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## 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. Nominations forms can be obtained on the WIEA web site at [www.wiea.org](http://www.wiea.org) or by contacting the above Award contact numbers or e-mails.
2. Nominations for Award Categories must be post marked no later than March 31, 2012, in accordance with the criteria as listed below.
3. An appointed panel of WIEA members will make up the Award Selection Committee.

#### CATEGORIES:

##### **I. OUTSTANDING AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

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

Pre-K – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade Student
4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Grade Student
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grade Student
11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	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, other, 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; tribal enrolled
- Gifted and Talented programs

##### **I. 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 demonstrates 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

**II. 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

**III. 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 general public about Tribal issues and concerns in Wisconsin.

**IV. 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 certificates will be mailed out to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.org](http://www.wiea.org)**