



Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2026

Application deadline: July 31, 2026

The Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples is inviting First Nations, Métis and Inuit leaders aged 18 to 35 to apply for **Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2026**.

Are you a young Indigenous leader who inspires and motivates others through your work, art, academic achievements or actions? Do you have ideas on how to reduce barriers for Indigenous youth or encourage youth leadership in First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities? The committee wants to hear from you on these themes or any other matters of importance to you and your peers!

The committee will accept submissions until Friday, July 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PT. Selected youth will be invited to travel to Ottawa to testify before the committee and take part in additional program events from Tuesday, October 27, to Thursday, October 29, 2026. Travel expenses will be covered by the committee.

The selected youth will receive invitations in September, along with more details about travel and the event. Submissions and testimony will be used to inform the committee's work.

To apply, you can either:

- Submit a short text (500 words), formally known as a "brief," that will inform the committee's work; or
- Submit creative writing (artwork, poetry, song lyrics, short story, etc.) accompanied by a short statement (max. 500 words) describing your piece, its themes, your goals and/or your vision.

Please ensure that you send your application to the committee by July 31, 2026. You can send it by mail to:

Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2026
c/o Communications Directorate
Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A4

If you mail in your application in a standard envelope using Canada Post, you do not need to use a stamp. Letter mail can be sent to the Senate of Canada postage-free.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

- Email: Chelsea.DeFazio@sen.parl.gc.ca
- Telephone: 343-576-1481

An online version of this form is available at sencanda.ca/voices.

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If you would like to receive an application you can
contact Dawn by email at:
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