



**British Columbia
Assembly of First Nations**



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2026 BCAFN ELECTION INFORMATION – FEMALE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

The following election guidelines apply to the election for the Female Youth Representative position at the BC Assembly of First Nations (“BCAFN”) Annual General Meeting, taking place on October 15, 2026 (“Election Day”). The deadline to submit a complete Candidate Package is 11:59 PM on **August 31, 2026**.

The position of Female Youth Representative is a volunteer position. Any honorariums for meeting attendance or reimbursement of expenses incurred as Female Youth Representative will be made in accordance with applicable AFN Female Youth Council guidelines.

ELECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Candidates are encouraged to review the BC Assembly of First Nations’ Governance Manual. Please contact the BCAFN office via Maureen Buchan, maureen.buchan@bcafn.ca to request a copy. Candidates may ask their nominating First Nation to request a copy of the BCAFN membership list for campaign purposes. Nations should make such requests to Maureen Buchan, maureen.buchan@bcafn.ca.

Candidates and all individuals engaged in campaign activities on a candidate’s behalf are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner and to adhere to and comply with the Principles to Combat Bullying and Harassment that are attached as Schedule “A” to the Governance Manual.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

A candidate for Youth Representative must be nominated by a minimum of two (2) members of the BCAFN as represented by the Chief or Chief’s designate (“member delegate”) as recorded on the BCAFN Membership List.

To nominate a candidate for this position, the completed Nomination Form must be submitted along with the complete Acceptance of Nomination Form. Both must be returned to the Electoral Officer at least 45 days before Election Day (**before 11:59 PM on August 31, 2026**).



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CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must:

1. Be a member or citizen of a First Nation in British Columbia; and
2. Be a female in a leadership position between the ages of 16 and 29 on the date of the election; and
3. Meet any requirements set out in the terms of reference for the AFN Youth Council.

CANDIDATE PACKAGE

Candidates or their Nominees must provide the Electoral Officer with the following material:

1. Nomination Form;
2. Acceptance of Nomination Form;
3. A one-page profile of the Nominee in Microsoft Word; and
4. A biographical photo in JPEG format (optional).

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Each member of the BC Assembly of First Nations shall have one vote which may only be exercised by their representative (member delegate) as set out on the Membership List or proxy duly appointed pursuant to the BCAFN's Governance Manual.

Given the technicalities involved with appointing a proxy for electronic voting, all proxy forms are encouraged to be submitted by Monday October 12, 2026. Detailed proxy appointment procedure will be made available to members in advance of the AGM.

VOTING PROCEDURE

The voting process will be conducted in accordance with Schedule "C" (the Electronic Voting Framework) of the Governance Manual.

Voting shall commence at 10:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m. on October 15, 2026.

The election shall be conducted using electronic voting.

ELECTING FEMALE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

If there is only one candidate for Female Youth Representative, she shall win by acclamation. If there is more than one candidate, an election by secret ballot will be held. The candidate with the most votes shall be considered the winning candidate. In the event of a tie, another round of voting will be organized at a future date.



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FEMALE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE - NOMINATION FORM

We, member delegates who represent members of the BC Assembly of First Nations, nominate

_____ to run in the October 2026 election for position of Female Youth Representative of the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations and to represent the BC First Nations at the Assembly of First Nations.

1. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

2. _____ X _____ First Nation: _____
(Please Print Name in Full) (Signature) (Print Full Name)

Please return the completed form to Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer by email:
ronlauferelections@gmail.com before 11:59 pm on August 31, 2026.

Office Use Only - Received in complete form by the Electoral Officer: _____, 2026

at _____ o'clock

Signed: _____



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BCAFN FEMALE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE – ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION FORM

I, _____, born _____ (date), accept my nomination to run for **Female Youth Representative** in the October 2026 election of the BC Assembly of First Nations.

Name on Ballot: _____ First Nation: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OPTIONAL - I appoint _____ to act as my Scrutineer at the election.

Scrutineer's address: _____ [street or post box address]

_____ [city or town] _____ [postal code]

(_____) _____ [phone number]

_____ [e-mail address, if available]

Please return the completed form to Ron Laufer, BCAFN Electoral Officer by email: ronlauferelections@gmail.com before 11:59 pm on August 31, 2026.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (604) 715-4777.

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