



2017 Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Award (MAYAA) Nomination Guide

**Victoria Inn and Conference Centre, Winnipeg
Thursday, November 23, 2017**

Selection Statement

The Selection Committee consists of staff and students from the Winnipeg School Division. 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 to every nominee. The process will be based on an impartial point system that will rate each nominee based on the following outline:

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

The member 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 Involvement, Culture, Personal Achievement, Employment in a Traditional Field and Health.
- 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 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, Personal Achievement and Employment in a Traditional Field, Health - North and South.
2. The Selection Committee will not receive nominations no later than the 6 of October, 2017.
3. The Selection Committee shall review all nominations received by the deadline date.
4. A completed nomination form, a description of the achievements of the nominee that qualify the nominee for the awards, a biography, and two letters of reference 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.
8. No faxes will be accepted. Send nominations by October 6, 2017 to:

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9. Past recipients of the Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards are not eligible.

Award Categories

ACADEMIC

- 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

- 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

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

HEALTH – NORTH / SOUTH

COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER

- 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

- 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 and languages.

EMPLOYMENT IN A TRADITIONAL FIELD

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.)

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

- 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.

One Award: individual residing **North of the 53rd Parallel** who is enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a health care field at the post-secondary level (Traditional or Western).

One Award: individual residing **South of the 53rd Parallel** who is enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a health care field at the post-secondary level (Traditional or Western).