



The Vera Shaganash Seven Sacred Teachings Award

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This award recognizes Youth aged 15-29 from the AETS member communities who in the past year have demonstrated the Seven Sacred Teachings in whole or in part (Love, Honesty, Truth, Courage, Wisdom, Humility and/or Respect). Through their actions, nominees are improving the quality of life or well-being of others. The award is honorary and recognizes Youth with a certificate and a plaque.

ELIGIBLE AWARD NOMINEES ARE:

- Youth aged 15-29 as a single recipient or group. (Under exceptional circumstances youth under 15 years of age may be considered).
- Citizens or affiliates of the AETS communities.
- Addressing the health, social and/or economic challenges, improving the quality of life or well-being of others.
- Demonstrating the Seven Sacred Teachings in whole or in part through their actions.

Nominees are assessed according to clear evidence that the nominee has excelled in demonstrating one or a combination 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 in their community. For more details on how to nominate an award recipient, please visit

www.aets.org/seven-sacred-teachings-award

2024 NOMINATION DEADLINE: August 29, 2025

Please send nominations to:
Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
C/O: Hailey Currie 523 Algoma St. N South Wing
Thunder Bay, ON P7A 5C2 Email: hailey.currie@aets.org
Tel: 807-346-0307 or 866-870-2387

*Only 1 Youth (or group) will be selected annually per AETS First Nation community.





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Call out for Elders

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We are seeking one (1) Elder from each of the nine AETS Communities to join an Awards Committee that will assist our team in selecting the youth recipients of this prestigious award of recognition.

We will be meeting in September to introduce all members of the Award Committee and select award recipients from the nominations received.

We are asking all interested Elders to please submit your name and contact information BEFORE the deadline of August 29, 2025 to:

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