

2010 Indigenous Governance Awards Nomination Guidelines

The Indigenous Governance Awards encourage, reward and promote best practice in Indigenous governance. The Awards are open to Indigenous organisations (incorporated under legislation) operating at national or regional level that are Indigenous controlled.

Awards

Applications will be judged in two categories:

- Organisations in existence since January 2000
- Organisations in existence prior to January 2000

The two national award winners will each receive \$10,000 to further the development of their organisation and there will be two highly commended awards of \$5,000 each. All finalists will receive an award to commemorate their achievement.

Two members from each finalist organisation will receive travel and accommodation for two nights to attend the awards presentation in 2010.

Each finalist organisation will be featured in an awards book and on the awards website.

Selection Criteria

All applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. How legitimate, representative and accountable is the governing body?
2. How effective is the administration function?
3. Are effective dispute resolution systems in place?
4. What is the level of commitment to leadership development?
5. How does the organisation's governance model reflect the cultural norms and values of its members?
6. How does the organisation learn from experience and plan for the future?

Judging

An independent panel of judges will review all applications. Up to eight organisations will be selected as finalists.

Each finalist organisation will receive a site visit from members of the judging panel in early 2010 before the judging panel meets again to review site visit reports and select the award winners.


Site Visits

The site visit will involve consultation with members of the governing body, and the management and employees of the organisation. The visit will also include meetings with the organisation's members and stakeholders. If appropriate, it may include filming and/or photography.

Awards Presentation

The finalists will be announced in May 2010. The award winners will be announced at a presentation event in August 2010.

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How to Nominate

Applications for the awards are by self-nomination. Application forms are available from the website www.igawards.org.au or by phoning **02 6273 9200**.

Applications must include:

- a completed application form
- the signed approval of the governing body
- a copy of your organisation's Organisational Chart
- a copy of your organisation's most recent Annual Report, if available

Applicants may be contacted after they have lodged their application form and asked to provide further information to the judging panel.

Applications should be sent to:

Email: carol.cutmore@reconciliation.org.au

Post: **Indigenous Governance Awards**
Reconciliation Australia
PO Box 4773
Kingston ACT 2604

Fax: **(02) 6273 9201**

Applications must be received **Friday 22 January 2010**.

If you need extra time to complete your application please contact Carol Cutmore

Requirements

To be eligible to enter the awards the governing body of your organisation must be at least 51% Indigenous.

By nominating for the awards your organisation agrees that information from your application may be used to promote Indigenous governance. Promotion may include the production of an awards booklet and video, and media coverage. This would be arranged in consultation with the organisation.

All finalist organisations will attend an informal workshop with the panel of judges before the awards presentation event.

The award winners will be required to write a brief report confirming that the award money was spent in accordance with the proposal submitted on the application form.

The awards are open to all previous applicants except for those who are previous winners or highly commended. Finalists who were winners or highly commended must wait for one Award year before entering again (i.e 2008 Winners must wait until 2012 Awards to reapply)

Information

If you need any help completing your application form or if you have questions about the awards please contact:

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