



Guidelines for the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Award Nominations

BC Achievement recognizes that artificial intelligence (AI) tools are becoming increasingly common and may be helpful in preparing nominations.

We encourage nominators if **they are using AI**, to use it thoughtfully and purposefully, while being mindful of its environmental impact.

The strongest nominations include **specific examples, measurable outcomes, and personal insights** demonstrating the nominee's unique contributions and community impact.

Upon reviewing the final submission, the nominator should ensure the information is:

- **Specific to the nominee and award program.**
- Accurate and relevant.
- Reflective of the nominee's unique contributions and impact.

Avoid relying on broad or generic statements such as:

- "They work tirelessly."
- "They volunteer countless hours."
- "They are passionate about helping others."
- "They make the community a better place."

Instead, provide **specific examples** that demonstrate how the nominee's work has created meaningful impact.

Please write the **Nominator Statement in paragraph form** making it easier for reviewers to read and evaluate and **leave a line** between paragraphs.

We are often asked what makes a strong nominator statement.

To help guide you, we've included **examples of both a more effective and a less effective** statement.

We encourage you to use as much of the available word count as possible to provide specific examples, context, and evidence of your nominee's impact.

The more detail you can share, the better the selection committee can understand the significance of their contributions.

More Effective Example: Specific and Measurable Nominator Statement – BC Reconciliation Award

For more than a decade, Mary Wilson has worked to advance reconciliation by creating meaningful opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to learn, collaborate, and build lasting relationships. Her work is grounded in listening, respect, and a commitment to supporting Indigenous leadership and self-determination.

In 2018, Mary partnered with local First Nations, school districts, and community organizations to establish a cultural learning program that brings Elders, Knowledge Keepers, educators, and students together to share Indigenous histories, languages, and traditions. Since its inception, the program has engaged more than 4,000 students across 15 schools and has become an annual component of the district's educational programming.

Recognizing the need for practical tools to support reconciliation in the workplace, Mary also led the development of a community resource guide for local businesses and nonprofit organizations. The guide, created in collaboration with Indigenous partners, provides recommendations for respectful engagement, procurement opportunities with Indigenous businesses, and approaches to incorporating Indigenous perspectives into organizational practices. More than 150 organizations have accessed and used these resources.

Mary has consistently prioritized Indigenous voices in her work. Rather than leading initiatives independently, she creates space for Indigenous communities to identify priorities and determine outcomes. Her approach has built trust and fostered long-term relationships that continue to benefit communities throughout the region.

In addition, Mary helped organize an annual *Truth and Reconciliation Week* that includes public dialogue sessions, cultural workshops, youth leadership activities, and opportunities for community members to learn from Survivors and Elders. Attendance has grown from 200 participants in its first year to more than 1,200 participants in 2025.

What distinguishes Mary is her commitment to moving reconciliation beyond awareness and into action. She understands that meaningful change requires long-term relationships, shared responsibility, and a willingness to learn and adapt. Her work has increased understanding, strengthened partnerships, and created opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together in respectful and lasting ways.

Less Effective Example: Generic Nominator Statement – BC Reconciliation Award

Mary Wilson is a passionate advocate for reconciliation who has dedicated many years to bringing people together and supporting her community. She works tirelessly to create positive change and is deeply committed to building understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Mary is highly respected and always willing to help others. Her leadership, kindness, and commitment have inspired many people and made a significant difference in the lives of those around her. She has

been involved in numerous initiatives over the years and continues to be a strong voice for reconciliation within her community.

She is known for her positive attitude and her willingness to listen to others. Mary believes in the importance of inclusion, respect, and creating opportunities for everyone to feel welcome and valued. She is passionate about learning and sharing knowledge and encourages others to participate in reconciliation efforts whenever possible.

Mary has supported many events, programs, and activities that promote community engagement and cultural awareness. She is always eager to contribute her time and energy and has built strong relationships with community members and organizations. Her dedication and hard work have earned the admiration and appreciation of those who know her.

Mary's efforts have helped strengthen her community and inspire others to become more involved in reconciliation. She leads by example and demonstrates what it means to be compassionate, collaborative, and committed to positive change. Her work continues to make an important difference, and she is truly deserving of this recognition.

Why this example is less effective: While supportive and well intentioned, this nomination provides **few specific details** of Mary's contributions, the communities involved, measurable outcomes, or the lasting impact of her work. It relies on broad statements rather than demonstrating why her efforts are unique and deserving of recognition.