



For 24 years, the *Indspire Awards* have celebrated the significant contributions of Indigenous peoples in Canada. The *Awards* are aligned with Indspire's mandate to provide educational support and programs for future generations to succeed. They promote self-esteem and pride for Indigenous communities and provide outstanding role models for Indigenous youth. The national jury for the *Indspire Awards* is comprised of previous recipients, who represent a range of economic sectors, fields of endeavour, and regions across the country.

### Eligibility Requirements

Nominees must be individuals who:

- are of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis heritage;
- demonstrate outstanding achievement;
- are of any age (youth award nominees must be 15-27 years of age by nomination deadline); and
- are permanent Canadian residents or Canadian born.

Please note that nominations of deceased persons will not be accepted. Jurors are not eligible for nomination nor may they submit nominations or support letters.

### Nomination Categories:

- Lifetime Achievement
- Arts
- Business & Commerce
- Culture, Heritage & Spirituality
- Education
- Environment & Natural Resources
- Health
- Law & Justice
- Politics
- Public Service
- Sports
- Youth - First Nation
- Youth – Inuit
- Youth - Métis

### Nominate an Achiever

Any person in Canada may nominate an eligible individual for the *Indspire Awards*. Please complete the nomination form and submit it and any accompanying support letters to:

Indspire Awards  
555 Richmond Street West, Suite 1002  
Toronto, ON M5V 3B1  
fax: 416.926.7554  
[nominations@indspire.ca](mailto:nominations@indspire.ca)

The nomination form should include a strong and clear argument as to why the nominee would merit an award in the chosen category. Excluding letters of support, the nomination should be a maximum of 8 pages.

### Deadline

The deadline to nominate individuals for the 2018 Indspire Awards has been EXTENDED to August 4th, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. PT

Application packages must be received by the deadline date.

If you have any questions, please contact us:  
[nominations@indspire.ca](mailto:nominations@indspire.ca) | 1.855.463.7747 x221  
[indspire.ca](http://indspire.ca)

## Indspire Awards Nomination Form

Note: **Only the nominees selected by the jury as recipients for the current year will be contacted.** If your candidate was not selected this year, they may be considered for the following two years.

### 1. Candidate for Nomination

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Male

Female

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Personal Contact (Candidate):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Business/Alternate Contact (Candidate):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We may need to reach nominees throughout the review process. Please indicate the best way to reach your nominee:

Personal Email

Business Email

Personal Phone

Business Phone

### 2. Canadian Indigenous Ancestry

First Nation (including Status & Non-Status on- or off-reserve)

Inuit

Métis

Nation, Community, and/or Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Declaration of Nominee

This section of the Nomination Form must be signed by the nominee (not the individual making the nomination).

All nominees are subject to verification at any time and for any reason. Indspire reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to require proof of identity and/or eligibility (in a form acceptable to Indspire): (i) for the purposes of verifying an individual's eligibility to participate in the *Indspire Awards* program; (ii) for the purposes of verifying the eligibility and/or legitimacy of any information submitted for the purposes of the *Indspire Awards* program; and/or (iii) for any other reason Indspire deems necessary, in its sole discretion, for the purposes of administering the *Indspire Awards* program. Failure to provide such proof to the complete satisfaction of Indspire within the timeline specified by Indspire may result in disqualification in the sole discretion of Indspire.

By signing below, I am: (i) signifying my consent to being nominated for an *Indspire Award* and to having my personal information used by or on behalf of Indspire for the purposes of administering the *Indspire Awards* program; and (ii) declaring that I am of First Nations, Inuit or Métis heritage and further that I am recognized with the community(ies) as stated in Section 2 above.

Nominee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Nomination Category

Please select the one nomination category that best suits the nominee: (note that the Jury may move your nomination into a different category)

- **Lifetime Achievement**  
All accomplishments, including those who have survived the trauma of residential school experiences.
- **Arts**  
Artists, performers, writers, architects, singers, television personalities, etc.
- **Business & Commerce**  
Careers in business, finance, commerce, entrepreneurs, presidents, CEOs, etc.
- **Culture, Heritage & Spirituality**  
Elders, spiritual leaders, traditional language teachers, etc.
- **Education**  
Teachers, trainers, college & university professors/lecturers, researchers, scientists, etc.
- **Environment & Natural Resources**  
Careers in agriculture, energy, forestry, fisheries, mining, gas & oil, water, etc.
- **Health**  
Medical doctors, nurses, midwives, dentists, paramedics, psychiatrists, optometrists, pharmacists, traditional healers, etc.
- **Law & Justice**  
Lawyers, judges, paralegals, court workers, traditional conflict resolution, etc.
- **Politics**  
Community leaders, Chiefs, counselors, elected officials at all levels.
- **Public Service**  
Careers in administration, social services, housing, public works, human resources, armed forces, veterans, journalism, etc.
- **Sports**  
Athletes, coaches, etc.
- **Youth Award**  
First Nation (age 15-27)
- **Youth Award**  
Inuit (age 15-27)
- **Youth Award**  
Métis (age 15-27)

**Note: Please complete questions 5-9 in a separate document. Your application, excluding letters of support, should not exceed 8 pages.**

#### 5. Employment History & Career Contributions

List the nominee's employment history (that relates specifically to this award nomination), and then describe in paragraph form, how the nominee has made an important contribution in their career field. How does this relate to their nomination for an *Indspire Award*? This may include references to art works, published books, research papers, production or invention of a body of work, events, presentation/speeches, etc. Maximum two (2) pages.

#### 6. Education, Training, & Life Experience

Describe the nominee's education, training, and life experience, clearly stating how this has influenced your nomination of the candidate. Maximum one (1) page.

#### 7. Awards & Honours

Describe the national achievements, recognition, and awards received by the nominee. Clearly explain how the nominee has made a contribution worthy of national recognition. What has the candidate done that has been acknowledged or has made an impact at the national or international levels? Maximum one (1) page.

**8. Contribution to well-being of First Nation, Inuit, Métis people**

Describe how the nominee has made an important contribution to the well-being (physical, emotional, intellectual, and/or spiritual) of First Nations, Inuit, and/or Métis people at the local, regional, national, and international levels. Maximum one (1) page.

**9. Additional Information –**

Add noteworthy comments about the candidate. Maximum three (3) pages.

**10. Letters of Support**

Submit a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 letters of support with this nomination.

**11. How did you find out about the *Indspire Awards***

Email    indspire.ca    Newspaper    Social Media    Radio    Television    Other

**12. Nominator** (You may be contacted to provide clarification or more information on your nomination).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I'd like to receive Indspire's monthly e-newsletter. (Note that this is how we will first announce the 2018 *Indspire Awards* recipients).

The *Indspire Awards* program is also subject to the terms of our *Policy and Procedure for the Revocation of an Award* – which can be found at [indspire.ca](http://indspire.ca).