



NICWA
National Indian Child Welfare Association

CHAMPION FOR NATIVE CHILDREN

2019 Award Guidelines

Guided by the National Indian Child Welfare Association's (NICWA) board of directors, this annual award honors an individual or organization that has made outstanding contributions to the well-being of Indigenous children in the United States and/or Canada. The inaugural award was presented at the 30th Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Scottsdale, Arizona, in 2012.

The awardee should be an individual or organization that has been an exceptional or an emerging leader, social worker, case manager, or foster parent who has made significant contributions to the well-being of Indigenous children, families, and communities in the United States and/or Canada. Such contributions may consist of:

- Demonstrated excellence, creativity, and leadership affecting positive change in tribal child welfare, children's mental health, or juvenile justice in tribal communities;
- Advocacy for tribal children, families, and communities;
- Development and/or promotion of programs and policies that support tribes, children, and families;
- Work for passage of policy designed to protect Native children, enhance the well-being of Native children, or to strengthen the Indian Child Welfare Act;
- Work to obtain funding necessary to implement programs and policies supporting Indigenous children and families; or
- A significant body of work that spans several years/lifelong service to promoting the well-being of Indigenous children and families and strengthening tribal sovereignty.

Awardee will be honored at NICWA's 2018 Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on March 31–April 3, 2019.

Nomination Application Champion for Native Children Award

Nominee's Information (All information below is required):

Name (or Organization) _____
Tribal Affiliation (if any) _____
Company or Organization _____
Job Title _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Prov. _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____

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/Prov. _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Relationship to the nominee _____

Please include two references that can attest to the quality of the candidate and provide additional information if needed:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Prov. _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Relationship to the nominee _____

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Nomination Essay: Please use 500–800 words to describe the achievements that make this nominee a good candidate for the Champion for Native Children Award. Please see guidelines on the previous page for additional information.

I affirm that the statements in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that all Selection Committee 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 essay to:

**Attn: Champion for Native Children, NICWA, 5100 SW Macadam Ave, Suite 300, Portland, Oregon, 97239
Or email Cori Matthew cmatthew@nicwa.org**

Nomination applications must be postmarked by January 9, 2019.

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