**The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres** is the umbrella association for 25 Friendship Centres in the Province of British Columbia. The Friendship Centre Movement is built on community support, trust, strong leadership, tradition and faith, and is mandated to improve the quality of life for Indigenous Peoples.

**CALL FOR EMCEE**

**CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

The Gathering Our Voices Aboriginal Youth Conference is hosted by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC) and their Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council (BCAAFC – PAYC). The conference will be held from March 21-24, 2017 in Kelowna, BC on the traditional territory of the Westbank First Nations at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre. Up to 1000 youth (14-24) as well as chaperones, presenters and guests will network and learn new techniques and skills in workshops, share knowledge through cultural activities, witness performances by talented individuals, explore career and education possibilities and participate in sports and recreational activities.

**EMCEE INFORMATION**

* Seeking an Indigenous Emcee to host the Gathering Our Voices Aboriginal Youth Conference   
  March 21-24, 2017 in Kelowna, BC.
* The Emcee is a highly visible role within our conference and is responsible for engaging the attendees and ensuring the proceedings run smoothly, accurately and on-time.
* The Emcee will host the Opening Ceremonies on March 21, 2017 and Closing Ceremonies on March 24, 2017 and attend other special events of the conference throughout the 4 days.
* Past Emcees have included: Art Napoleon, Suzette Amaya, Soren Polsen, Kerry Chelsea, Rapsure Risin (Teresa Point and Carrielynn Victor), Kim Harvey and Warren Hooley, Nathanial Arcand and Madelaine McCallum.
* Target audience: Attendees are Indigenous youth 14 -24 years from around BC and Canada, with chaperones, Elders, sponsors and special guests.
* Seeking a dynamic duo, or a young Indigenous youth
* While there are no age restrictions, we seek youth spirited people
* If you choose to apply as a team, it may include:
  + 2 young adults (19-30 years)
  + a young adult and a youth (14-18 years)
  + an Elder and a youth/young adult
  + siblings, cousins, partners
  + Are you in entertainment and enjoy bringing people together?
  + Send a video submission demonstrating your skills and abilities as an Emcee

**THE IDEAL CANDIDATE(S) WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES**

* Be confident in front of a large audience.
* Be an effective, energetic communicator with a clear speaking voice and able to speak without an assistive device like a tele-prompter (sound check/rehearsal time will be provided as well as an advance written script for speaker intros, announcements, etc.).
* Be appealing and engaging to a diverse audience.
* Be able to manage unexpected situations with assurance, composure and grace.
* Be calm, courteous yet assertive – the Emcee will be expected to manage speakers while they are on-stage.
* Be able to follow instructions well (there is a definite timetable of activities for which the Emcee is expected to provide leadership).
* Be able to work effectively with volunteers and event staff.
* Be punctual, reliable and accountable to the youth you are hosting.

**THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY AND BENEFITS TO THE EMCEE INCLUDE**

* Central presence at Indigenous event attended by over 1000 Indigenous delegates.
* Opportunity to present live before and engage with youth on a National stage.
* Opportunity to engage with Indigenous youth during the conference and evening functions.
* Promotional video and or written introduction on the GOV website with companion link to your website.
* Opportunity to host a workshop for youth 14 – 24 years.
* Endless networking opportunities

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 20, 2017**

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Please submit completed application and video by e-mail, fax, or mail to:   
Attn: Lead Conference Coordinator  
Mail: BC Association of   
Aboriginal Friendship Centres  
551 Chatham Street  
Victoria, BC V8T 1E1  
Email: [govcoordinator@bcaafc.com](mailto:govcoordinator@bcaafc.com)   
Fax: 250-388-5502  
Phone: 250-388-5522 or 1-800-990-2432 ext. 210

**EMCEE APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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| Full Name |  |
| Stage Name |  |
| Affiliation (youth group  or organization) |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone / Fax |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Background (short bio) | Attached: o Yes o No |
| Previous Accomplishments |  |
| Compensation Required | o Fees – Details: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o Accommodations  o Travel – From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Resume or other documents attached (optional) | o Yes please list them: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o No |
| References with contact information |  |
| Video Demo a YouTube link featuring yourself presenting and or sharing why you want to be the Emcee.  [govcoordinator@bcaafc.com](mailto:govcoordinator@bcaafc.com)  View Example At: | o Yes |
| Onstage Experience |  |
| Large Group Facilitation | o Yes please list them: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o No |