



ABORIGINAL WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP DISTINCTION AWARDS

CRITERIA

Background: Now in its seventh year, the Annual National Aboriginal Women in Leadership Training Conference brings together women from across Canada to develop leadership skills, network, exchange information, empower each other and recognize the accomplishments and talents of Aboriginal women. We want to celebrate women's accomplishments publicly and the Aboriginal Women in Leadership Distinction Awards are an effective way to do this.

Past Recipients:

- Susan Aglukark, Music & Entertainment
- The Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Political Leadership & Children's Issues
- Professor Verna J. Kirkness, Education & Leadership
- Bea Schwanda, Culture, Health & Wellness
- CP02 Debbie Eisan, Leadership
- Corinne Stone, Health and Wellness

Purpose of the Awards: The awards honour Aboriginal women for the achievements, innovations, creativity, leadership, excellence, inspiration, vision and accomplishments in their lives, in their families, in their work and in their communities. The awards recognize women who have been leaders in their families and communities; role models for other women and men; and mentors for our youth: our leaders of tomorrow.

The awards recognize women in many fields including: leadership, education and training, arts & culture, business, health and wellness, environment, science, entertainment and political governance.

Who is a Woman of Distinction:

- she consistently displays leadership qualities
- she provides inspiration and motivation to others as a mentor or role model

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- she demonstrates vision, innovation or creativity and the courage to take risks
- she demonstrates excellence in the category in which she is nominated
- she enriches and improves the quality of life for herself, family and others
- she has overcome personal or societal barriers to achieve her goals
- she shows a significant commitment to society in her own field and beyond
- she promotes and supports improved opportunities and choices for women and girls in her community
- she inspires and motivates other women and girls as a mentor or role model
- she encourages positive changes in society through the impact of her activities, particularly for women and girls

The Nomination Process

- Nominator completes the nomination letter and assembles supporting material.
- All nomination packages will be reviewed by the Selection Committee for completeness. Only complete nomination packages will be included in the selection process.
- Nominees and nominators will be notified in writing whether their package has been included in the Selection process.
- The Selection Committee will choose the award recipients from among selected nominees.

The Nomination Requirements

- Women can be nominated in only one category.
- Nomination packages must be for individuals only. Group nominations are not eligible.
- A woman can be re-nominated in any future year.
- Nomination packages must be complete and submitted by the deadline to be eligible.
- All nomination packages will be treated confidentially.
- The Aboriginal Women of Distinction Awards Committee reserves

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the right to limit the number of selected nominees or to withhold an award in any category.

- Packages will not be returned.

The Nomination Package

- Nomination form - describe why this woman merits recognition in the chosen category. Relate the relevant points of her characteristics, background, education, training, activity or organizational involvement including depth of involvement, recognitions, awards, achievements and/or contributions to her community.

Short Profile--Nominators are asked to briefly complete the following four statements:

- her major contributions in the award category include
- the breadth and depth of her contributions include ...
- her outstanding characteristics include
- three key influences in her life include
- A maximum of three letters in support of the nomination

Deadline has been extended!

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