



UNITED TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA

MEMO

To: Tribes and Urban Organizations; United Tribes Board of Directors

From: Kerry D. Bird, Chair
Awards Committee

Date: December 20, 2011

Re: Nominations for Community Awards of Recognition

The Board of Directors of United Tribes of North Carolina is soliciting nominations for six (6) community awards to be presented during the awards banquet at the 37th Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference.

The award categories are:

- Distinguished Service to the Indian Community
- Economic Advancement of Indian People
- Indian Elder of the Year (55 years or older)
- Distinguished Service to Indian Education
- Outstanding Indian Student (high school senior)
- Unsung Hero

Tribes and organizations are encouraged to nominate one or more deserving members of their community for these prestigious awards.

Complete award nominations should consist of:

- Official nomination form
- Nomination statement
- Photo of nominee
- Support letters

The nomination should provide evidence of the accomplishments of the nominee. Nominations must be made through a member organization of United Tribes. Individual submissions will not be accepted.

Nominations must be submitted to a United Tribes Board Member or the Awards Committee on or February 10, 2012.

Nominations can be submitted electronically to Kerry D. Bird at kerrydbird@aol.com or mailed to:

United Tribes Awards
PO Box 26841
Raleigh, NC 27611-6841



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AWARD CRITERIA

Complete award nominations should consist of:

1. Official nomination form
2. Photograph of the nominee
3. One (1) page nomination statement describing achievements or activities that qualify nominee for the award
4. A letter of recommendation from the Tribal Council or Organization's Board of Directors outlining specific reasons why this person is being nominated
5. Two (2) additional letters of recommendation supporting nominee's qualifications for the award
6. Additional information (not to exceed 2 pages) can be attached.

For additional information or clarification, please call Kerry D. Bird at (919)996-9822 or email kerrydbird@aol.com.

RULES FOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Previous winners of an award in a specific category cannot be considered for an award in that same category.
2. Winners of awards within the past 5 years are not eligible nominees.
3. Paid employees of a United Tribes member organization are not eligible to be considered for an award.
4. All nominations for awards will be submitted and endorsed by the United Tribes Board of Directors and member organizations, except for the balance of state in which there is no local organization representing the Native American population. These nominations will be submitted and endorsed by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.
5. All nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form. Only one name may be submitted on a form. Nominations must be made for a specific award and must be accompanied by a nomination statement outlining nominee's qualifications or contributions.
6. Nominees must be a member of a state or federally recognized tribe and living at the time of nomination.

Electronic submission of nominations is preferred. Submission deadline is February 10, 2012. Nominations can also be mailed to:

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UNITED TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA Community Awards Nomination Form

COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please select award for which individual is being nominated:

- Distinguished Service to the Indian Community
- Economic Advance of Indian People
- Indian Elder of the Year (55 years or older)
- Distinguished Service to Indian Education
- Outstanding Indian Student (high school senior)
- Unsung Hero

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee:

Tribal Affiliation:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Area Code/Phone #:

Email:

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name of Nominator:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Area Code/Phone #:

Email:

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Attach a 1-page statement that answers the following question:

How does the person nominated meet the selection criteria for the community award?



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AWARD CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Distinguished Service to the Indian Community

- Demonstrated leadership and service to the community
- Given unselfishly to community thru time and resources
- Made lasting contributions impacting the well-being of American Indians

Economic Advancement of Indian People

- Provided economic development initiative or assistance
- Developed business opportunities for self or community
- Invests in community and/or created job opportunities

Indian Elder of the Year (55 years or older)

- Long time community leader or active member of community
- Served as positive role model for youth and tribal members
- Beloved member of community

Distinguished Service to Indian Education

- Promoter of educational opportunities for Indian students
- Teacher, administrator or advocate in the field of education
- Gives unselfishly of time and expertise to programs benefitting Indian students

Outstanding Indian Student (High School Senior)

- Shows exemplary leadership or leadership potential
- Culturally aware and proud of American Indian heritage
- Pursues educational opportunities and academic challenges

Unsung Hero

- Long time contributor to the American Indian community
- Gives unselfishly of time to improve the well-being of American Indians
- Promotes a positive identity of American Indians