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Tribal Member Elder Recognition Award 2026 Nomination Form

The NVE Tribal Member Elder Recognition Award recognizes a Tribal Member who has shown dedication to Alaska Native culture, heritage and communities. This award is for recognition of Tribal Members who are 65 years of age and older. The individual is recognized as a leader, an educator and/or preserver of Native culture whose accomplishments and/or contributions have benefited NVE Tribal Members and/or other Native peoples.

Your Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Your Nominee's Name: _____

Please explain why you feel your Nominee is deserving of this year's NVE Tribal Member Elder Recognition Award. Please be specific and provide examples.

Mission Statement: *Dedicated to exercising our sovereignty to enhance the well-being of our people, culture, and homelands.*

Vision Statement: *To cultivate a resilient and thriving community where our people are healthy and empowered, our culture is alive, and we honor our lands and waters. Through our relationships, education, healing, and leadership, we uphold our sovereignty and empower current and future generations to sustain our way of life.*

Core Values: *Humility, Accountability, Integrity, Kinship, Respect*

Traditional Values: *God, Loyalty, Humor, Cooperation, Teaching, Cultural Pride, Sharing, Discipline, Language, Respect*

How does your Nominee demonstrate alignment & support for NVE's Mission, Vision, and Values?

Signature

Date

Email to: heather.thorne@eyak-nsn.gov
Or

Send to: Heather Thorne
Native Village of Eyak
PO Box 1388
Cordova, AK 99574

Please attach any additional documents further illustrating your Nominee's efforts. This may include news articles, photos, copies of commendations, and/or letters of support from persons who have worked with your Nominee and/or benefited from their work.

*Nominations may only be submitted by NVE Tribal Members. Nominations must be received by **5pm Monday, July 1st, 2026** for consideration. Please consider nominating a Tribal Member who you feel deserves recognition for their work and achievements during this Fiscal Year 2026, year ending Sept. 30, 2026.*

Nominees convicted of a felony regardless of the jurisdiction will not be considered. Nominees convicted of a misdemeanor will be considered on a case-by-case basis. NVE intends that the winning nominees be present at the Native Village of Eyak Annual Tribal Member Appreciation Meeting held in September.