



HONOURING SPIRIT: INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARDS

2023 AWARDS PACKAGE

BACKGROUND

Overview

The Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education paths. These awards celebrate the unique qualities of students who inspire their peers, teachers, education leaders and community members while celebrating the ways of their people. Each student embraces their own gifts, strengths and potential, respecting the agency of other students to do the same in their own ways.

Award partners

These awards are hosted by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA).

Award parameters

The Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards are presented annually to students selected by the awards committee. The committee will consider First Nations, Métis or Inuit student nominees who attend a school in Alberta, either operated by an ASBA member school board or a First Nations school, who have been nominated by members of their education community based on their exemplary leadership, honour, courage and commitment to their own education path.

Nominees must demonstrate the following attitudes, actions and characteristics:

- Perseverance in the pursuit of goals and dreams;
- Maintaining strength, self-care and a healthy attitude;
- Embracing their cultural identity and promoting the strength, beauty and value of their culture and community;
- Modelling leadership and empowerment of others through a cultural lens that inspires their peers to pursue their own dreams and goals;
- Improvement in work ethic, attitude, attendance and interaction with others;
- Honesty and honour demonstrated in the student's daily encounters with fellow school community members;
- And, kindness towards others.

Categories

Award categories are divided into three regions: North, Central and South.

In each region, awards are divided into the following grade categories:

- Kindergarten to Grade 3;
- Grades 4 to 6;
- Grades 7 to 9;
- And, Grades 10 to 12.

In total, 12 awards are distributed each year.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

Guidelines for submission

Students may be nominated by teachers, principals, superintendents, trustees, school staff, Elders and Knowledge Keepers or any other member of the education community. Nominations will also provide detailed examples on how the student has demonstrated commitment to their culture and community.

Nomination packages must include:

- A completed nomination form (attached);
- A detailed letter of nomination (maximum of three pages, please do not include photos);
- And, one additional letter of support specifically related to the student being nominated (maximum of three pages, please do not include photos).

Nomination submission and deadlines

Nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. on February 8. Nomination packages may be submitted via email to awards@asba.ab.ca. Please use the subject line: 2023 Honouring Spirit Submission.

Nominations may also be sent by post to:

Alberta School Boards Association
Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards
1200, 9925 – 109 Street NW
Edmonton, AB T5K 2J8

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information

FULL NAME _____ GRADE _____
(please select)

NOMINEE SELF IDENTIFIES AS: FIRST NATIONS MÉTIS INUIT
(please check box)

NATION/BAND/COMMUNITY _____

TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE (FOR AWARD CERTIFICATE) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL NAME _____ SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

Nominator Information

FULL NAME _____

TITLE/POSITION/ROLE IN THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY _____

SCHOOL, ORGANIZATION OR AFFILIATION _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NOMINATOR SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Submission Checklist

COMPLETED
NOMINATION FORM

LETTER OF NOMINATION
*(double-spaced, signed, max
three pages, no photos)*

LETTER OF SUPPORT
*(double-spaced, signed, max
three pages, no photos)*

PERSONAL INFORMATION CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

I hereby give consent to Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), including its employees, Board of Directors or other third party ASBA may authorize on its behalf, to collect, use and disclose my name, likeness, voice, or other personal identifying information as specified below:

- Still photograph of me
- Video of me and my voice
- Audio recordings of me and my voice

I hereby waive all rights, including any economic and moral rights that I may have with respect to ASBA's collection, use or disclosure of my personal information. I further acknowledge and agree that there shall be no compensation provided to me by ASBA respecting my personal information for the above-described purposes.

I hereby release ASBA and its Board, elected officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, of and from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, expenses, demands for damages or loss, howsoever arising, that I may have had, may now have, or may hereafter have, against ASBA by reason of my consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information as indicated herein.

I give consent for ASBA to review data as related to eligibility for this award for the sole purpose of determining award eligibility.

By signing this form I acknowledge that this constitutes a binding agreement and is the entire agreement between myself and ASBA.

PRINT – FIRST AND LAST NAME OF NOMINEE

PRINT – FIRST AND LAST NAME OF PARENT/ GUARDIAN
(IF INDIVIDUAL UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN
(IF INDIVIDUAL IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)

DATE

DATE



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