



POTLATCH FUND

INSPIRING THE NATIVE TRADITION OF GIVING

2017 Application Form

Leadership Honoring Awards

DEADLINE: Monday, May 1, 2017 by 5PM

Our Annual Fundraising Gala is a Northwest Signature Event, which raises the profile of the Native community and highlights the innovative work being undertaken by Tribes and Native nonprofits. Since 2006, the gala has also provided an opportunity for Potlatch Fund to honor Northwest Native leaders making a difference and creating positive change.

Nominations are open to anyone working in one of the five Award Categories listed below. The nomination packages are reviewed annually and awards are presented at the Fundraising Gala, which will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017, location Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort.

HOW TO APPLY:

STEP 1. Completed, sign, and print this **Application Form**.

STEP 2. Compile the following **support materials**:

- Cover letter stating why the candidate should be selected (self-nominations are allowed).
- A 150-word biography that may be printed in the Gala program pamphlet if selected.
- Two current letters of recommendation, limited to one page each.
- A high resolution color image of the candidate in standard 'yearbook' format.

STEP 3. Submit the completed application package to Potlatch Fund by 5PM Monday, May 1, 2017.

- Via email (PDF format preferred), send to: gala@potlatchfund.org
- Via regular mail, send to: Potlatch Fund

Leadership Honoring Awards
801 Second Ave, Suite 304
Seattle, WA 98104

Candidate information:

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Award Category (may only apply under one award category):

- Antone Minthorn **Economic & Community Development** Award
- Pearl Capoeman-Baller **Civic Participation** Award
- Billy Frank Jr. **Natural Resource Protection** Award
- Patricia Whitefoot **Education** Award
- Fran James **Cultural Preservation** Award

By signing this form the candidate consents for their nomination to be forwarded to Potlatch Fund. The candidate also acknowledges that, if they are selected, they will attend the 2017 Fundraising Gala and make short remarks, not to exceed two minutes, to the audience.

Signature of candidate: _____

***Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. All materials MUST be received by 5PM Monday, May 1, 2017* Successful candidates will be contacted to confirm their active participation as an awardee. They will receive two complimentary tickets to the Gala (value \$300), recognition on the website, and a special commemorative award. The Awardee will also be able to give a brief acceptance speech – not to exceed two minutes.**



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(2017 Application on Reverse)



2016 Awardees



Rich Purser



Paul Lumley



Pat Courtney Gold

	Economic & Community Development	Civic Participation	Natural Resource Protection	Education	Cultural Preservation
2016	Rich Purser (Suquamish)	NO AWARD	Paul Lumley (Yakama)	NO AWARD	Pat Courtney Gold (Wasco)
2015	Iris Friday (Tlingit)	Kevin Lenon (Sauk-Suiattle)	Jeromy Sullivan (Port Gamble S'Klallam)	Cornel Pewewardy, PhD (Comanche / Kiowa)	Suzie Bennett (Elwha Klallam)
2014	Ralph Forquera (Juaneño Band of California Mission Indians)	Ramona Bennett (Puyallup)	NO AWARD	Denise Juneau (Mandan and Hidatsa)	Emmett Oliver (Quinault)
2013	Annette M. Bryan (Puyallup)	Deborah Parker (Tulalip)	Robert Elofson (Elwha Klallam)	Virginia Beavert, PhD (Yakama)	Levina Wilkins (Yakama)
2012	Johnpaul Jones (Choctaw / Cherokee)	Julie Johnson (Lummi)	Brian Cladoosby (Swinomish)	Martina Whelshula, PhD (Colville)	Chief Delvis Heath, Sr. (Warm Springs)
2011	Bruce Thomas (Grand Ronde)	John McCoy (Tulalip)	Eric J. Quaepts (Umatilla)	Jamie Valadez (Elwha Klallam)	Leonard Forsman (Suquamish)
2010	LaVerne Wise (Tlingit)	Chara WhiteEagle (Sioux)	Kelly Gemme-Bruce (Suquamish)	Marlene Spencer Simla (Yakama)	Delbert Miller (Skokomish)
2009	Bill Tovey (Umatilla)	Native Vote Washington (Tulalip)	Roy Sampsel (Choctaw / Wyandotte)	Michael Pavel (Skokomish)	Cheryle Kennedy (Grand Ronde)
2008	Donald B. Ivy (Coquille)	Jenine Grey (Tlingit)	Elouise Cobell (Blackfeet)	Denny Hurtado (Skokomish)	Charlene Krise (Squaxin Island)
2007	John Halliday (Muckleshoot)	Claudia Kauffman (Nez Perce)	Bob Kelly (Nooksack)	Ryan Wilson (Oglala / Lakota)	Janeen Comenote (Quinault / Hesquiaht / Qglala)
2006	Valerie Fast Horse (Coeur d' Alene)	Nichole Maher (Tlingit / Haida)	Micah McCarthy (Makah)	Tina Begay (Diné)	Jewell James (Lummi)
2005	Antone Minthorn (Umatilla)	Pearl Capoeman-Baller (Quinault)	Billy Frank, Jr. (Nisqually)	Patricia Whitefoot (Yakama)	Fran James (Lummi)

SAVE-THE-DATE Annual Fundraising Gala

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Among Northwest Coast tribes, a potlatch is a coming together in ceremony, celebration, sharing, and giving. Potlatch Fund honors these traditional values and is dedicated to inspiring the Native tradition of giving by expanding philanthropy within Tribal Nations and communities.

The Annual Gala is Potlatch Fund's major fundraising event and brings together people from many different tribes, organizations, corporations, and communities. nce performances, to support and celebrate Native art and artists, and to assist Potlatch Fund as it undertakes important work throughout Northwest Indian Country.