



First Nations Leading the Way Conference

October 15-16, 2026 | Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

2026 YOUTH & ELDER APPLICATION

We are pleased to offer a **limited number of seats** for **First Nations Youth (ages 18–30)** and **community-recognized Elders** to attend the **9th Annual First Nations Leading the Way Conference**, taking place at the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver** in downtown Vancouver, B.C.

To enhance equitable access and reduce financial barriers, travel and accommodation will be covered for applicants who submit a completed application and are successful through the established approval process. To support planning and logistics, please ensure that the application form below is filled out with complete and accurate information. While every effort will be made to accommodate identified special needs and requirements, we cannot guarantee that all requests can be fulfilled.

Attendance is contingent upon successful application and being available to participate fully in the following schedule:

- **Wednesday, October 14:** Arrive before 12:00 PM (PT)
- **Thursday, October 15 – Friday, October 16:** Attend both full conference days from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (PT)
- **Friday, October 16:** Depart after 4:00 PM (PT)

This event is funded, and we cover travel and accommodations for youth and Elders; however, cancellations, changes, or double bookings reduce our budget and limit how many participants we can support. Please ensure you are available for the event dates and submit a complete application, as avoidable scheduling changes may prevent others from attending.

SELECTION PROCESS - QUESTIONS

All applications will be reviewed by a dedicated working group. Your responses—particularly where you tell us about yourself and why you are interested in attending—are an important part of this process and help us thoughtfully determine who will benefit most from this funded opportunity and experience.

While we welcome multiple applications, please note the following:

- **Space is limited**, and timing of application submission will be taken into consideration
- **Priority may be given to individuals nominated by their Nations' Leadership.**
- Unfortunately, we can accept only one Youth representative and one Elder representative per Nation.

As a result, **not all applications will be approved**. We truly appreciate the time and care each applicant puts into their submission. Those who are not selected are warmly invited to participate **virtually**, so everyone still has an opportunity to be part of the experience.

Tell us a little about yourself and why you want to attend?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?	
What areas of personal or cultural growth are you currently focused on? OR How do you plan to bring what you learn back to your community?	

CONTACT INFORMATION

Legal First Name		Last Name	
Preferred Name		Pronoun <i>(Optional)</i>	
Date of Birth		Age	
Title, if any <i>(Optional)</i>		Phone Number	
Email Address			
Home Address	Street		
	City		
	Province		Postal Code
Which First Nation do you represent?			
Emergency Contact		Emergency Contact Phone Number	
What is the best method to contact you by?	Email	Phone	Text
Have you applied or attended in the past?	Applied	Attended	Neither

PER DIEMS

Per diems will be calculated based on your approved travel plan. The organizers aim to process these in advance so that funds can be distributed via cheque or EFT during the event. Per diem cheques are based upon the following factors:

- **Breakfast** - *If in transit before 7:30 am*
- **Lunch** - *If in transit between 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm*
- **Dinner** - *If in transit after 6:00 pm*
- **Incidentals** – *When staying overnight at a hotel*
- **Mileage** – *Travel from your home to the venue or nearest airport*

How do you prefer payment?	Cheque in hand	Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	Other
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TRAVEL

Bookings are based on the most direct and cost-effective option.

Will your Nation arrange your travel and accommodations?	Yes	No	
<u>If no</u> , what method of travel will you require?	Driving	Flight	Train/Ferry/other
Your preferred travel <i>(Optional)</i>			
Flight preferences <i>(Optional)</i>			
Preferred flight times	Morning	Afternoon	No Preference
Departure Airport			

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations will be booked based on your travel plan and required evenings.

Do you require Accommodations?	Yes	No
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Do you have any mobility issues?	Yes	No
Do you have any dietary restrictions?	Yes	No
If yes, please detail		

For Elders

Do you require a caretaker onsite?	Yes	No	
If so, please identify your caretakers' name		Caretaker Phone Number	



CODE OF CONDUCT – First Nations Leading the Way Conference

I, the undersigned, agree to conduct myself in accordance with the terms of this Code of Conduct at all times while attending the **First Nations Leading the Way Conference** in **Vancouver, British Columbia, October 15–16, 2026**.

I agree to abide by this Code of Conduct at all times while at the Conference, including but not limited to:

- a. In transit to the Conference;
- b. While attending any event or function during the Conference;
- c. While at a hotel or other accommodation during the Conference; and
- d. In transit from the Conference.

I acknowledge that **full attendance is a condition of participation**. I agree to:

- Attend each conference day in full from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Understand that failure to be present for the full daily schedule, without prior approval, may result in being asked to leave the Conference early, including forfeiture of travel and accommodation arrangements.

I further agree to adhere to the following principles and responsibilities governing my professional and ethical conduct to the best of my ability while at the Conference:

- a. I will conduct myself in a reasonable, respectful, considerate, and lawful manner;
- b. I will not act, speak, or otherwise communicate in a manner that is offensive, obscene, or that reasonable persons may consider offensive or obscene;
- c. I will be respectful toward speakers and others expressing their opinions and refrain from causing a nuisance, interruption, or disturbance of program content;
- d. I will comply promptly with FNLTW's and FMB's reasonable and lawful directions and those of authorized staff, contractors, and venue representatives;
- e. I will not place the safety and health of any person at the Conference at risk;
- f. If legally authorized to consume alcohol, I will do so reasonably and responsibly;
- g. I will not bring illegal drugs into the event venue or hotel accommodations, nor consume them while at the Conference;
- h. I will not cause personal injury to, defame any person, or damage the property of any person.

FNLTW or FMB may, **without liability**, eject me (and/or a relevant person) from the Conference and/or refuse entry if it reasonably considers that I or a relevant person are in breach of this Code of Conduct.

SIGNATURE

I confirm that I have read the following in detail and provided responses to the best of my knowledge. I take full responsibility for my actions.

SIGNATURE

DATE



PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO CONSENT, WAIVER, INDEMNITY AND RELEASE

I, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission to First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB) and its representatives to publish the photos and recording I may be featured in in future First Nations Leading the Way promotional materials.

I understand that these videos will be distributed to spread awareness of Leading the Way and the initiatives they provide. Photographic, audio or video recordings may be used for:

- Presentations
- Social Media content
- Leading the Way website

I understand that FMB and the conference organizers will make reasonable efforts to ensure that all materials accurately reflect the purpose of the conference, including raising awareness of the annual gathering and highlighting First Nations success.

Waiver, Indemnity and Release

I hereby waive any right to approve the use of the images or recordings or any written copy. I further waive all moral rights. I hereby release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the producers from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the images, recordings or materials, including but not limited to claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, or rights of publicity or copyright infringement, or any misuse, distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form that may occur or be produced in taking, processing, reduction or production of the finished product, its publication or distribution.

Before signing below, I have read this document, and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this consent, waiver, indemnity, and release.

SIGNATURE

I confirm that I have read the following in detail and provided responses to the best of my knowledge.

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Applications due Friday, August 28th. Email completed applications to info@fnleadingtheway.com.