

Nomination Form

Please print clearly, incomplete packages will not be accepted!

Nominee Information:

Nominee's First and Last Name _____

Nominee's Address (street, city/town, postal code) _____

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Phone Number: _____

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Fax Number: _____

E-mail _____

DOB (mm/yyyy/dd) _____ Age _____

Submission Checklist

For each category chosen please provide:

- A completed nomination form
- A 2-page description
- 3 Letters of Support
- Copies of other supporting documentation

Which age category is this person being nominated in?

- Jr (10-17 yrs of age) Sr (18-30 yrs of age)

Please select a category (based on the descriptions on the previous page)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Category 1 Culture and Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Category 5 Career Advancement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Category 2 Volunteer Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Category 6 Personal Achievement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Category 3 Academic Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Category 7 Walking the Red Road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Category 4 Athletic Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Category 8 Community Leader |

Nominator's information

Nominator's First and Last Name _____

Nominator's Address (street, city/town, postal code) _____

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Phone Number: _____

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Fax _____

E-mail _____

Relationship to nominee _____

Mail Completed Nomination Package to:
Métis Nation of Alberta
Attn: Aboriginal Youth
Achievement Awards
3rd Floor, 12308-111 Ave
Edmonton, AB T5M 2N4

**Deadline 4:30pm
January 5, 2009**



For More Information please call
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Toll free: 1-888-48METIS
Email: youth@metis.org



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Edmonton, AB

The Alberta Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards provides an opportunity to recognize the achievements of Aboriginal youth and share their successes with others from across the Province of Alberta.

There are eight award categories. Two Aboriginal youth will be selected overall for each of the categories with the exception of Category #1 in which there will be three youth chosen (one First Nation, one Metis and one Inuit youth) for a possibility of 17 youth awards.

Category #1 Culture & Heritage

Has the youth worked towards preserving and promoting their First Nations, Métis or Inuit Culture & Heritage? Did they develop or enhance skills in traditional First Nations, Métis or Inuit activities such as dancing, artwork, and/or music? Do they show a commitment to the preservation of their culture in their community? Does this person speak their traditional language? Does this person encourage other community youth to learn and understand their culture and heritage? *(this category will not feature a Jr. & Sr. age category, but rather best over all in the 3 categories: First Nations, Métis, and Inuit)*

Category #2 Volunteer Services



Has the youth been involved in volunteer services in the community? Did they provide services to youth groups, Elders or other community organizations? Have they been involved in helping fundraise for non-profit groups? Did their services help preserve or contribute to the delivery of community services or protect or enhance the quality of community life?

Category #3 Academic Achievement

Did they complete a certified academic program such as secondary or post secondary education, certification or upgrading of academic or technical qualifications? Have they made special efforts to improve or enhance their academic standing? Have they received any special recognition of their academic standing? Have they received any scholarships or bursaries for their academics?

Category #4 Athletic Achievement

Do they excel in organized sports, either individually or as part of a team? Have they demonstrated a positive attitude towards a "work ethic" in their sport as well as towards their coach and their teammates? Have they demonstrated a commitment to a healthy lifestyle by their commitment to physical fitness and by following a healthy lifestyle? Have they contributed to promoting or raising awareness about the benefits of participating in their sport?



Category #5 Career Advancement

Provide a description of the youth's employment or career goal history. Did they develop and implement a course of action to help them achieve their career goals? Did they succeed in the area of business development either as an entrepreneur, employee or student? Have they identified or developed innovations in their chosen career pursuit? Have they received any special recognition or awards in their chosen career field?

Category #6 Personal Achievement

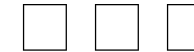
Did they overcome challenges to achieve personal goals and betterment of themselves? What problem-solving and decision making skills did they demonstrate that helped them to achieve their goals? Did they demonstrate a commitment to meet their personal academic or professional goals? How have they have used these obstacles and challenges to become a positive role model in their community?

Category #7 Walking the Red Road

Has this person worked to live a healthy active lifestyle and/or overcome their addictions? How has this person worked to overcome addictions and/or promote sobriety to other young people within the community? How does this person promote healthy living and choices for other young people?

Category # 8 Community Leaders

How has this person demonstrated over all leadership in all of the above categories? How have they gone the extra mile to get involved in programs and activities that benefit the community they live in? How has this person's leadership made a difference in their community? How have they contributed to the well being (physical, emotional and spiritual) of Aboriginal youth? Has the youth demonstrated significant community accomplishments and displayed leadership qualities, initiative, creativity, and dedication?



How do I nominate an Aboriginal Youth?

An Aboriginal Youth can be nominated by organizations, schools, community leaders, and individuals from their communities.

Step 1) Fill in the attached nomination form. Individuals can be nominated in more than one category but must submit separate application packages for each category they are being nominated in.

Step 2) Write a 2 page description of the Aboriginal youth's achievement and attach it to the application. Please respond to the following questions:

- a) Why is their achievement significant or unique and why does it stand out as deserving special recognition?
- b) What challenges or obstacles were encountered and how were they overcome?
- c) What impact has the achievement had on their family, and their community?
- d) How will the community benefit from the nominee receiving the awards?

Step 3) Obtain and attach a minimum of **3 support letters** for the nomination form. The letters must contain contact numbers and mailing addresses.

Step 4) Submissions must be completed and post marked no later than:

4:30pm January 5, 2009

Incomplete nomination packages will not be accepted or considered for review!!!!