

## MANITOBA INDIGENOUS YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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## 30th Annual Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards Gala celebration to be held at the Victoria Inn on Nov 20. 2024.

The MIYAA Planning Committee is pleased to announce that the 2024 MIYAA will be held to celebrate the accomplishments of Indigenous youth in the Province of Manitoba. The community stands together honour outstanding accomplishments of Indigenous youth.

We are pleased to announce that our host for this event is the River East Transcona School Division. The 2024 MIYAA awards will be held on November 20, 2024, at the Victoria Inn Hotel,1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The awards were founded in 1994 to combat negative images of Indigenous youth and to celebrate their achievements. "Youth are gifted, resilient and intelligent and overcome many barriers and challenges in their young lives daily. The MIYAA celebrates and builds up Indigenous youth to encourage them to pursue their visions, dreams, and aspirations to live the Good Life" says MIYAA Co-Chair Helen Robinson-Settee.

MIYAAs are presented to 18 outstanding Indigenous youth between the ages of 16 and 24 excelling in a variety of categories from cultural to academic. An additional award will be presented to a youth to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MIYAA. The recipients are chosen by a committee of Indigenous peers from the community. Since their inception, the MIYAAs have given out 396 awards, thousands of dollars in scholarships through the generosity of many sponsors and reached over 1600 attendees annually.

For the 2024 event, we are honored to have Red Thunder Drum Group lead the ceremony portion of the evening by singing the Honour, Flag and Victory songs. We are also excited to have past MIYAA recipients Gabrielle Fontaine and Steven Quill is this year's event as the Emcees.

"For 30 years, we have organized an event to honour Indigenous youth and celebrate with community their amazing contributions to our province. They are our future leaders that are the heart and soul of our community." says Darlene Daniels, MIYAA Co-Chair.

To learn more about the MIYAA and for the scheduled award presentation to go: http://www.miyaa.ca

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