Eligibility
This annual recognition is awarded to a student of First Nations, Métis or Inuit heritage, who demonstrates leadership and inspires others, through embracing and respecting an aboriginal perspective or world view from an aboriginal perspective, by:

- Pursuing his/her goal or dream despite challenges
- Persevering in his/her studies
- Maintaining a positive outlook on his/her future opportunities
- Promoting his/her heritage and culture
- Providing leadership within a cultural perspective
- Embracing and respecting the heritage of all

Criteria
The First Nations, Métis or Inuit student is enrolled in Grade 10 – 12 program in
- a school operated by a school board
- a school operated by a First Nations Education Authority
- a private or charter school
and who exemplifies the characteristics listed above.

Guidelines
The student can be nominated by a student, teacher, principal, superintendent, trustee, or school staff.
Nominations must be received by March 30 and include:
- a letter outlining why the individual is deserving of recognition
- at least one additional letter of recommendation

Nominations will be considered by a committee comprised of one representative from each of the education partner organizations - Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA), Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) and Alberta Education FNMI Field Services Branch and one person appointed by the Task Force.

The successful candidate will receive opportunity to attend a youth conference on leadership and change. Financial support will include registration cost, travel and accommodation, and reasonable expenses to attend. The recipient will also be recognized in their home community or school at a locally arranged event.

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Nomination Form

Nominee’s Full Name: ____________________________

School Name: ____________________________ Location: ____________________________

Nominee’s Address: ____________________________

City/Town: ____________________________ Postal Code: ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________ Alt Phone or Fax Number: ____________________________

Email Address: ____________________________ Grade: ____________________________

This nominee is: __ Métis  __ First Nations  __ Inuit

Nominator’s Full Name: ____________________________

Title/Position: ____________________________

Nominator’s Address: ____________________________

City/Town: ____________________________ Postal Code: ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________ Alt Phone or Fax Number: ____________________________

Email Address: ____________________________

Submission Checklist: For each nomination be sure to provide:

☐ 1 completed nomination form
☐ 1,000 word (max) double-spaced letter for nomination
☐ 1 additional signed letter of support
☐ Optional COPIES of supporting documents (certificates, awards, etc.)

Mail completed Nomination package to:
Indigenous Shining Student Award
Education Partners c/o ASBA
1200, 9925-109 Street
Edmonton, AB T5K 2J8
Or email to: michelem@albertaschoolcouncils.ca

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