



The Cultural Guardian Award

Guidelines

Purpose

The Cultural Guardian Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a powerful commitment to protecting, preserving and enhancing the cultural integrity of Indian tribes of California. The recipient must have demonstrated a dedication to tribal language enhancement and preservation activities that assure an intergenerational connection to culture and tradition.

Criteria

The recipient will have shown a high regard for the California tribal cultural preservation and revitalization by having demonstrated excellence in three or more of the following areas:

- Cultural protection, preservation and enhancement
- California tribal language preservation and revitalization
- The promotion of intergenerational cultural activities among community members
- Tribal cultural program enhancement
- Tribal cultural and historical documentation and/or exhibition or curriculum development

Eligibility

The California Indian Museum and Cultural Center provides three awards on an annual basis, one in each of the following categories:

- The Cultural Guardian Award
- The Leadership in Action Award
- The Emerging Leader Award

All California Indians and Native Americans living in California are eligible for nominations.

Nomination Process

An individual may submit more than one nomination to each category.

Completed forms and letters of nomination will be accepted **through Friday, June 12, 2009 until 5 p.m.**

A letter of nomination should accompany the nomination form describing a brief history of the nominee, a summary of their contributions to the community and how the community has benefited from their dedication, and how they exemplify the purpose of the award.

Letters of support from others may also be submitted.

Presentation

Award recipients will be selected by members of the Board of Directors of the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center. Winners will be notified directly by June 19, 2009.



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2009 Nomination Form

Nominee Name _____ Nominator's Name _____
Position _____ Position _____
Tribal Affiliation _____ Relationship to Nominee _____
Address _____ Address _____
City, State Zip _____ City, State Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____ E-mail _____

Demonstrated Commitment: Describe the nominee's activities and achievements which illustrate how the nominee serves to protect, preserve and enhance the cultural integrity of California Indian tribes.

Community Leadership and Character: Describe and provide examples of how the nominee is well-respected in the community, of good reputation and integrity, and how he/she promotes language and cultural preservation within their community and/or on a local, state, regional level.

Please return (1) this **form** and (2) a **letter of nomination** by **June 12, 2009** to:

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NOTE: If your nominee is selected he or she will be contacted and asked to participate in the presentation ceremony at the "For All My Relations" Conference For Indian Families banquet luncheon on July 9, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840. For more information on the conference visit www.nijc.org.

Nominator's Provisions

I attest to all information on this form and any accompanying attachments and agree that it may be used for publication. I further agree to make every effort to ensure the attendance of my nominee at the 10th Annual For All My Relations Conference Awards Luncheon, **July 9, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.**, should he or she be the finalist in consideration for this award.

Signature of Nominator: _____ **Date:** _____