



2018 Northwestern Ontario Aboriginal Youth Achievement & Recognition Awards

Nomination Package

Applicant (Nominee) Information

Name of Nominee

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yr)

Age

Male Female

Gender

Email

Street Address

Phone

School (if applicable)

First Nations (Status, Non-Status) Metis Inuit

Aboriginal Ancestry

Award Category for Nomination

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.

Advocacy & Activism

Academic

Athletic

Artistic

Employment & Apprenticeship

Heritage Keepers

Sandra Kakeeway Cultural Award

Community Leadership & Volunteerism

Personal Achievement

Group Achievement

Peer Mentorship

Recognition Award (over 30 years old in any category)

Nominee's Consent to the 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

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 16)

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 written by nominee

Eligibility for Nominations

Youth Achievement Nominees

- Be of Aboriginal ancestry.
- Reside or be from the Northwestern Ontario Region.
- Youth for Achievement Awards are to be between the ages of 11 – 29.
- Individuals 30 years of age and over are considered for the Recognition Awards.
- Must be of applicable age for each category as of March 28, 2018.
- Consent to the nomination.
- Submit nomination letter and relevant information such as copies of school transcripts, newspaper articles, photographs, or any other documentation.
- Demonstrate commitment to a healthy and positive lifestyle.

AYARA

The Selection Committee is comprised of all volunteers and community members who represent organizations that are 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 can see that their goals are attainable. The awards are based on efforts made by youth and not necessarily always entirely on accomplishments.

Nominee Definitions

Aboriginal Ancestry

The Canadian Constitution recognizes three groups of Aboriginal people – Indians (Status and Non-Status), Métis people and Inuit.

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.

Submissions:

Must be received no later than March 23, 2018.

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

Advocacy & Activism

Individuals who have demonstrated commitment to activism and advocacy in student organizations, community action groups, advocacy campaigns and/or nonprofit organizations.

Academic

Individuals who have achieved academic excellence.

Athletic

Individuals who have achieved excellence in an individual or team athletic activity.

Artistic

Individuals who have achieved artistic distinction in any artistic expression such as visual, written word or performance.

Community Leadership & Volunteerism

Individuals who have demonstrated outstanding community leadership and/or involvement in a volunteer capacity.

Employment & Apprenticeship

Individuals who have demonstrated a passion and pride for working within their trade or field of employment.

Heritage Keepers

Individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to learning and continuing with traditional Cultural activities such as fishing, hunting, preserving traditional expertise such as dog sledding, tanning, traditional Aboriginal crafts and the language.

Group Achievement

Established group of individuals who have achieved distinction in any category or other not listed.

Peer Mentorship

Individuals recognized for their commitment to providing guidance and support to youth.

Personal Achievement

Individuals who have demonstrated achievement and excellence in any area through personal perseverance.

Sandra Kakeeway Cultural Award

Individuals who have shown dedication to the preservation and understanding of the Anishinabe Culture

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 AYARA recognizes for their commitment for working with Aboriginal Youth. There is no age restriction to these recognition awards. Recognition (over 30) in any category.