



WIEA ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATING PROCEDURES and CATEGORIES

WIEA Mission Statement

To promote and support education and educationally related opportunities for American Indian people in Wisconsin.

NOMINATIONS:

1. Nomination forms can be obtained on the WIEA website at www.WIEA.net or by contacting:

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2. Nominations for Award Categories must be received no later than Friday, **March 26, 2021**, in accordance with the criteria listed below. Nominations must be returned by email to rbyington@wisc.edu.
3. Please complete a written statement of nomination. If you are parent nominating your child, you will need to provide BOTH a statement of nomination and ONE letter of recommendation from a non-relative.
4. An appointed panel of WIEA members will make up the Award Selection Committee.
5. **Fill out the form accurately as it will be used to create the winner's plaque. Mistakes will not be corrected.**

CATEGORIES:

I. OUTSTANDING AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT OF THE YEAR

One award will be given for each of the following categories:

- Pre-K through 3rd Grade Student
- 4th through 7th Grade Student
- 8th through 10th Grade Student
- 11th through 12th Grade Student
- Two Year Vocational/Technical Student
- Bachelor Degree-Undergraduate Student
- Graduate Degree-Graduate/Post Graduate Student

Criteria:

Explain how the nominee demonstrates exceptional promise in the following areas:

- Respect for self, others and the environment
- Personal growth and character
- Academics: grade level/developmentally appropriate
- Sound judgment
- Creativity
- Appreciation for work done well by others
- Cultural knowledge; practice of traditional ways; tribally enrolled
- Extracurricular activities to include gifted and talented programs
- Involvement in community activities

II. OUTSTANDING INDIAN ELDER OF THE YEAR

A Tribal Elder whose leadership, vision, creativity and commitment have contributed substantially to Tribal Education. Nominee must be at least 55 years old.

Criteria:

Explain how the nominee demonstrated the following:

- Promotes Native American language and culture
- Improves the overall quality of education in the community
- Significantly impacts a school and/or local community
- Assists in implementing multi-ethnic teaching materials
- Is a positive role model for Indian youth and parents
- Demonstrates involvement with young people

III. INDIAN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

An enrolled tribal member who, by leadership, vision, creativity and commitment, has contributed to the quality and opportunities in education for American Indian people in Wisconsin.

Criteria:

Explain how the nominee demonstrates the following:

- Establishes innovative educational programs which enhance Indian student education
- Works within the community to create awareness of Indian education
- Significantly impacts the school and local community
- Lobbies for legislation to improve Indian student service delivery
- Promotes educational equity for students
- Coordinates training for counselors and teachers
- Establishes American Indian programs and/or instructional materials

IV. RONALD N. SATZ – FRIEND OF INDIAN EDUCATION

A non-Indian person who by leadership, vision and creativity is committed to working with Tribal members for quality formal education and Native American culture and history education.

Criteria:

Explain how the nominee demonstrates the following:

- Develops, publishes or implements accurate historical and cultural curriculum materials
- Establishes innovative educational programs that enhance Indian education
- Designs programs utilizing multi-ethnic teaching materials sensitive to American Indian culture and heritage
- Active in the development of model programs that deal with sensitizing the public about Tribal issues and concerns in Wisconsin

V. INDIAN PARENT(S) OF THE YEAR

Indian parent(s) who serve as dedicated natural role models who are consistently proactive and involved in their children's tribal cultural education, their academic school based education/activities and their tribal community.

Criteria:

Explain how the nominee demonstrates the following:

- Shares leadership role in community and education activities
- Serves as a model to other Indian parents and children through participation in community activities
- Active volunteer in school and community events
- Promotes American Indian culture and heritage throughout the community
- Encourages parents and children to strive for personal excellence

AWARDS:

- Awards will be presented each year at the WIEA Conference Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet.
- Recipients will be notified by mail prior to the conference.
- Honorable Mention will be given to 2nd place nominees.
- Awarded participants are eligible once per category.

For more information on Wisconsin Indian Education Association or Annual Conference information, please visit:

www.wiea.net