



# HONOURING SPIRIT: INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARDS

**2022 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 parameters

Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards is 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. Celebrated attitudes, actions and characteristics of nominees include the following:

- Perseverance in the pursuit of goals and dreams, in school and beyond;
- Maintaining strength, self-care and a healthy attitude as they pursue their personal path to education and fulfillment;
- Embracing their cultural identity and promoting the strength, beauty and value of their culture and community;
- Modelling leadership through a cultural lens that inspires their peers to pursue their own dreams and goals;
- Respecting and honouring the autonomy, empowerment and agency of others to self-determine;
- 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.

# SUBMISSION & SELECTION

## Nominations

Students may be nominated by other students, teachers, principals, superintendents, education directors, trustees, school staff, Elders or a member of the education community.

Nominations will provide detailed examples related to why the student is being nominated and how they exemplify the attitudes, characteristics and actions outlined in the “Award Parameters” section of this form.

Nominations will also provide detailed examples on how the student has demonstrated commitment to their culture and community. Some examples from previous recipients include: assisting in community functions, celebrations and ceremonies, volunteering in the community or school, chopping and hauling wood, traditional dancing, learning or speaking their traditional language, and teaching others about their culture.

## Selection

Selection of award recipients will be made by the Awards Committee.

## Submission guidelines

Nomination packages must include:

- A completed nomination form (attached)
- A letter of nomination outlining why the student has been chosen to be recognized
- One additional letter of support for the nomination

## Submission deadlines

Nomination must be received by 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2022. Nomination packages may be submitted by email or regular mail.

# APPLICATION 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 PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PARENT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator Information

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE/POSITION/ROLE IN THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## 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)*

### MAIL COMPLETED PACKAGE TO:

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

OR

### EMAIL COMPLETED PACKAGE TO:

Contact: Corinne Sperling  
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Subject: Honouring Spirit:  
Indigenous Student Awards



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