



**THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION
LITERACY AWARD**

Celebrating Literacy Achievements in Nova Scotia

2011 Nova Scotia Call for Nominations



Message from Premier Darrell Dexter



Improving literacy and essential skills is key to making life better for Nova Scotians. In addition to increasing workforce productivity and employment opportunities, improved literacy and essential skills also lead to a greater sense of confidence and engagement in family, community and civic society.

That's one reason why Nova Scotia's new jobsHere strategy is focused on growing the economy and helping Nova Scotians build new skills and learn new technology, by providing more learning, skills development and apprenticeship opportunities.

In recognition of the importance literacy plays in the social, economic and fiscal well-being of our country and its citizens, the Canadian Premiers established the Council of the Federation Literacy Award, which is presented annually for achievements in the field of literacy. In Nova Scotia, this award recognizes an adult learner who has made outstanding progress while also demonstrating leadership in his or her community, workplace or school.

Please take the opportunity to recognize an exceptional adult learner in your community by nominating him or her for the 2011 Council of the Federation Literacy Award. By doing so, you will be supporting the many Nova Scotian adults who have taken important steps to improve their education and work skills. They truly are role models whose example will help inspire others to do the same. Please send in your nominations today.

Sincerely,

Darrell Dexter
Premier of Nova Scotia

Council of the Federation Literacy Award

What is the Council of the Federation?

The Council of the Federation comprises the 13 Premiers in Canada who work together on a number of key initiatives that are important to all Canadians.

What is the Council of the Federation Literacy Award?

The Council of the Federation Literacy Award is a national award that celebrates outstanding achievements in literacy. This award was first granted in 2005 by Canada's Premiers. The award is given annually to a recipient in each province and territory who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the field of literacy.

Who can be nominated?

To be eligible, the nominee must

- be an adult literacy learner, at least 19 years of age, and out of the regular public school system
- be a resident of Nova Scotia
- have made outstanding progress in his or her learning
- have demonstrated leadership in his or her community, workplace, and/or school

How will the Council of the Federation Literacy Award winner be chosen?

A selection committee from business, education, and community organizations will be formed to review the nominations and select the recipient.

What does the selected Award winner receive?

The Council of the Federation Literacy Award winner will be presented with a medallion and a certificate of merit by the Premier of Nova Scotia. The name of the recipient and the year awarded will be inscribed on the medallion as well as the insignia of the Council of the Federation. The award recipient for each province and territory is officially announced at the Council of the Federation annual meeting in August. In Nova Scotia, the award is presented in September.

How to Nominate an Outstanding Adult Learner

Please provide:

1. a completed nomination form (see attached)
2. a personal story written by the nominee describing learning progress and personal achievements including
 - changes made in literacy skills
 - community participation
 - personal development and leadership skills
 - any awards and recognition that the nominee has received

The nominee's story must be a maximum of two typewritten or legibly written pages. The nominee may receive help in writing his or her personal story.

3. two letters of support
 - one letter must be from a representative of an adult learning program the nominee attends
 - the other letter may be from an individual who has been inspired by the nominee an employer, community organization, or fellow student

Letters of support must be a maximum of two typewritten or legibly written pages and should include specific examples of why the nominee deserves the award.

Nomination Checklist:

- a completed nomination form
- a personal story written by the nominee
- two letters of support
- nomination is postmarked by Friday, April 29, 2011
- completed nomination package is sent to:

Council of the Federation Literacy Award
Department of Labour and Advanced Education
c/o Adult Education Division
2021 Brunswick Street, 4th Floor, Brunswick Place
P.O. Box 578
Halifax, NS B3J 2S9
Toll-Free: 1-877-GoNSSAL (466-7725)

To download a nomination form or for more information, visit: www.goNSSAL.ca

Council of the Federation Literacy Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Please print clearly and sign below.

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY/TOWN

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HOME TELEPHONE

WORK TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

I, _____, agree to be nominated for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award. I confirm the information provided is accurate, and I consent to the use and exchange of this information by and between the Province of Nova Scotia and the Council of the Federation Literacy Award Selection Committee for the sole purpose of evaluating and selecting award recipients. If I receive the award, I also consent to having my name, age, hometown, summary of achievements, and photograph released to the media and included in Nova Scotia government publications for publicity purposes associated with the award.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

Nominator Information

Please print clearly and sign below.

NAME

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