



"Sharing the vision of Indigenous Peoples of the world united in the collective synergy of self determination through control of higher education"

Guide to Nominations for WINHEC Honours

1. Who may make a nomination?
Nominations may be made by any member representing a member body of WINHEC by completing the attached nomination form and forwarding it to the WINHEC Awards Secretariat.
2. Deadlines for Nominations?
Nominations must be received at least 6 weeks prior to the WINHEC Annual General meeting.
3. Changes to Information Submitted?
Wherever possible, the Awards Secretariat should be advised if there have been any changes made to the information supplied for the nomination of a WINHEC Honours Award. These changes may include a change of Nominees address, circumstances, or even death.
4. Employment Related Services
Nominations of persons whose services are related to their employment as either a WINHEC employee, or as the employee of a WINHEC member body, should in the first instance be forwarded to their own CEO for consideration before being sent to the Awards Secretariat.
5. Consent of the Nominee
It is not necessary to have the consent of the person being nominated. If the nomination is successful, the WINHEC CEO will formally ask the nominee if the proposed honour is acceptable or not.
6. Allocation, Pre-requisites, and Type of Honour
The number of honours available for award may be limited according to the numbers of nominations received and therefore not all of the people nominated may be given recognition. It is important for interested parties to realise that an honour will not be automatically awarded following the submission of a name for consideration.

7. WINHEC HONOURS and CRITERIA for RECOGNITION

The Four WINHEC Honours are:

A. THE WINHEC ORDER OF THE CIRCLE OF CHIEFS OF INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

Membership Requirements:

Automatically offered to Past Chairpersons upon honourable completion of their term of office

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition of the highest order for people who have served WINHEC as Chairperson and have concluded their time in office. This select Circle is only for Past Chairpersons of WINHEC. The award also carries a Life Membership of WINHEC.

It is almost an automatic entry with the nomination completed by the WINHEC Secretariat and delivered to the Accreditation Committee. The Accreditation Committee Chairperson will present the Honours Award to the AGM as part of the Honours Award list of recommendations for WINHEC ratification.

B. THE WINHEC ORDER OF THE CIRCLE OF ELDERS OF INDIGENOUS WISDOM

Membership Requirements:

A senior respected member of his/her tribe/clan/band, and
Involved in higher education, and/or

A past/present office holder of a higher education institution, and/or

A contributor to indigenous higher education initiatives, and/or

A regular supporter/attendee of WINHEC worldwide meetings

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition of the highest order for people who have served their own people providing leadership and guidance in the form of wisdom and the upholding of their own principles and customs. This award has a strong hereditary component solidifying the indigenous strength and purpose of WINHEC leadership.

Recipients of this award will have a history of being supporters of higher education development and opportunities for their collective people whether it has been at tribal level or wider. They may or may not have held high office of an educational institution, or of WINHEC, but their contribution, energy, and support has been of the highest order. The award also carries a Life Membership of WINHEC.

C. THE WINHEC ORDER OF THE CIRCLE OF SCHOLARS OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

Membership Requirements:

A respected member of his/her tribe/clan/band, and
Involved in higher education, and/or

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A past/present office holder of a higher education institution, and/or
A holder of academic title, and/or
A contributor to indigenous higher education initiatives, and/or
An indigenous education researcher of merit, and/or
An indigenous author of education related topic, and/or
A regular supporter/attendee of WINHEC worldwide meetings

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for people who have, and continue to serve their own people providing leadership and guidance in the form of knowledge and developing ways of knowing that uphold their principles and customs. This award has a strong hereditary component solidifying the indigenous strength and purpose of WINHEC leadership.

Recipients of this award will have a history of being supporters of higher education development and opportunities for their collective people whether it has been at tribal level or wider. They may or may not have held high office of an educational institution, or of WINHEC, but their contribution, energy, and support has been of the highest order. They may be, or have been participants in research of note and published their findings. The award also carries an Honourary Life Membership of WINHEC.

D. THE WINHEC ORDER OF THE CIRCLE OF SERVICE TO
INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Membership Requirements:

A respected member of WINHEC, and/or
Involved in higher education, and/or
A past/present office holder of a higher education institution, and/or
A holder of academic title, and/or
An education researcher of merit, and/or
A past present employee of WINHEC, and/or
A regular supporter/attendee of WINHEC worldwide meetings

The purpose if this award is to provide recognition for people who have, and continue to serve all peoples in higher education by providing service, leadership and guidance in the form of knowledge and developing further opportunities for indigenous higher education. The outcomes of service of the highest order have supported the establishment of processes that uphold indigenous principles and customs. This award allows for all people, indigenous or otherwise, to be recognised and honoured for their gifts of **leadership** and **especially service** to indigenous peoples.

Recipients of this award will have a history of being supporters of higher education development and opportunities for all people whether it has been at local, national, or international level. They may or may not have held high office of an educational institution, or of WINHEC. They may not even be members of WINHEC, but their contribution, energy, and support has been of the highest order. They may be, or have been participants in research of note

and published their findings. The award also carries an Honourary Life Membership of WINHEC.

8. **Unsuccessful Nominations and Re-nominations**
Once a nomination has been considered but not included in the Awards List at the AGM, it does not automatically go forward for consideration at a subsequent AGM unless a new nomination form has been completed and received by the Awards Secretariat prior to the next AGM. All nominations are considered by the WINHEC Accreditation Committee at the AGM.
9. **Death of a Nominee**
Consideration for a WINHEC Honours Award will be given to nominations of persons deceased since the last AGM
10. **Confidentiality of Nominations**
All nominations for awards are treated in the strictest of confidence. Details of the person making the nomination are not disclosed.
11. **Acknowledgement of Nominations**
All nominations will be acknowledged. It is not possible by the Awards Secretariat to enter into correspondence on the merits or any other purpose of any nomination.
12. **Withdrawal of an Award**
The selection of recipients for consideration and subsequent recommendation and acceptance reflects the nominations received and information available to the Accreditation Committee at the time. WINHEC reserves the right to withdraw an award if further information or the recipient's conduct draws WINHEC Honours Awards in disrepute.