2023 President's Award Eligibility Requirements

1. President Award Nominations are for **Living** Alaska Natives.

2. President Award Nominations must be from AFN Members in good standing.

3. AFN Members may only submit **ONE** nomination per category.

4. Submit the completed nomination form in the fillable PDF below and attach one photo. You may provide letters of support in addition to the application. All information will be used at AFN's discretion and will not be returned.

5. The entity or individual making the nomination must affirm that the nominee is of **good moral character**. The entity or individual must further certify that they have no knowledge regarding the nominee's past **criminal or civil conduct**, charged or not, regarding the nominee's honesty or integrity (NOTE: a search on Alaska Court View should be performed). Nominees convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving crimes or moral turpitude or offenses against children, regardless of the jurisdiction, will not be considered.

6. AFN requests that the winning nominee be **present** at our 2023 Annual Convention on October 19-21, 2023, at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, to receive his or her award. The date and time will be announced in September 2023. The entity or individual making the nomination is responsible for the winning nominee's travel, hotel, per diem, or any travel-related expenses.

7. **DEADLINE: NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023. Late submissions will not be considered.**

8. Award winners will be notified by August 31, 2023.

2023 President's Award Categories

1. **Culture Bearer –** Recognizes an Alaska Native who demonstrates strong involvement in the arts. Individuals nominated for this award may be involved in theater, music, dance, painting, sculpture, and storytelling. This award can also recognize an artist, an arts administrator, or a preserver of Native culture.

2. **Della Keats "Healing Hands" –** Named for the late Dr. Della Keats, an Inupiaq healer who served the health care needs in the Northwest Alaska area for over 50 years. This award recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity as a tribal healer or health care provider, and whose accomplishments have most directly affected Native people in their home communities.

3. **Elder of the Year –** Recognizes an Alaska Native Elder who exemplifies the highest of values and qualities important to Native people. This individual is recognized as a leader, an educator, and preserver of Native culture whose contributions have benefited Native peoples throughout his/her life.

4. **Lu Young Youth Leadership –** Named for the late Lu Young, who encouraged young people to expand their horizons and challenge themselves to become future leaders. Nominees must be a young *woman*, 18-30 years of age who demonstrates leadership qualities. *The young men's category will be available in 2024.*

5. **Parents of the Year –** Recognizes Alaska Native parents who exhibit many of the qualities and values important to the continued physical, social, and cultural survival of Native people. These values may include sharing and teaching of Native culture, love of children, respect for Elders, spirituality, cooperation, and responsibility and involvement in the community.

6. **Public Service –** Recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated dedication, competence, and sensitivity in the area of public service. This award recognizes individuals who have promoted and assisted in the development of their community, or whose accomplishments and leadership qualities have most directly affected and benefited Native peoples.

7. **Dr. Walter Soboleff "Warriors of Light" –** Named for the late Dr. Walter Soboleff, this award recognized individuals who uplift our people, enrich our spirits, and unify our people.

2023 President's Award – Nomination Form

Organizer Information: (AFN will contact you if your nominee is selected.)

Organization: _____ Attn: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please check <u>one</u> award category for which you are nominating:

☐ Culture Bearer
☐ Elder of the Year
☐ Parents of the Year
☐ Dr. Walter Soboleff "Warrior of Light"
☐ Della Keats "Healing Hands"
☐ Lu Young Youth Leadership
☐ Public Service

1. Who are you nominating? (Please provide all contact information)

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email _____

Tribal Affiliation _____

2. Information on family history, siblings, place of origin, etc.:

3. Activities National/Statewide/Local:

4. Please provide information on special talents, skills, and past experiences relevant to the designated award category:

5. Please provide distinctive quotes, well-known guidance given, or any other information that is exclusive to the Nominee:

6. Biography: 250 words or less

7. Please attach a photo:

Submit