

# Presidents Awards to note achievements

To recognize those Alaska Natives who have made substantial contributions in their respective fields on behalf of Alaska Natives, this year

AFN President Janie Leask said in the past there has not been enough recognition by Alaska Natives of their own people who have made significant achievements. With the President's Awards Alaska Native people can now recognize those outstanding among them, she said.

This year's awards, to be presented at the AFN Convention, are in the areas of health, education, small business and Indian housing. A special award in honor of Della Keats will also be presented.



## NOMINATIONS

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual to be considered for a President's Award should prepare a nomination which includes:

- \* Nominee's full name, address and telephone number
  - \* Category of Award (Education, Health, Small Business or Indian Housing)
  - \* Sponsor's name, address and telephone number
  - \* Nominee's occupation
  - \* A statement clearly describing why the nominee deserves recognition for this particular award
  - \* Any additional data that supports the endorsement of the nominee.
- nominations should be submitted to the AFN office prior to October 1,

1986. Nominations will be presented to the AFN's category award committees for review and selection in early October.



## AFN'S DELLA KEATS AWARD

The AFN's Della Keats Award is presented to an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity as a health care provider and whose accomplishments have most directly affected Native people in their home community.



## AFN PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR HEALTH

The AFN President's Award for Health is presented to an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the health field and whose accomplishments have improved the health of Alaska Natives.

Nominations for this award may be made in the areas of advocacy, health program administration and health promotion.

Nominees could include "638" contractors, IHS personnel, political advocates and all health professions and disciplines.



## AFN PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATION

The AFN President's Award for Education is presented to an Alaska

Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the educational field and whose accomplishments have improved the educational opportunities of Alaska Natives.

Nominations for this award may be made for dedicated individuals who are involved in traditional education, pre-school elementary, secondary or post-secondary education who have had a positive impact on Native people and their lives.

Nominees could include: traditional/cultural educators, parent committee members, teachers, teacher aides, school board members, administrators, advocates of education and all education related professions.

Criteria considered important include: 1) respect of Elders, peers and youth; 2) ability to foster greater self-esteem and pride in Native people; 3) on-going involvement in education-related community activities; 4) ability to effectively bridge gaps between parents, students, school and community; and 5) quality work which sparks life-long learning as an important process for Native people.



## AFN PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR SMALL BUSINESS

The AFN President's Award for Small Business is presented to an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the business field and whose accomplishments have improved the economic opportunities of Alaska Natives.

Nominations for this award may be made for dedicated individuals who are involved in activities such as: village store operations, fish process-

ing, natural resource development, arts & crafts, transportation, services, and small community projects.

Criteria considered important include: 1) response to adversity - examples of problems faced by the business and the solutions taken in resolving them; 2) staying power - a substantiated history as an established business in Alaska; 3) employment opportunities - impact of the business on the job opportunities in the community; 4) evidence of contributions by the nominee in community related activities; 5) nominee's ability to foster greater self-esteem and pride in Native people; and 6) respect of Elders, peers and community.



## AFN PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR INDIAN HOUSING

The AFN Presidents Award for Indian Housing is presented to an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the housing field and whose accomplishments have improved the housing conditions and opportunities of Alaska Natives.

Nominations for this award may be made for dedicated individuals who are involved in activities such as: Housing Commissioners, Housing administrators, field staff working on housing-related activities, community members active in housing issues for their community and all housing professions and disciplines.

Criteria considered most important is the role the nominee has played in the development of Alaska Housing.

For more information, contact AFN at 274-3611.