



Surrey Teachers' Association Indigenous Student Award

Reference Letters

Instructions only—do not submit this document

Instructions for students

You must submit three reference letters as part of your application for the Surrey Teachers' Association Indigenous Student Award. The individuals who write your reference letters should know you well, but they cannot be from family members or friends.

- Section E: academic achievement reference
- Section F: school-based extracurricular involvement reference
- Section G: community involvement reference

Reminder: you must secure these letters in time to submit them with your application by May 11, 2026.

Please share the instructions below with your referees.

Instructions for referees (due to the student *before* May 11, 2026)

You have been asked to write a reference letter on behalf of a student applying for the Surrey Teachers' Association Indigenous Student Award. Students must submit reference letters as part of their application. Reference letters will be reviewed by the STA Awards committee for the purpose of assessing submissions and determining recipients.

Please prepare your letter on your organization's letterhead and describe the following about the applicant:

- their role in serving your community or school group;
- their demonstrated leadership abilities or service; and,
- their aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career path.

Please also provide the following information about yourself:

- your role within the organization;
- your relationship with the applicant; and,
- your contact information.

Please send the student a signed copy of your letter before May 11, 2026 (5 MB maximum file size).

Information about the Surrey Teachers' Association Indigenous Student Awards is online:
www.surreyteachers.org/about-us/scholarships-bursaries

Questions? Please contact the Surrey Teachers' Association:
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