



The Emerging Leader Award

Guidelines

Purpose

The Emerging Leader Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated the ability to reach leadership potential through competitive achievement. The recipient must have demonstrated academic, athletic, and/or community service excellence and show commitment to using their skills to improve the wellbeing of California tribal communities.

Criteria

The recipient will have shown a high regard for academic, athletic and/or community service achievement and their commitment to improving the wellbeing of California tribal communities by having demonstrated excellence in three or more of the following areas:

- Academic excellence
- Athletic excellence
- Community service achievement
- Cultural preservation/revitalization
- Creation/maintenance of community or cultural resources

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 Indian and Native American (residing in California) elementary, high school and college students 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 has excelled in academic, athletic and/or community service pursuits.

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 or plans to promote the wellbeing of California tribal communities.

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

The Emerging Leader Award
The California Indian Museum and Cultural Center
5250 Aero Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
PH: (707) 579-3004
FAX: (707) 579-9019
Email: nikkimyrs@aol.com
Website: www.cimcc.org

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:** _____