



The Leadership in Action Award

Guidelines

Purpose

The Leadership in Action Award recognizes a California Indian leader who has demonstrated a strong commitment, dedication and devotion to improving tribal governance and the community spirit of Indian country. The recipient must have demonstrated a genuine appreciation for the enhancement of tribal sovereignty, families and communities.

Criteria

The recipient will have shown a high regard for the enhancement of California tribal governance and community spirit by having demonstrated excellence in three or more of the following areas:

- Advocacy for tribal sovereignty
- Advocacy for tribal government improvement
- Advocacy for the safety of tribal families and communities
- Advocacy for improving education for Indian youth

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 current California Indian tribal leaders 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

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| 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 improve tribal governance and the community spirit of Indian country.

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 tribal sovereignty, families and community within the tribe and/or on a local, state, regional level.

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

The Leadership in Action 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:** _____