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The Vera Shaganash Seven Sacred Teachings Award Nominations 2024

Eligibility

A nominee can be a youth aged 15-29 years as a single recipient or a group of youth that meet specific eligibility criteria. **Political work is not eligible.**

**Under extenuating circumstances, AETS and AETS Elder Representatives from each community may consider issuing a certificate of acknowledgment for a youth in their respective community under the age of 15 who demonstrates one or a combination of the Seven Sacred Teachings.*

Nominated recipients or youth groups must:

- Be a citizen or affiliate of one of the nine AETS communities:

First Nations: Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinabek (Lake Nipigon Ojibway), Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinabek (Rocky Bay First Nation), Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation), Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinabek (Sandpoint First Nation), Kiashke Zaaging Anishinabek (Gull Bay First Nation), Michipicoten First Nation, Pays Plat First Nation, Netmizaaggaming Nishnaabeg (Pic Moberg First Nation), and Red Rock Indian Band.

- Be 15 - 29 years of age
- Have contributed to addressing the health, social and/or economic challenges, improving the quality of life or well-being of others
- Have demonstrated at least one of the Seven Sacred Teachings in whole or in part (Love, Honesty, Truth, Courage, Wisdom, Humility and/or Respect) in any combination through their actions as a condition of the nomination.

How to nominate a recipient

A community citizen can nominate a youth or youth group by completing and forwarding the attached form to AETS at:

**Lorraine Keough c/o: Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
285 Red River Rd. Thunder Bay, ON, P7B 1A9
OR
Email: Lorraine.keough@aets.org**

***Only 1 Youth (or youth group) will be selected per AETS community per year**



Assessment process

The Seven Sacred Teachings Awards are administered through a call for nominations and an assessment process:

- AETS & AETS Elder Representatives for each community are provided a copy of the nomination(s) received for their community to review and select a community recipient or youth group. This process ensures that nominee(s) are eligible for consideration.

Assessment criteria

Nominees are assessed according to clear evidence that the nominee has excelled in demonstrating at least one or more of the Seven Sacred Teachings, and that their actions have contributed to either of the following:

- addressing health, social and/or economic challenges, and/or improving the quality of life or well-being of others.
- Volunteerism, group events, etc.

The nomination will outline the:

Nominee(s) contribution to others, the specific activity, the impact, the challenge(s) faced and how the nominee is an inspiration to others. The selection process will include AETS and AETS Elder Representatives from each community.



The Vera Shaganash Seven Sacred Teachings Award Nomination Form

Date:	Name of Nominator:	
	First Nation:	
Name of youth(s):	Age(s):	
Contact Information for Nominee	Address: _____	
	Postal Code: _____	
	Phone/Cell: _____	
	Email Address: _____	
<p>1) Briefly describe the nominee(s) (youth and/or youth group) contribution(s) to address the health, social and/or economic challenges, and/or improve the quality of life or well-being of others. If selected, this description may be used to describe the recipient at an awards ceremony.</p>		
<p>2) Specific Activity Explain how the nominee(s) have shown leadership and/or their actions have benefited others. Give details about the length of time, resources dedicated, projects achieved etc. You may indicate the number of years the nominee(s) have been volunteering or involved in this activity.</p>		
<p>3) Impact Consider the dept of the nominee(s) contribution(s). Describe how their contribution(s) have positively impacted others. Give details about the length of time, resources dedicated, projects, achievements, etc. You may indicate the number of years the nominee(s) have been volunteering or involved in this activity.</p>		
<p>4) Challenges Describe any challenges (personal, social or other) that the nominee(s) have overcome to make a positive contribution.</p>		



5) Inspiration Describe how the nominee(s) is considered a role model.	
6) How does the nominee(s) share their experience and knowledge and who did they share it with?	
7) Attach any supporting documents (including the Photograph release form)	
8) Forward completed applications By: Mail or Email On or before: Wed. July 31, 2024	Mail: Lorraine Keough c/o: Anishinabek Employment & Training Services 285 Red River Rd. Thunder Bay, ON, P7B 1A9 Email: Lorraine.Keough@aets.org

Recognition of award winners

Recipients of the Vera Shaganash Seven Sacred Teachings Award will be formally recognized by AETS. Recipients may also be asked to participate in a session to share experiences and lessons learned from their actions.

All award recipient(s) will receive a plaque in recognition of their outstanding achievements. A brief biography and photo(s) of Award recipients may be shared with the media and Employment and Social Development Canada. The recipient(s) may also be interviewed or photographed.

Information on the nomination form will be shared with the AETS, and AETS Elder Representatives from their respective community to evaluate nominations and select award recipients.

Participation is voluntary.

Only completed applications will be considered.

