



About the Awards

The Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport recognize athletes who have achieved excellence in performance sport and are regarded for their leadership qualities both on and off the field of play. Nominations will be accepted for youth athletes 24 years of age or younger (born in 1999 or later) who are competing in performance sport. A maximum of 36 Regional Awards will be given out, with up to six awards within each of I·SPARC's regions: Northeast, Northwest, Interior, Fraser, Vancouver Coastal, and Vancouver Island. Recipients will be selected and honoured at virtual regional ceremonies early 2025.

Athletes selected for the Regional Awards will automatically serve as nominees for the Provincial Awards. A total of 10 Provincial Awards will be given out. Provincial recipients will receive an invitation in the winter of 2024 to attend a virtual Provincial Awards ceremony, their profile will go on display at the BC Sports Hall of Fame, and they will receive a cash bursary.

Nomination & Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the awards, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

- Has been a permanent resident of BC for the last 12 months
- Is of Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit)
- Is 24 years of age or younger (born in 2000 or later)
- Is actively participating in a recognized provincial sport and/or regional/traditional sport and shows evidence of high athletic ability and performance results
- Is enrolled in school, actively pursuing or planning to pursue a post-secondary education
- Past **Regional** recipients remain eligible until they are 25 years of age
- Past **Provincial** recipients are not eligible to receive the award in subsequent years

Selection Criteria

Regional Selection Committees will assess nominees using the following five criteria:

Sport Achievements — Pursuing and achieving sport performances leading towards podium placements at regional, provincial, national, and international competitions

Leadership Qualities — Demonstrating the qualities of leadership, coachability, strong work ethic, and the characteristics of fair play both on and off the field of play

Education — Demonstrating a commitment to academic studies and continued education

Cultural Awareness — Demonstrating pride in their Indigenous ancestry and being actively engaged in cultural activities

Future Goals — Demonstrating how their experience in sport is shaping their future

Only those competitive results and accomplishments achieved between **October 1, 2023 and October 1, 2024** will be assessed. Nomination forms must be completed in full. Incomplete nominations will NOT be considered. Applicants must not contact members of the selection committee regarding the status of their nomination.

Successful Regional Nominees

Successful nominees will be notified in November 2024.

Provincial Awards

Regional recipients will automatically serve as nominees for the Provincial Awards. Nominees will be reviewed by the Provincial Selection Committee and 10 Provincial recipients will be notified in winter of 2024. Provincial recipients will receive an invitation to attend a virtual Provincial Awards ceremony, their profile will go on display at the BC Sports Hall of Fame, and they will receive a cash bursary.

For more information about the awards, visit www.isparc.ca/premiersawards/.

Online Nomination Form:

DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2024, AT 5:00PM (PST)
Note: Late applications will not be accepted

Nominee (Athlete) Information

First Name	Last Name
Gender	Date of Birth
Permanent Address	
City	Postal Code
Phone (nominee)	Email (nominee)

Select the Region the nominee participates/resides in (Check ONE box):

Northeast Northwest Interior Fraser Vancouver Coastal Vancouver Island

Ancestry

First Nations Métis Inuit
 Non-Status (please complete the attached Ancestry Declaration Form)

On or Off Reserve

On Reserve Off Reserve

Nation / Community:

***Status/Treaty/ Métis/Inuit/Tribal
Identification Card Number:**

**Note: if athlete does not have a Status/Treaty/Métis/Inuit/Tribal ID card as proof of ancestry, a "Declaration of Indigenous Ancestry Form" must be completed and submitted with support document(s).*

Parent/Guardian Information

First Name	Last Name
Address (if different than above)	
City	Postal Code
Phone Number	Email Address

Sport Achievements

List your sport(s) _____

List your **top five** competitive results between **October 1, 2023** and **October 1, 2024**

Event/Competition	Date	Performance/Result	Additional Details
<i>e.g. BC Winter Games</i>	<i>Feb 2022</i>	<i>Silver Medal</i>	<i>Beat rival, second time at BC Games</i>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

5.			

Have you received any sport awards between **October 1,2023 and October 1, 2024?**

Award/Honour	Event It Was Received	Event Date	Description
<i>e.g. First All Star</i>	<i>Club basketball tournament</i>	<i>January 15, 2022</i>	<i>Recognized for performance. Four recipients selected</i>

Sport History

Provide details of your journey through sport, as it relates to this nomination, *not included* in your achievements listed above. (300 words maximum)

Leadership Qualities

Describe your leadership qualities and how they are reflected in your sport/life. (This includes, but is not limited to: coachability, strong work ethic, volunteerism, and characteristics of fair play both on and off the field of play.) (300 words maximum)

Education

Name of current Academic Institution enrolled in (Secondary/Post-Secondary Institution) and current grade level or program year as of September 2024.

List academic awards/achievements received from **October 1, 2023 and October 1, 2024** (200 words maximum)

Cultural Awareness

How have you embraced your ancestry? List activities (*e.g. actively participate in traditional practices, engaged with Elders, Big House activities.*) (300 words maximum)

Future Goals

How are your sport experiences shaping your personal goals and future? If you become a recipient, how would you utilize this honour to serve as a role model? (300 words maximum)

References and Letters of Support

You must provide **1-3 reference letters** which address the following:

- Individual sporting achievements
- Qualities as a sport and/or community leader
- Values, work ethic, and/or commitment to culture and ancestry
- Actively living a healthy lifestyle

Include contact information for each reference. References may be contacted to validate achievements.

Name of Reference	Title	Relationship to Nominee	Phone	Email
1.				
2.				
3.				

Nominees must agree to the following:

- To be present and participate in the Regional Awards Ceremony.
- To have your name and image used in association with the awards.
- To appear for an announcement and photo opportunity promoting the awards program.

By signing below, I agree to let my name stand for the 2024 Premier's Award for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport and agree to all terms and conditions of the award program.

Signature of Applicant

Parent/Guardian signature (if under 18)

Date

Date

Submission Instructions

Please submit your nomination form along with your reference letter(s) and supporting document(s) by: _____

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2024 AT **5:00PM (PST)**.

By Email: premiersawards@isparc.ca

Online form:

<https://isparcbc.wufoo.com/forms/m1fgyluq0nortwq/>

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