

THE CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE APPLICATION / NOMINATION FORM

_____ Last name	_____ First name	_____ Tribal Affiliation
_____ Address	_____ Phone Number	_____ Email Address

Please select which category you are applying for:

- COMMUNITY SERVICE:** We encourage applications or nominations from all volunteers, active community members, and individuals who enhance the quality of life and make a positive impact on our community.
- EXPRESSIVE CREATIVITY:** We encourage applications or nominations from all artists, including bead workers, painters, graphic designers, dancers, singers, drummers, flutists, sewers, potters, basket weavers, fine artists, crafters, jewelers, fashion designers, metal workers, and artists from any other medium, to share your talents!
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT:** We encourage applications or nominations for those who have served the Indigenous community for over 25 years, by passing on knowledge and wisdom.
- SPORTS:** We encourage applications or nominations from all athletes, coaches, and emerging leaders in sports who enhance the quality of life for other athletes, serve as mentors and make a positive impact on our community.

Application (or Nomination) Questions:

1. **Brief Biography:** (15 points)
Tell us about yourself. Who are you? (or if nominating: Give a brief biography on the candidate) Include full name, tribal affiliation, area of expertise, achievement and/or experience, core values and/or personal philosophy.

2. **Category:** (5 points)
Why are you applying for this category? (or if nominating: Why did you choose this category for your candidate?)

3. **Impact:** (30 Points)
How have you made a difference to someone you know, or a difference in the American Indian/ Alaska Native Community? (or if nominating: How did your candidate make a difference in the American Indian/ Alaska Native Community or to an individual in the American Indian/ Alaska Native community?)

4. **BONUS:** (10 Points)
What are your future goals? (or if nominating: Where do you think your candidate will be influential next year?)

5. **Completing the Application** (20 points)
To receive these points, you will need to:
 - Answer all questions
 - Provide a headshot
 - Submit a minimum of three photos (or a short video)

Rest assured, we do not expect the headshot or photos to be professional. We value authenticity over formality.

Please attach your (or your nominees) headshot and photos (or video) in your email submission to nominate@uicsl.org

Subject Line: FULL NAME and CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE APPLICATION

If you do not have photos of your nominees, state that in your email. (We understand and will provide full points - just let us know you do not have photos or headshots to submit).

REVIEW PROCESS

Application / Nomination Detail	Points Given
<p>Completed Application/Nomination: Including a headshot and at least 3 photos or video link demonstrating and enhancing the application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed application (online or print)-5pts - Headshot-5pts - 3 photos or video link-10pts 	<p>20 Points (maximum)</p>

<p>Question 1: Brief Bio: Tell us about yourself. Who are you? (or if nominating: give a brief biography on the candidate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full Name, Tribal Affiliation, area of expertise-5pts - Achievement and/or Experience/Core Values and/or Personal Philosophy-5 pts for answering and 10pts for a detailed, thoughtful description giving examples. 	<p>15 Points (maximum)</p>
<p>Question 2: Category: Why are you applying for this category? (or if nominating: Why did you choose this category for your candidate?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Answering - 2.5 pts -Detailed, impactful statement giving an example - 5pts 	<p>5 Points (maximum)</p>
<p>Question 3: Impact: How have you made a difference to someone you know or a difference in the American Indian/Alaska Native Community or an impact at UICSL? (or if nominating: How did your candidate make a difference in the American Indian/Alaska Native Community or to an individual in the American Indian/Alaska Native community or an impact at UICSL?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Write about the situation/give an example-10 pts -Write about the action you took in the situation-10pts -Write about the result from the action and example-10pts 	<p>30 Points (maximum)</p>
<p>BONUS: What are your future goals? (or if nominating: Where do you think your candidate will be influential next year?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stating a future goal – 5 pts -Stating how they will accomplish the goal – 5 pts 	<p>10 Points (maximum)</p>
<p>Judges will ask themselves the following:</p>	
<p>Did the applicant demonstrate leadership?</p>	<p>10 Points (maximum)</p>
<p>Did the applicant demonstrate social responsibility?</p>	<p>10 Points (maximum)</p>
<p>Did the applicant demonstrate mentorship?</p>	<p>10 Points (maximum)</p>
<p>Do we consider this person a change agent* for our community? * <i>Change Agent is someone who promotes or makes a change in a system, organization, or within the community.</i></p>	<p>10 Points (maximum)</p>