**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.

**HONOUR AN INDIGENOUS YOUTH CHAMPION IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

**NOMINATION INFORMATION**

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and their Provincial Aboriginal Youth Council (BCAAFC-PAYC) would like to recognize Indigenous Youth Champions. If you know an Indigenous youth (ages 14-24) who has made an outstanding commitment or achievement in their community, please nominate them to receive an Indigenous Youth Champion award. We want to recognize young leaders and young role models who motivate others and show excellence in their chosen pursuits.

Please complete the following information and include a **maximum 250**-word submission outlining the nominated youth’s achievements and how they have been an Indigenous Youth Champion in their community.

**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.

**YOUTH NOMINATION**

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| First/Last Name: | Group Affiliation: |

**NOMINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

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| First Name: | Last Name: |
| Address: | City: |
| Province: | Postal Code: |
| Phone (mobile/work/home) | Email: |
| \*Youth are allowed to nominate themselves for this award\* | |

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2017**

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit completed application 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