



## 2026 THE FUTURE IS NOW! AWARDS – NOMINATIONS OVERVIEW

- Any person or organization may nominate a child for the Future is NOW! Awards.
- A valid nomination must contain all information prescribed on the nomination form and:
  - a. be received by CFC via the online nomination form on or before **5 p.m. ET on March 20th, 2026;**
  - b. contain a letter of recommendation/support or community testimonial;
  - c. be made with the knowledge of the nominee and contain a signed statement by the nominee (if 14 or older) and by the nominee's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that consents to the nomination being made and confirms acceptance of these terms and conditions.
- Please complete the online nomination form. Nominations will not be accepted by email or any other format.
- Children First Canada (CFC) will only correspond with the Nominators of the finalists and will not be able to attend to individual correspondences unless it's regarding the withdrawal of a nomination.

### ELIGIBILITY

Please confirm that this nominee meets the eligibility requirements

- a. be under 18 years of age as of June 30th, 2026;
- b. have lived in Canada for at least one year as of June 30th, 2026;
- c. have a clear history of promoting or defending children's rights and measurably improving the lives of young Canadians.
- d. be active (or have been active within the 12 months prior to their nomination) in the initiative for which they are being nominated;
- e. not be a current member of CFC's Youth Advisory Council;
- f. not be the child, grandchild, niece, nephew or cousin of any CFC director, employee, or contractor; and
- g. be living; The Future is NOW! Awards cannot be awarded posthumously.



## OVERVIEW OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Nominee (child/youth being nominated):

First (Given) Name:

Last (Family) Name:

Date of Birth:

Gender (Female/Male/Non-binary/Prefer Not to Say):

Email:

City:

Province:

### Nominator (person/organization nominating the child)

Full Name:

Title:

Organization:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Address:

How long have you known the child? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the child? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Future is NOW Awards? \_\_\_\_\_

### In which category is the Nominee promoting children's rights and improving the lives of young Canadians? (Please select the most relevant category):

- Promoting Mental Health
- Combatting Bullying
- Combatting Systemic Racism & Discrimination
- Promoting Truth and Reconciliation
- Promoting Health and Wellness
- Combatting Violence and/or Abuse
- Ending Poverty, Food Insecurity or Hunger
- Combatting Climate Change
- Promoting Literacy and Equitable Education
- Civic Engagement / Advocacy

**Please explain why you believe the child is eligible for the Future is NOW Awards:**



1. **Leadership:** How is the nominee promoting or defending children's rights and measurably improving the lives of young Canadians? How are they demonstrating courage and conviction?
2. **Collaboration:** How has the nominee engaged others in taking action to promote/defend children's rights and improve the lives of young Canadians? Who have they partnered with and how is their impact increasing through collaboration with others?
3. **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion:** How is the nominee combating discrimination and creating greater pathways to success for young Canadians who experience barriers to full their participation?
4. **Innovation:** How is the nominee disrupting the status quo? How are they changing attitudes, practices or policies and creating opportunities to make life better for young Canadians?
5. **Impact:** What are the measurable ways in which the nominee is improving the lives of young Canadians?
6. **Scalability:** How will the Future is NOW Award enable the nominee to scale and improve their impact on the lives of young Canadians?
7. **Resilience:** What barriers or challenges has the nominee overcome in their own life and how are they using their own experience of adversity to make life better for other young Canadians?

**Please provide some additional context:**

1. Has the child received prior recognition or accolades, such as awards or recognition?
2. Does the child have any experience with media exposure because of their actions?
3. Are there any restrictions to be considered when travelling?
4. Is there anything else you wish to share about the nominee?

PLEASE SUBMIT THE ONLINE FORM BEFORE .

PLEASE INCLUDE:

- HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTO OF THE NOMINEE
- A LETTER OF REFERENCE OR COMMUNITY TESTIMONIAL
- SIGNED AUTHORIZATION FORM COMPLETED BY NOMINEE AND PARENT/ GUARDIAN.