

Women in Mining (WIM) Canada wishes to recognize those Indigenous women students who have played a pivotal role in their studies /with other students/ at their school/highlighting the role of Indigenous youth and women in the industry. The Indigenous Student Trailblazer Award consists of a CAN\$500 prize, as well as the opportunity to represent both students and Indigenous Women in Mining Canada at various events throughout the year. The winner will also chair next year's selection committee for the Award.

The winner of the Award will be expected to attend the Women in Mining Canada event at the Prospectors and Developer's Association of Canada (PDAC) annual convention in March 2018.

Eligibility

Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit and Métis) Female students currently enrolled in post-secondary (grade 12) studies, including a Canadian university, technical college, or trade school program and have shown an interest in working in the mining industry, once their courses have been completed. Working experience in the industry is an asset; however, it is not a requirement. All fields of study will be considered.

Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Bilingualism is an asset but not required.

Nomination Guidelines

1. Please fill out the application form below.
2. Provide a one-page CV, and highlight your interest in the mining industry and any applicable experience, work or otherwise (i.e. volunteering, mentoring, etc.)
3. Provide a full transcript for your school. An unofficial transcript is accepted.
4. Provide letters of support or reference from at least two (2) of the following:
 - a. Professors/teachers/tutors
 - b. Peers/colleagues
 - c. Community leaders or Elders
 - d. Work supervisors or employers
 - e. Leaders of volunteer organizations

We also strongly encourage you to nominate your mentor for the Rick Hutson Memorial Award.

The closing date for receipt of nominations **January 31st, 2018**.

Please send nominations via email to info@wimcanada.org (**Subject: 2018 WIM Indigenous Student Trailblazer Award**).

The judging committee will be Indigenous and diverse, and consist of students, new graduates and industry professionals, as well as a representative of WIM Canada.

Visit wimcanada.org to learn more about the Rick Hutson Memorial Award and the other WIMC Awards.

WIM Student Trailblazer Award Application Form

Last name:

First name:

Email address:

Phone number:

University/College/CEGEP/Trade School:

Program of study:

Expected graduation date:

Languages spoken:

To which Indigenous group to you belong:

Please answer the following three (3) questions.

Question 1: How have you been involved in the mining industry during your post-secondary education? Discuss any volunteer work and/or work experience related to the mining industry, mining related seminars attended, specialty classes, etc.

Question 2: Indigenous Women in the mining industry are currently very poorly represented. Present a plan or ideas to increase indigenous women's participation and involvement in the mining industry and its related fields. You can choose to discuss your field of interest or the mining industry in general.

Question 3: What does this award mean to you, and how do you intend to leverage it for your own future and that of other Indigenous women in the industry?