

# CONFERENCE AWARDS

## HONORED AMERICAN INDIAN ELDER

Given to Elders 60 years or older who have made outstanding contributions to American Indian education in the following areas:

- 1) Promoted an understanding and appreciation of American Indian cultures in an educational or community setting;
- 2) Given lifelong service to promoting quality education through active community service; or
- 3) Served as a role model or mentor for American Indian children, youth, or adults

## DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Given to an American Indian teacher, educator, counselor, or administrator with significant work in any of the following areas:

- 1) Developed and established innovative education program(s);
- 2) Improved education or cultural quality in nominee's community;
- 3) Significantly impacted a school or local community;
- 4) Worked for passage of legislation designed to improve student service delivery;
- 5) Promoted educational quality for students;
- 6) Promoted training for teachers and counselors of American Indian students; or
- 7) Developed programs to improve the education of American Indian people

## PARENT OF THE YEAR

Given to an American Indian parent for outstanding leadership, commitment, concern, and voluntary efforts in the following areas:

- 1) Served on local, regional, statewide committees, or boards working to improve the educational quality of American Indian students;
- 2) Demonstrated strong commitment through volunteer work to improve educational opportunities for American Indian youth; or
- 3) Worked to strengthen American Indian youth programs at the community or tribal level

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Given to an American Indian student in the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, enrolled full-time in a public or private accredited school with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Nominees must demonstrate leadership qualities, maintain high academic achievement, serve as a role model for other students.

The student of the year will receive a scholarship from the Conference Committee, once proof of enrollment (minimum of ½ time) at a higher education or vocational institute is provided.

### PLEASE NOTE

Awardees will receive a meal at the conference. Expenses such as conference registration, lodging and transportation are the responsibility of the nominating individual or organization. (Additional meal tickets for family members and/or friends, must be purchased separately, and may not be available unless purchased in advance of the event.) All nominees must be residents of California.

*Nominations must be received by Thursday, January 12, 2012*

# CALL FOR STUDENT WRITING & PHOTOGRAPHY

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual California Conference on American Indian Education is approaching quickly and, once again, we wish to showcase the writings of American Indian students from our state in a small booklet (chapbook) available to each participant who attends the conference. We are requesting poetry, short stories, and photography from all K-12 American Indian youth who reside in California. If possible, we would prefer black and white photographs but will accept color.

All submissions should address the conference theme "Turning Vision into Action." Photographs and writings that demonstrate the power of intergenerational education, whether formal or cultural, are especially welcome.

Please inform your youth about their opportunity to have their work published and encourage them to submit their writings to:

**American Indian Education Program**  
1919 B Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
Phone: 530-749-6196 • Fax: 530-741-7840

Copyright will remain with the authors. Works submitted for publication will not be returned, therefore, please send copies only. Each youth who is published will receive two free chapbooks from the Conference Planning Committee. All works should be submitted for review by Thursday, January 12, 2012. Along with each submission, please include the following information:

**Student Name • Tribal Affiliation  
Age of Student • Phone Number  
Name and address of sponsoring organization  
(i.e., Title VII, IEC, or school)**

We are looking forward to publishing the writings and photographs of our American Indian youth. If you have any questions, please contact James Graham at 530-749-6196.

**Thank you, The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual California Conference on American Indian Education Committee**

# AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominations must be postmarked by January 12, 2012.

## The following documents must accompany the nomination form:

- A 250 word statement on the nominee justifying the nomination;
- Biographical information; and
- A recent photo (color, head shot only), e-mailed in jpeg format to Judy Delgado at [judelgado@cde.ca.gov](mailto:judelgado@cde.ca.gov).

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## Nominee Information

 Check one:

Honored Elder     Distinguished Educator     Parent of the Year     Student of the Year

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

Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Organization/School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nominator Information

Nominating Organization/Tribe/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

All forms and supporting materials must be received by January 12, 2012. Fax and e-mails accepted: Judy Delgado at 916-323-6061 or e-mail at [judelgado@cde.ca.gov](mailto:judelgado@cde.ca.gov). Late nominations will not be considered. No exceptions!

**Mail nominations to:**                    **Judy Delgado, American Indian Education Consultant**  
**California Department of Education**  
**1430 N Street, Suite 6401**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

*For more information call: Judy Delgado at 916-319-0506.*