



Junior K-3

Junior K-3	Award Amount	\$100.00
	Open To	Open to students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 enrolled in a TEA participating First Nations school in the current school year.
	New Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an eagerness and willingness to help others. Shows a curiosity for learning, especially about his/her own First Nation, First Nations culture and language. • Exhibits a deep respect for self, others and Elders in the community. • Expresses/demonstrates a desire to continue learning, have a healthy lifestyle, shares his/her love of learning with others.
	New Sub. Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must include the completed application form • Must be accompanied by a letter AND/OR verbal nomination. • Must include a creative presentation of his/her dream for the future of their First Nation.

Junior 4-7

Junior 4-7	Award Amount	\$100.00
	Open To	Open to students from Grade 4-7 enrolled in a TEA participating First Nations school in the current school year.
	New Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an eagerness and willingness to help others. Shows a curiosity for learning, especially about his/her own First Nation, First Nations culture and language. • Exhibits a deep respect for self, others and Elders in the community. • Expresses/demonstrates a desire to continue learning, have a healthy lifestyle, shares his/her love of learning with others.
	New Sub. Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must include the completed application form. • Must be accompanied by a letter/AND/OR verbal nomination. • Must include a Creative Presentation* of his/her dream for the future of their First Nation.

Senior 8-12

Senior 8-12	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	Open to students from Grade 8-12 enrolled in a TEA participating First Nations school in the current school year. Course credit enrollment may benefit application.
	New Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a commitment to learning: engagement, focus, attendance, participation, initiates problem solving, seeks supports/resources, incorporates culture and values in learning, contributes to the learning and support of others, sets high standards and is knowledgeable about self and identity. • Exhibits a deep respect for self, others and Elders of the community. • Actively participates in school and community cultural activities. • Shows a vision of hope for the future for their First Nation, for Inherent and Treaty Rights and for self.
	New Sub. Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must include the completed application form. • Must be accompanied by a letter/AND/OR verbal nomination. • Must include a Creative Presentation* of lifelong learning and academic excellence clearly demonstrating why the award is deserved.

Educational Leadership

Educational Leadership	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to a teacher and/or Principal in a TEA participating First Nation school in the current school year.
	New Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates leadership through innovation and best practice. • Demonstrates First Nations educational leadership and practice that focuses on the unique context of Indigenous student learning and community building. • Actively engages community Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Nation Building. • Understanding & living Inherent and Treaty Rights.
	New Sub. Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be accompanied by 2 letters/AND/OR verbal nominations. • The nomination may provide examples demonstrating innovative projects, activities and plans which focus on school and student improvement, leading and supporting students to stay in school, persevere in their learning journey, assisting their colleagues in improving their own instructional practice and development.

Community Building

Community Building	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to a community member supporting a TEA participating First Nation or a school support staff (Teacher/Education Assistants, Liaison Workers, Elders, etc.)
	New Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates a commitment to community wellness, safety, and nation building. Shows examples of ongoing and consistent community involvement.
	New Sub. Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be accompanied by 2 letters/AND/OR verbal nominations. Nomination may provide examples of projects, activities and ideas that contribute to community building. Individuals may self-nominate.

TEA Online School - Student

TEA Online School	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students registered in the TEA Online School, from member First Nations
	Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates a commitment to online learning: engagement, participation, technology literacy, initiates problem solving, seeks supports/resources, incorporates culture and values in learning, contributes to the learning and support of others, sets high standards and is knowledgeable about self and identity. Exhibits a deep respect for self, others and Elders of the community. Actively participates in school and community cultural activities. Shows a vision of hope for the future for their First Nation, for Inherent and Treaty Rights and for self. <i>*May be nominated for both TEA Online School award and Senior 8-12 Award but will not be eligible to win in both categories.</i>
	Submission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must include the completed application form. Must be accompanied by a letter/AND/OR verbal nomination. Must include an assignment or activity previously completed in a TEA online class, from the current school year.

TEA Online School - Teacher

Online Learning Teacher	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	Open to Alliance educators using the TEA Online School in the current school year.
	Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates leadership through innovation and collaboration using technology to support engagement of students. • Demonstrates First Nations educational leadership and practice that focuses on the unique context of Indigenous student learning and community building. • Actively engages community Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Nation Building. • Understanding & living Inherent and Treaty Rights.
	Submission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be accompanied by 2 letters/AND/OR verbal nominations. • The nomination may provide examples demonstrating innovative projects, activities and plans which focus on school and student improvement, leading and supporting students to stay in school, persevere in their learning journey, assisting their colleagues in improving their own instructional practice and development.

âhkamêyimo, Kêgo wîkâ kibichikay, Adânga (Keep Going Award) – Student

Keep Going Award	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	Open to students from Grade 6-12 enrolled in a TEA participating First Nations school in the current school year.
	Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with a Language Keeper or Elder to better understand. Follow protocol and ask for a story.
	Submission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative presentation on what it means to them.

âhkamêyimo, Kēgo wīkā kibichikay, Adánga (Keep Going Award) – Teacher/Principal

Keep Going Award	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	Open to a teacher and/or Principal in a TEA participating First Nation school in the current school year.
	Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with a Language Keeper or Elder to better understand. Follow protocol and ask for a story.
	Submission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative presentation on what it means to them.

Learning the Land - Student

Learning the Land	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	Open to students from Grade 6-12 enrolled in a TEA participating First Nations school in the current school year.
	Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with a Language and/or Knowledge Keeper or Elder to better understand the importance of land to identity. Who you are, and where you come from. If appropriate follow local protocol and ask for a story.
	Submission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative presentation on what it means to them. (artwork, essay, photography, photo essay, dance, song writing etc.)

Paraprofessional Excellence

Paraprofessional	Award Amount	\$200.00
	Open To	Open to any employees other than teachers and administration within TEA participating First Nations schools in the current school year.
	Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates service through collaboration with teachers and administration. Demonstrates excellence in relationship building with students, staff, and community. Demonstrates First Nations educational service and practice that focuses on the unique context of Indigenous student learning and community building. Actively serves community Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Nation Building. Understanding & living Inherent and Treaty Rights.
	Submission Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be accompanied by 2 letters/AND/OR verbal nominations. The nomination may provide examples demonstrating collaboration, relationship building, service, and living Inherent and Treaty Rights.

