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Nomination Package

The Saskatchewan First Nations Women's Commission presents

2021 Strength of Our Women Awards Gala

Friday, May 21, 2021 – TCU Place Saskatoon (and online)

Recognizing leadership and innovation by First Nations women in Saskatchewan.

About the Strength of Our Women Awards Gala

The Strength of Our Women Awards Gala hosted its first annual event in 2015, an occasion for people to come together to celebrate the achievements and contributions made by First Nations women from all Treaty areas across Saskatchewan. This event is a time to lift up First Nations women that exemplify great strength and resilience in our First Nations communities and throughout Treaty territory. Nominees and recipients are honoured in 12 categories.

About the Saskatchewan First Nations Women's Commission (SFNWC)

The SFNWC is the recognized regional voice for the advancement of First Nations women's and children's rights in Saskatchewan. Formed in 2000, the SFNWC became recognized as the seventh Commission of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) in 2004 with the ratification of the FSIN Women's Act and an amendment to the FSIN Convention Act.

First Nations women have always had a special role as life givers, protectors of children and nature, and keepers of culture and tradition pertaining to natural laws. The SFNWC are strong advocates for restoring and revitalizing the significant roles First Nations women have in their homes, communities, and Nations. They are dedicated to the development and sustenance of healthy communities by which all First Nations people benefit.

About Red Eagle Lodge

Initiated by the SFNWC, the Saskatchewan First Nation Women's Society Act passed in 2020, the first step in the creation of the Red Eagle Lodge, an Indigenous Women's Institution that will serve Saskatchewan First Nations. The Strength of Our Women Awards Gala is an important Red Eagle Lodge event. All associated proceeds will be directed toward front-line programs and services for First Nations women, the keepers of the home fire, and devote resources to realizing strategic goals including the advancement of Women's Rights and Sovereignty. To find out more about the important work of Red Eagle Lodge, please visit redeaglelodge.ca

STRENGTH OF OUR WOMEN NOMINATION CATEGORIES

Arts & Entertainment

Experience and talent in music, film, writing, theatre, dance, production, direction, or any other artistic endeavour.

Business

Success in business, entrepreneurship, administration, accounting, economic development, or business management.

Culture & Spirituality

The promotion of First Nations culture, language and values while living a clean and healthy lifestyle, dedication to preserving traditions and customs, and representing First Nations culture and people in a respectful and tolerant manner

Education

Success in promoting First Nations culture, language and values in education, or by providing exceptional service as an educator

Environment

Promotion of First Nations beliefs and ideals about protecting Mother Earth, natural resources and/or traditional knowledge pertaining to land, water, medicines or women's ceremonies.

Health & Wellness

Dedication to the advancement of health, wellness, and the well-being of First Nations peoples, or exceptional service in the field of medicine or community wellness.

Law & Justice

Professionalism, leadership, and fairness in the fields of policing, law, the Canadian Court system, First Nations justice initiatives, politics and justice, or human rights.

Leadership & Advocacy

Strong leadership and advocacy in an area that promotes the advancement of First Nations women. Nominees may be an individual, movement, group, community organization, or First Nations organization.

Sports

A passion for sports and physical and mental well-being with outstanding leadership qualities and high achievement. Individuals that promote positive sportsmanship through coaching and/or organizing sporting events are also eligible.

Youth (18 and under)

Dedication and passion for First Nations customs and traditions. Nominees display distinction in their field of study, integrity, respect, and act as a role model for First Nations youth.

Lifetime Achievement

Dedication to helping First Nations at the community, regional, national, and/or international level over their lifetime. Significant contributions and achievements in any field.

Matriarch

The strength of a family or community.

Frontline Heroes

Health care workers, community workers, volunteers, leaders, essential service workers, and others responding to the pandemic. This category acknowledges multiple honourees.

NOMINATION

To nominate an outstanding First Nations woman, please fill out the attached nomination form and provide:

- A 250 overview about the Nominee, including reasons why they should receive the award.
- A list of any education achievements or awards they have received.
- Two letters of support.
- A high-resolution photo (minimum 640x480 pixels at 300 dpi).

The summary and photo may be used on this website and on social media site. All nominees must be in agreement with their nomination. Nominations made by email, mail, or fax must be received by **Friday, April 23, 2021**. The decisions by the Selection Committee will be final and not subject to review. Four nominees for each category will be notified by **4:00 pm on Friday, April 30, 2021**.

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