



2019 Northwestern Ontario

Aboriginal Youth Achievement & Recognition Awards

NOMINATION PACKAGE

Please check box for award category nomination. **Please note you may only check ONE box.** If you are applying a nominee for more than one award category, each category nomination must be sent separately.

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| Advocacy & Activism | <input type="checkbox"/> | Academic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Artistic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment & Apprenticeship | <input type="checkbox"/> | Heritage Keepers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sandra Kakeeway Cultural Award | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Leadership & Volunteerism | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Personal Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Group Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Peer Mentorship | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recognition Award (over 30 years old in any category) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Name of Nominee | | | |
| Date of Birth | | Age | |
| Gender | Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> | Email Address | |
| Street Address | | | |
| Phone | | | |
| School (if applicable) | | | |

Tshirt Size(circle) XS S M L XL

Hoodie Size XS S M L XL

Aboriginal Ancestry Identified with: *(please check one)*

[] First Nation (Status, Non-Status) [] Métis [] Inuit

Nominee's Consent to Nomination:

I certify all information on documents submitted with this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand if I am a recipient of an award, my photo and biographical information may be used by the Northwestern Ontario Aboriginal Youth Achievement and Recognition Awards for the purposes of announcements, media releases, print, social media and related advertisements.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 16 years of age

Date

Date

To ensure we have enough information, we encourage each application to include the following:

- Letter from nominator with examples of why they are nominating the individual for recognition in the above category and how this award will help them in achieving future goals
- Attach relevant information if possible. For example – transcripts, art work, newspaper articles, photographs or other supporting documentation
- Short autobiography of nominee

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| <p>Nominee Eligibility</p> <p>→ Be of Aboriginal ancestry</p> <p>→ Reside or be from the Northwestern Ontario Region.</p> <p>→ Youth for Achievement Awards are to be between the ages of 11 – 29</p> <p>→ Individuals 30 years of age and over are considered for the Recognition Awards</p> <p>→ Must be of applicable age for each category as of March 27, 2019</p> <p>→ Consent to the nomination.</p> <p>→ Submit nomination letter and relevant information such as copies of school transcripts, newspaper articles, photographs, or any other documentation.</p> <p>→ Demonstrate commitment to a healthy and positive lifestyle.</p> | <p>Definitions</p> <p>Aboriginal Ancestry The Canadian Constitution recognizes three groups of Aboriginal people – Indians (Status and Non-Status), Métis people and Inuit.</p> <p>Northwestern Ontario Region Any Aboriginal person born within the Northwestern Ontario or currently resides in the region. Northwestern Ontario is the region within the Canadian province of Ontario which lies north and west of Lake Superior, and west of Hudson Bay and James Bay.</p> |
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The Selection Committee is comprised of all volunteers and community members who represent organizations committed to ensuring that Aboriginal youth look forward to new and innovative ways of learning about and planning for their future. AYARA believes that recognizing a person for their achievements is a great way to build self-esteem and build role models so others believe their goals are attainable. The awards are based on merits and efforts made by youth and not necessarily always entirely on accomplishments.

Submissions must be received no later than March 27, 2019.

Send completed application to:

Northwestern Ontario Aboriginal Youth Achievement and Recognition Awards
1100 Memorial Avenue, Suite 271
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 4A3

or email entire application to info@ayara.ca

We will send out a confirmation when your application is received. If you do not receive a confirmation within 48 hours (two business days) please send a follow up email to info@ayara.ca

Description of Categories



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| <p>Advocacy & Activism Individuals who have demonstrated commitment to activism and advocacy in student organizations, community action groups, advocacy campaigns and/or nonprofit organizations</p> | <p>Heritage Keepers Individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to learning and continuing with traditional Cultural activities such as such as fishing, hunting, preserving traditional expertise such as dog sledding, tanning, traditional Aboriginal crafts and the language.</p> |
| <p>Peer Mentorship Individuals recognized for their commitment to providing guidance and support to youth.</p> | <p>Academic Individuals who have achieved academic excellence.</p> |
| <p>Athletic Individuals who have achieved excellence in an individual or team athletic activity.</p> | <p>Artistic Individuals who have achieved artistic distinction in any artistic expression such as visual, written word or performance.</p> |
| <p>Employment & Apprenticeship Individuals who have demonstrated a passion and pride for working within their trade or field of employment.</p> | <p>Community Leadership & Volunteerism Individuals who have demonstrated outstanding community leadership and/or involvement in a volunteer capacity.</p> |
| <p>Group Achievement Established group of individuals who have achieved distinction in any category or other not listed.</p> | <p>Personal Achievement Individuals who have demonstrated achievement and excellence in any area through personal perseverance.</p> |
| <p>Sandra Kakeeway Cultural Award Individuals who have shown dedication to the preservation and understanding of the Anishinabe Culture</p> | |

Winners are selected in each age group:

Elementary (age 11-13)

Junior (age 14-19)

Senior (age 20-29)

At times, there are individuals over 30 years of age, AYARA recognizes their commitment for working with Aboriginal Youth. There is no age restriction to these recognition awards. Recognition (over 30) is considered in any category.