NVOK Awards Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2024 NVOK Awards are open through 4:30 p.m. on July 11, 2024. NVOK Awards will be presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting on July 16 in Kotzebue. For more information about the NVOK Awards, please contact Alice Melton-Barr at (907) 442-3467.

To submit a nomination(s), send a completed form via email to alice.meltonbarr@qira.org or mail it to P.O. Box 296 Kotzebue, AK 99752.

NVOK Awards Nomination Criteria

Please refer to the information below when completing the nomination form.

Elder of the Year

• Nominee must be 62 years of age or older
• Demonstrates a leadership role in decisions affecting Iñupiat people in Northwest Alaska
• Consistently models and practices Iñupiat Illitquيات values in daily life
• Active in teaching Iñupiaq language and culture
• Makes other contributions benefiting the overall lifestyle of Tribal Members
• Must be a NVOK Tribal Member

Tribal Member of the Year

• Shows leadership within the community of Kotzebue
• Contributes to the community of Kotzebue
• Helps preserve the Iñupiat culture and heritage
• Makes other contributions benefiting the overall lifestyle of Tribal Members
• Must be a NVOK Tribal Member

Youth of the Year

• Nominee must be a high school or college student
• Demonstrates leadership to advance the role of youth in decisions affecting the future of Kotzebue
• Models Iñupiat Illitqusiat values consistently to demonstrate it’s “cool to be Iñupiat” among peers
• Excels academically and lives a healthy lifestyle
• Makes other contributions benefiting the overall lifestyle of Tribal Members
• Must be a NVOK Tribal Member

Please check the Award for which you are nominating a Tribal Member (choose one):

☐ Elder of the Year  ☐ Tribal Member of the Year  ☐ Youth of the Year

Instructions: Please provide background information on the nominee and describe why they should be considered. Applications received without descriptions will not be accepted.

*Use a blank sheet of paper to write additional information if needed.*

Name of Nominee: __________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone number: _________________ Email Address (optional):________________________

Provide background information about the nominee:
Describe the nominee’s involvement in local, regional, statewide and/or other activities (100-200 words):

Provide information on what this individual has done on behalf of their community or region (100-200 words):
Share how the nominee has demonstrated dedication and commitment to improving the lives of our people (100-200 words):

Provide unique quotes, well-known guidance given, or any other information that is unique to the nominee:

Nominated by: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone number: ___________________ Email Address (optional):________________________