



CONFERENCE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN OF PROUD NATIONS

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SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2011 · RALEIGH MARRIOTT CRABTREE VALLEY · RALEIGH, NC
HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

AWARDS NOMINATION INFORMATION AND FORM

Each year at the Conference for American Indian Women of Proud Nations, seven (7) American Indian women are honored for their contributions to the American Indian community. Previous nominees have:

- Made a special impact on individual Indians, Indian families or an Indian community at large.
- Inspired others to volunteer for community service.
- Have been a catalyst for new visions, understanding and positive change in an Indian community.

The awards will be presented during the conference banquet on Friday, September 16, 2011.

TEN STEPS TO MAKE A NOMINATION TO HONOR AN AMERICAN INDIAN WOMAN

Plan

1. Ask your candidate for permission to nominate her.
2. Spend a few moments with her to gather information for the form, including:
 - Her full name, address, title, etc., as well as her activities, honors and affiliations.
 - Ask for a copy of her resume if she has one.
 - Examine the information provided, and then play the role of a journalist or talk show host. Interview her, asking questions that elicit detailed, specific information about important contributions to an individual American Indian, an American Indian family and/or an American Indian community.

Organize and Refine

3. As you draft responses for the form, introduce your candidate and provide details on her contributions to an American Indian community, individual American Indians and/or families as if bragging about her to a stranger—because you are. The only way the judges can get to know your candidate is through your words.
4. Focus your response so that it provides the big picture of the nominee's greatest contributions and accomplishments. Then, as your response grows, make sure you support the overall picture with specific details about her contributions.
5. While many nominees have made contributions in several areas, please be sure to select and then emphasize your candidate's contributions in helping individual American Indians, American Indian families or an Indian community at large. Also discuss how your candidate has been a catalyst for new visions, understanding and positive change in an American Indian community and how she has inspired others to volunteer.
6. Organize your material and give specific details to support each contribution or accomplishment.
7. Emphasize how your candidate's contributions or accomplishments have impacted an American Indian community, individual American Indians and/or American Indian families.

Finalize

8. Once you have drafted all the details, please type them on the nomination form and then sign it. Forms are available online at www.aiwpn.org
9. Ask the nominee to read and verify the one-page statement on the nominee justifying the nomination, and then sign it. Forms must be filled out completely. Please do not include the nominee's resume. The resume may be helpful in writing the nomination.
10. Submit (or postmark) the completed nomination by 5:00 p.m. on **August 1, 2011**.



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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name _____

Tribal Affiliation (s) (if applicable) _____

Organization/Tribe Representing _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Work Telephone () _____

Email Address _____

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name _____

Tribal Affiliation (s) (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Work Telephone () _____

Email Address _____

Please ensure your nomination documents include:

- A statement on the nominee justifying nomination (limit 500 words);
- Biographical information giving examples of nominee's outstanding work;
- Two (2) letters of support and other supporting documentation (i.e. newspaper clippings, articles, awards, etc.);
- A recent photo (color, head shot only): either a high resolution (300 dpi) tif, eps, or jpeg file (photos downloaded from a web site are not acceptable.) or a hard copy print;
- A photocopy of the front and back side of nominee's tribal enrollment card, or certificate of tribal enrollment;
- A separate page listing each support item including the Awards Nomination Form; and
- Numbered pages and five (5) hard copies of all items except for photo.

MAIL, FAX or E-MAIL awards nomination form by **August 1, 2011** to:

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