



**NICWA**

National Indian Child Welfare Association

## CHAMPION FOR NATIVE CHILDREN

### 2023 Award Guidelines

Established 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 Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, in 2012.

The awardee should be an individual or organization that has been a 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 development 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 up to lifelong service to promoting the well-being of Indigenous children and families and strengthening tribal sovereignty.

**Awardee will be honored at NICWA's 41st Annual Protecting Our Children Conference in Reno, Nevada on April 2–5, 2023. Participation to accept the award in-person is a condition of receipt.**

# 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 achievements of the candidate and provide additional information if needed:

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

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

**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 S Macadam Ave, Suite 300, Portland, Oregon, 97239**  
Or email Tara Reynon at [tara@nicwa.org](mailto:tara@nicwa.org)

**Nomination applications must be postmarked by January 10, 2023.**