



Each year at **Gathering our Voices**, the Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council (PAYC) recognizes Indigenous Youth for the Honour an Indigenous Youth (HIY) Award. If you know an Indigenous Youth who has made an outstanding commitment or achievement in their community, please nominate them to receive an HIY Award. We want to recognize young role models who inspire and motivate others, and demonstrate leadership.

### **THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES INDIGENOUS YOUTH WHO:**

- Inspire, support, and respect others with honour and dignity
- Inspire and motivate others through actions and solutions
- Demonstrate a positive attitude, respect and leadership
- Generously give their time and energy to their peers and fellow community members
- Demonstrate character and an ability to overcome adversity
- Promote Indigenous values and language in school and the community
- Show resiliency and a healing journey through cultural and spiritual values
- Lead a balanced lifestyle based on a foundation of strong cultural and spiritual values

### **WHO CAN YOU NOMINATE?**

You can nominate any youth if they are:

- First Nations, Métis, or Inuit ancestry
- Between 14 and 24 years of age
- Mandatory attendance at GOV is required
- Past award winners cannot be nominated again
- Anyone can nominate a youth except the parents and/or guardians of the nominees. Each nomination must be supported by a reference from a community leader, Elder or other who is not related to the youth.

### **TO NOMINATE A YOUTH, YOU MUST SEND IN:**

1. A completed nomination form (see below).
2. A reference letter from an individual who is not related to the youth (ie. Elder, community leader, educator).

**DEADLINE:** Please submit to [govassistant@bcaafc.com](mailto:govassistant@bcaafc.com) by  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 11:59PM PST**

Gathering Our Voices: HIY Award

# Nomination Form

## **NOMINEE (youth) PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Attending  
GOV2020?      Yes  
   No

FULL NAME:

ADDRESS:

DATE OF BIRTH:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Reasons for  
nomination:

Describe how the  
nominee fulfills the  
award criteria listed  
above:

*(ie. This award  
recognizes Indigenous  
youth who...)*

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## **NOMINATOR (you) PERSONAL INFORMATION**

FULL NAME:

AFFILIATION:  
(organization/community)

ADDRESS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE:

How do you know the  
nominee?