

2011 MANITOBA ABORIGINAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

N o m i n a t i o n F o r m

Selection Statement

The Selection Committee consists of Aboriginal youth, past Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards recipients, community volunteers, Anishinaabe Oway-Ishi Board of Directors and staff. The Nomination/Selection Chairperson will set up a Selection Team for each category that will be comprised of Aboriginal youth and one adult facilitator. Steps will be taken to ensure that the selection is unbiased and fair for every nominee. This process will be based on an impartial point system that will rate each nominee based on the following outline:

- **autobiography;**
- **extra-curricular/volunteer activities;**
- **school transcripts, if applicable;**
- **supporting documents;**
- **commitment to the Aboriginal community;**
- **sense of Aboriginal heritage and culture; and**
- **potential of candidate to achieve goals related to Awards category**

The members of each Selection Team will not know the youth nominated in their category. The selection will be based on the material submitted and the total score tallied for each sheet (Selection Team member) and a maximum total point value of 250.

MAYAA Goals

- To honour the accomplishments of Aboriginal Youth in areas of Academics, Arts, Athletics, Business/Entrepreneurship, Community/Volunteerism, Culture, Personal Achievement, Health, and Traditional Employment
- To provide financial support for Aboriginal youth to pursue their dreams and prepare for the future
- To provide a goal for Aboriginal youth to strive for
- To create positive role models for Aboriginal Youth
- To bring the community together in support of Aboriginal Youth
- To encourage volunteerism by staging a major event organized completely by volunteers

Eligibility for Nominees

To be eligible for an award, the nominee must:

1. Be between the ages of 16 and 24 years of age;
2. Be a resident of the Province of Manitoba;
3. Be of Aboriginal ancestry;
4. Consent to the nomination;
5. Complete a written biography;
6. Submit recent school transcripts, if applicable;
7. Submit one letter of nomination and two letters of support;
8. Be willing to be interviewed by the Selection Committee;
9. Verify any information and documentation as requested by the Selection Committee.

Conditions of the Award

1. The tribute shall be presented to recognize exceptional achievement of an individual in the areas of Academics, Athletics, Arts, Culture, Community Involvement, Business/Entrepreneurship, Health, Personal Achievement, and Traditional Employment.
2. The Selection Committee will not receive nominations later than **6:00 pm** on the **24th day of October, 2011**.
3. The Selection Committee shall review all nominations received by the deadline date.
4. A completed nomination form, a biography and a description of the achievements of the nominee that qualify the nominee for the award(s) shall accompany each nomination.
5. All nominees not receiving an award in any given year will lapse at the end of the year. If individuals are eligible for nomination in the following year a new submission will be required.
6. Any individual being nominated for more than one category shall be required to submit a separate nomination form and biography for each nomination.
7. Nominees must agree that the Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards may use all photos and biographical information for promotional and/or publicity purposes only.
8. **No faxes or emails will be accepted.**
Mail nominations to:
Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards
Suite #316, 35-2855 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg MB R3T 2H5 Attn: Dan Highway
or Courier to:
Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards | The UPS Store, Box 316, 35-2855 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Attn: Dan Highway.
9. Past recipients of the Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards are not eligible.
10. Current and temporary employees of Anishinaabe Oway-Ishi Inc. are not eligible.

2011 M A Y A A Award Categories

ACADEMIC: The Manitoba Hydro Frank Wesley Award

Two awards of \$1000:

A) Senior: Individuals who have achieved academic excellence in **post-secondary education or training institutions**.

B) Junior: Individuals who have achieved academic excellence in **secondary institutions or training institutions**.

ATHLETIC

Two awards of \$1000:

A) Senior: Individuals between the ages of **20 - 24** who have achieved excellence in an **individual or team athletic activity**.

B) Junior: Individuals between the ages of **16 - 19** who have achieved excellence in an **individual or team athletic activity**.

ARTISTIC

Two awards of \$1000:

Award One: Individuals ages **16 - 24** who have achieved artistic distinction in a **visual** medium. Award One recognizes the works of two-dimensional and three-dimensional artists, videographers, photographers, writers, etc.

Award Two: Individuals ages **16 - 24** who have achieved artistic distinction in a **performance** medium. Award Two recognizes the works of acting, theatre production, singer/songwriter musicians, contemporary dancers, etc.

BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEURSHIP

One award of \$1000

One award: Individuals who are between the ages of **16 - 24** and have achieved **business or entrepreneurial prominence**.

COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER

Two awards of \$1000:

A) Senior: Individuals between the ages of **20 - 24** who have demonstrated outstanding **community leadership** and involvement in a **voluntary capacity**.

B) Junior: Individuals between the ages of **16 - 19** who have demonstrated outstanding **community leadership** and involvement in a **voluntary capacity**.

CULTURAL

Two awards of \$1000:

A) Male: Individual young **men** between the ages of **16 - 24** who have shown dedication to the preservation and understanding of **Aboriginal cultures or languages**.

B) Female: Individual young **women** between the ages of **16 - 24** who have shown dedication to the preservation and understanding of **Aboriginal cultures or languages**.

EMPLOYMENT IN A TRADITIONAL FIELD

One award of \$1000:

One Award: Individuals between the ages of **16 - 24** who are pursuing or have achieved self-reliance/economic independence in traditional occupations such as fishing or hunting, and who are committed to preserving traditional expertise (dog sledding, tanning, traditional Aboriginal crafts, etc.)

HEALTH

Two awards of \$1000:

Award One: Individuals between the ages of **16 - 24** residing **North of the 53rd Parallel** who are enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a health care field at the post-secondary level (Traditional or Western)

Award Two: Individuals between the ages of **16 - 24** residing **South of the 53rd Parallel** who are enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a health care field at the post-secondary level (Traditional or Western)

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Two awards of \$1000:

A) Senior: Individuals between the ages of **20 - 24** who have demonstrated achievement and excellence in any area through personal perseverance.

B) Junior: Individuals between the ages of **16 - 19** who have demonstrated achievement and excellence in any area through personal perseverance.

2011 MANITOBA ABORIGINAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS Nomination Form

Section I: Nominator and Nominee Contact Information

Nominating Person/Organization _____

Address _____ City/Town _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Address _____ City/Town _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Section II: Award Category for which the Individual is Nominated (Check one)

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| <input type="radio"/> Academic Junior | <input type="radio"/> Academic Senior |
| <input type="radio"/> Athletic Junior | <input type="radio"/> Athletic Senior |
| <input type="radio"/> Artistic-Visual | <input type="radio"/> Artistic-Performance |
| <input type="radio"/> Business/Entrepreneurship | <input type="radio"/> Employment in a Traditional Field |
| <input type="radio"/> Community/Volunteerism Junior | <input type="radio"/> Community/Volunteerism Senior |
| <input type="radio"/> Cultural-Female | <input type="radio"/> Cultural-Male |
| <input type="radio"/> Health – North | <input type="radio"/> Health – South |
| <input type="radio"/> Personal Achievement Junior | <input type="radio"/> Personal Achievement Senior |

Section III: Required Components of the Nomination

Please provide the following documents as attachments to this form:

- **one letter of nomination** from the Nominating Person/Organization that includes a detailed summary of the accomplishments of the Nominee;
 - **two letters of support**;
 - **personal biography** (to be completed by the Nominee) (*see Section IV: Writing an Autobiography*); and
 - **recent school transcripts** (if applicable).
- * **Optional: supporting documentation**, such as photocopies of newspaper articles, or copies/photos of samples of work may also be submitted. *NOTE: Please do not send originals.*

Section IV: Nominee's Consent to the Nomination

I certify that all information on documents submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am a recipient of an award, my picture and biographical information may be used by Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards for promotional and/or publicity purposes only.

Nominee Signature _____ Date _____

Section V: Nominee Autobiography

Selection of MAYAA recipients is based on the following outline. The nominee must provide this information in the form of an autobiography.

- **autobiography;**
- **extra-curricular/volunteer activities;**
- **school transcripts, if applicable;**
- **supporting documents;**
- **commitment to the Aboriginal community;**
- **sense of Aboriginal heritage and culture; and**
- **potential of candidate to achieve goals**

The outline below is offered as a guide to assist the nominee in completing his or her autobiography. Please have the information word-processed on 8.5 x 11 paper, unbound (no staples, folders or clips).

<p>OUTLINE (minimum 100 words)</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Age, date and place of birth▪ Where childhood was spent or home community <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Highest grade attained▪ Areas of interest▪ Plans for the future <p>Personal Biography</p> <p>In this section, highlight some of the reasons why you feel that you deserve this award. Include your beliefs, ideas, dreams and role models.</p>

**Deadline for Nominations:
Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:00 pm**

Recipients of the 2011 MAYAA will be notified by phone the week of October 24th. Recipients of the 2011 MAYAA will be honoured at a gala awards ceremony on Friday, November 24, 2011.

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