



Nishnawbe Aski Nation

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AWARDS CRITERIA

1. Criteria for the NAN Youth Awards:

Must be 13 - 24 years of age

Must be a member of a Nishnawbe Aski First Nation

A nominee can demonstrate some but not necessarily all of the following characteristics:

- Volunteers in community events and activities
- Works with a youth organization or organizes activities for youth and children in their own community
- Achievement in education or career paths
- Role model for peers and younger children
- Promotes a healthy lifestyle
- Has overcome adverse circumstances
- Proven leadership skills and achievements
- Outstanding athletic achievements
- Willingness to learn about traditional language, practices, and way of life
- Has committed an act of bravery or an outstanding feat

2. Criteria for the NAN Woman Award:

Must be a member of a Nishnawbe Aski First Nation

A nominee can meet some but not necessarily all of the following characteristics:

- Demonstrates strong family values
- Personal achievements have positively impacted the lives of women
- Achievements in Education or Career paths
- Shares knowledge of traditional languages, practices, and way of life
- Volunteers in community events and activities
- Dedication in working to improve the lives of women, youth, and children
- Promotes a healthy lifestyle
- Has overcome adverse circumstances
- Proven leadership skills and achievements
- Shown innovation in chosen field of work

3. Criteria for the NAN Elder Award:

Must be a member of a Nishnawbe Aski First Nation

A nominee can meet some but not necessarily all of the following characteristics:

- Proven leadership skills and achievements
- Has overcome adverse circumstances
- Teaches and practices cultural & traditional values, customs and knowledge
- Respect and Honour
- Life experiences in education or career paths
- Volunteers with community organizations and groups
- Promotes a healthy lifestyle
- Teaches and interacts with the youth

4. Criteria for the Emile Nakogee Award for Outstanding Leadership:

This award is named in honour of the late Emile Nakogee, an elder who was influential in the advancement of Nishnawbe Aski Nation. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in his/her field of work. The nominee must be a member of a Nishnawbe Aski First Nation and/ or employed by a Nishnawbe Aski Nation organization or agency. The nominee must be either:

- 1) First Nation Chief, Grand Chief or Deputy Grand Chief
- 2) First Nation Councillor
- 3) Tribal Council Chair
- 4) Management positions such as Executive Directors of the NAN organizations and agencies
- 5) Business/Financial Administration
- 6) Academic Excellence
- 7) Justice

A nominee shall also meet some but not necessarily all of the following characteristics:

- Outstanding leadership skills and knowledge
- Commitment to the betterment of the lives of the people of Nishnawbe Aski
- Promotes, protects, and respects the traditional values, beliefs, and customs of Nishnawbe Aski First Nations
- Achievements in education or career paths
- Role Model for peers and youth
- Years of service and dedication to Nishnawbe Aski First Nations
- Work performed beyond the call of duty