



# THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION LITERACY AWARD

Celebrating Literacy Achievements in Nova Scotia

## 2024 Nova Scotia Call for Nominations



# Premier's Message

We're committed to providing programs and initiatives that help Nova Scotians develop the skills they need to realize their potential in our growing workforce and economy.

Literacy of all types opens doors at any stage of life. It provides us with the confidence we need to succeed in school, at the workplace, and in our communities. It enables us to connect meaningfully with one another and share experiences and knowledge that contribute to our collective wellbeing.

To recognize the importance of literacy, every year, Canadian Premiers present the Council of the Federation Literacy Award in the field of literacy achievement. In Nova Scotia, this award is presented to an adult learner who has made outstanding literacy progress and has demonstrated excellent leadership in their community, school, or workplace.

I encourage you to recognize an adult learner in your community by submitting a nomination for the 2024 Council of the Federation Literacy Award. You will be supporting the many dedicated Nova Scotians whose hard work and commitment to continued learning inspires others in all regions of our province.

Yours truly,

Honourable Tim Houston,  
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 18 years of age, and out of the regular public school system
- be a resident of Nova Scotia
- have made outstanding progress in their learning
- have demonstrated leadership in their 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 Nova Scotia the award will be presented at a local ceremony in the winner's region.

# 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 their 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 submitted by June 17th, 2024**
- completed nomination package can be mailed to:

Council of the Federation Literacy Award  
Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration  
c/o Adult Education Division  
P.O. Box 697  
Halifax, NS B3J 2T8

or emailed to:  
NSSAL@novascotia.ca

To download a nomination form or for more information, visit: [novascotia.ca/lae/cof-literacy-award.asp](http://novascotia.ca/lae/cof-literacy-award.asp)

# Council of the Federation Literacy Award Nomination Form

## Nominee Information

Please print clearly and sign below.

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NAME

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MAILING ADDRESS

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CITY/TOWN

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PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

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HOME TELEPHONE

WORK TELEPHONE

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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.

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SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

## Nominator Information

Please print clearly and sign below.

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