



46th National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference

June 1-4, 2026 | DoubleTree by Hilton | Sacramento, California

Exceeding the Vision – Expanding the Possibilities



2026 Outstanding Participant Award Nomination

Selection of Outstanding Participants will be made from nominations submitted by Indian and Native American WIOA Section 166 and Public Law 102-477 Grantees. Travel grants to attend the 46th NINAETC in the amount of \$600.00 will be made on behalf of four (4) Outstanding Participants -- 166 (2) and 477 (2) -- to their respective Grantees or to the recipient. Recipients will be honored at the 46th NINAETC Awards Luncheon during the week of June 1-4, 2026.

- ▶ Each Grantee may nominate only one (1) participant (current or former) for the 2026 Outstanding Participant Award.
- ▶ To be considered for an award, Part I and Part II must be completed. Grantee may include supporting materials.
- ▶ **The nominee must submit an essay** (minimum of one page) stating: status prior to program (education level, employment and skills/abilities); barriers they needed to overcome; and how the 166/477 Program affected their life in a positive way.
- ▶ The nominee must submit a recent high-resolution digital photograph (for publication in program booklet).
- ▶ Submit two (2) letters of personal recommendations other than 166/477 staff (church, tribal leaders, community organization, etc.).

PART I - NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Nominee's Name:		Daytime Phone:	
Mailing Address:		Tribal Affiliation:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Email:
Brief statement of why this nominee should be selected to receive this award:			

NOMINATION DUE DATE

The completed nomination form and all required supporting documents must be sent to 2026 NINAETC Awards Committee at training@cimcinc.com.

Nominations must be received by March 24, 2026.

Any questions regarding the 2026 Outstanding Participant Award nomination process may be directed to: Michael Martin at mmartin@nacswny.org or (716) 874-4460.

PART II - NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Contact Person:	Title/Position:	
Grantee:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Daytime Phone:	Fax No.:	
Email Address:		

I hereby submit this nomination in consideration for the 2026 Outstanding Participant Award. Nominee was a participant in our _____ (OST/OJT/WEX/etc.) program in Program Year _____.

*Director's
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Director's Name/Title (Printed): _____*

2026 OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANT NOMINATION

Nominee: _____

Grantee: _____

NOMINEE SELF-COMPOSED ESSAY:

Please submit an essay on status prior to program (education level, employment and skills/abilities), barriers they needed to overcome, and how the WIOA 166 or PL 102-477 program affected your life in a positive way.