His or her accomplishments, in point form.
- Two (2) letters of reference.
- Nomination form (filled out completely).
- Submission of nominee's marks is recommended (compulsory for Outstanding Achievement and Education categories).
- Nominee must submit a 200 word autobiography explaining how he/she fit the criteria of the particular award category. Also, provide your goals, objectives, beliefs and reasons why you feel you deserve this award.
- A 5x7 picture or reproduction of photo.
- All documentation must be submitted together at one time.
- Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Selection committee focuses on total nomination package sent in.
- Please include a five sentence short bio of yourself that will be used as an introduction at the Youth Awards Gala. Please include your category, age, grade, school, community, current highlights and your future goals in this bio.

Mail, fax or email nominations to:

SaskTel Indigenous Youth Awards of Excellence

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AWARD CATEGORIES

All nominees must be exemplary contributors to the Wicahitowin Foundation vision. Judging criteria includes academic standing (grade average), previous awards received, extracurricular activities, school attendance and a completed nomination form.

Category descriptions:

***Note: Individual nominations only accepted in the ten following categories.**

Outstanding Achievement (Male & Female)

- Two awards in this category: Male & Female
- This award winner will lead a balanced lifestyle based on a foundation of strong cultural and spiritual values
- Exceptional academic success
- Physically active
- Demonstrates leadership in the school and community
- Inspires, supports and respects others with honour and dignity
- Educational and/or career goals

Leadership

- Inspires and motivates others; identifies a need and initiates action; finds solutions by involving others
- Demonstrates a positive attitude and respects diverse cultures
- Supports others
- Shows academic success
- Educational and/or career goals

Education

- Consistent achievement of excellent academic success
- Maintain an average of 80% or higher throughout school year(s)
- Clear post-secondary educational and career goals
- Demonstrates leadership qualities in extracurricular activities

Community Service

- Consistently demonstrates concern for others in the community
- Generously gives time and energy promoting the well-being of others
- Shows academic success

Culture

- Actively demonstrates and/or promotes Indigenous values and language(s) in school and the community
- Includes all traditional dance, song and storytelling that reflects Indigenous cultures
- Academic success
- Educational and/or career goals

Sports & Recreation (Male & Female)

- Two awards in this category: Male & Female
- Significant achievement in competitive organized sports
- Academic success
- Educational and/or career goals
- Initiates, develops, improves and encourages community activities that promote healthy lifestyles

Fine/Performing Arts

- Create an artistic expression that portrays a positive image of Indigenous people through non-traditional dance, song, music, storytelling, sculpture, photography, media or creative craft
- Shows academic success
- Educational and/or career goals

Technology/Science

- Clear post-secondary educational goals leading to a career
- Excellent academic skills in the sciences and/or technologies
- Demonstrates interest or involvement in applied science, health, industry and/or technology

Spirit

- Demonstrates personal characteristics that show the ability to overcome adversity
- Resiliency leads to a healing journey through cultural/spiritual values
- Shares knowledge with others for the betterment of the community
- Educational and/or career goals

Innovation

- Exemplifies the spirit of innovation
- Has made positive changes in their school or community through innovative thinking and approaches
- Has played a leadership role in introducing new ways of solving school or community issues or problems
- Will be entering the first year of a Saskatchewan Polytechnic program in the up-coming academic year



THE WICAHITOWIN FOUNDATION VISION

Wicahitowin was established in 1995, fifty years after the end of World War II. Its purpose is to serve as a living legacy to First Nations veterans who served Canada honourably in both World Wars and international conflicts, including ongoing peacekeeping missions.

First Nations veterans served with distinction, defending their beliefs on behalf of the country, their communities and their families.

Wicahitowin honours these veterans by nurturing Indigenous youth, preparing them to rise to the challenge of responsibility and leadership, preparing them to excel, physically and spiritually as tomorrow's leaders – "strong, brave and true." Our name, "Wicahitowin," reflects our mission: the Cree word for "helping each other."

