

NICWA Member or Program of the Year Award Guidelines

NICWA members are invited to submit nominations for the Member or Program of the Year Award. This award honors and recognizes either

- An individual NICWA member who has demonstrated outstanding service, contributions, and leadership in their profession as well as involvement as a member of NICWA, or
- A tribal or organizational NICWA member that has an exemplary practice-based program, project, initiative, or policy.

The recipient will receive

- An engraved award, to be given during our Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. The recipient will be notified before the event and will be asked to prepare and give a few brief remarks when they accept their award during the event.
- A complimentary 1 year coral level NICWA membership at the time of their next membership renewal.
- Recognition on the NICWA website with a short biography and summary of the year's achievements, recognition in the May membership e-newsletter, as well as in NICWA's annual report. This will become an ongoing listing on the website as more recipients are recognized. Award recipients will be asked to submit a photograph to be used for award publicity.

Award Eligibility

Nominees must have held membership for at least one year. Any individual, tribal, or organizational member of NICWA may be nominated for Member or Program of the Year. Nominees can be self-nominated or nominated by other NICWA members, staff, or board. NICWA board and staff are not eligible for this award during their terms of service and employment.

Award Criteria--Individuals

Individual nominees will be considered based upon their:

- Contributions to NICWA during the previous year, including:
 - Volunteerism
 - Committee involvement
 - Participation and engagement as a NICWA Member
 - Advancing the mission of NICWA through mentoring students and emerging professionals in ICW or ICW related field and new member recruitment
- Service to their community
- Commitment to continued learning, training, and education
- Leadership
- Position as a role model to peers
- Ability to promote networking and communications between NICWA and groups with complimentary missions, goals, and purposes

Award Criteria--Programs

Program nominees will be considered based upon their:

- Innovation--pushes beyond boundaries and excels in the use of original and creative methods (social media, traditional teachings in modern practice, inventive approach, cutting edge training, use of technology, etc.)
- Service values--delivers culturally competent services in partnership with the community they serve
- Sustainability--ability of the program to be maintained beyond the short-term range
- Optimization--the ability of the program to optimize resources
- Relevance--aligns with their mission and strategic goals
- Social impact--the ability of the innovation to create or effect positive or desirable changes within the community they serve
- Replicability--has the capacity to be replicated and scaled to different settings

Nomination Process: Nominations for the award can be submitted online or downloaded from the NICWA website and mailed to Member Relations Manager, NICWA, 5100 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97239 (or emailed to membership@nicwa.org).

All submissions must be received by March 1st each year.

Award Selection: The recipient will be selected from the slate of nominations by NICWA's annual conference local planning committee. The local planning committee is made up of community members, and voting will be facilitated by the member relations manager. Only one award will be presented per year.

Member or Program of the Year Award Nomination Application

Name of Nominee: _____

Program/Project Title: _____

Contact Person (if different than nominee): _____

Nominee's Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Is the nominee a NICWA member? Yes No

Is this application a self-nomination? Yes No

If not, is the nominee aware of this nomination? Yes No

Nominating Sponsor's Information (if applicable):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to the nominee: _____

Check all that apply: Member NICWA board member NICWA employee

Nomination Statement: Please write up to 600 words to describe the achievements that make this nominee a good candidate for the Member/Program of the Year Award. You may provide five (5) pages of additional supporting materials (i.e. newsletter clipping, etc.).

I affirm that the statements in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge and I understand that the selection committee's decisions are final. I am personally acquainted with the nominee and hereby endorse his/her nomination.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Mail this signed application form along with a nomination materials to:
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or email to membership@nicwa.org**

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