



## **ABOUT THE STUDENT AWARDS**

The awards recognize American Indian youth who demonstrate exemplary achievement in academics, community service, and leadership, and who consistently participate in cultural activities. The goal of the AIEA selection committee is to promote, encourage, and support students as they develop into scholars and prepare to engage in important careers as adults.

### **Criteria for Nominee:**

- Current enrollment in an ARIZONA School (Grades 7-12) or College/University;
- School transcripts to verify 2.00 GPA or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.
  - Incoming college freshmen are to utilize 2008-2009 high school year transcripts.
  - Incoming high school freshmen are to utilize transcripts from junior high.
- Proof of tribal enrollment from a federally-recognized Indian Tribe;
- Demonstrates excellence, creativity, initiative, and leadership in school, community and cultural activities; and
- Exemplifies the characteristics of a positive role model in his/her school and community.

### **Nomination Process:**

1. Complete the student nomination form; nominator cannot be a parent/guardian.
2. Include two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher/counselor, church, or community leader.
3. Student, parent/guardian, and nominator are required to sign nomination form. College students (18 year and older) do not need a parent/guardian signature.
4. Only one (1) nomination application will be accepted per nominee. LATE nomination applications will not be accepted and must be post marked by [October 16, 2009](#).
5. Selection committee will notify the award winners no later than Friday, October 30, 2009.
6. Students must plan to be available on November 12 & 13, 2009 at the American Indian Youth Conference.
7. Students must submit a type-written double-spaced essay to explain the following areas. (The essay must contain between 200 to 500 words)
  - a. Awards
  - b. Student government or Leadership positions
  - c. Extracurricular Activities (i.e. clubs, sports, community organizations, etc...)
  - d. Describe how you consistently participate in cultural activities and maintain cultural traditions in your life.

**Applications must be postmarked by: [October 16, 2009](#)**

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