

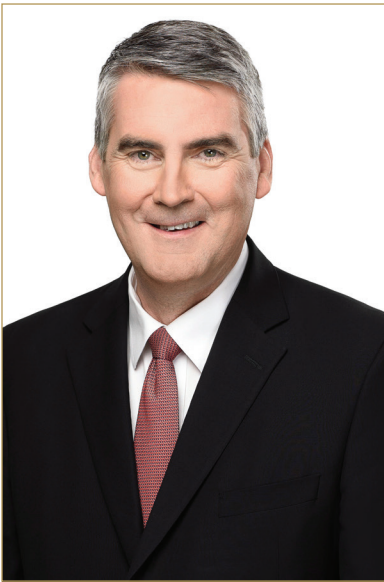


**THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION  
LITERACY AWARD**

Celebrating Literacy Achievements in Nova Scotia

2020 Nova Scotia Call for Nominations

# Message from Premier Stephen McNeil



Literacy builds the confidence we need to create our own opportunities and pursue meaningful careers. It allows us to reach our full potential and become contributing members of our communities.

The government of Nova Scotia recognizes the importance of lifelong learning and the impact it has on our wellbeing. We are committed to helping all Nova Scotians connect to programs and initiatives that will help them develop the skills they need to thrive and contribute to the province's growing workforce. That is why we continue to increase access to adult learning programs, post-secondary studies, and career development opportunities.

In recognition of the importance of literacy, Canadian Premiers present the Council of the Federation Literacy Award each year in the field of literacy achievement. In Nova Scotia, this award is presented to an adult learner who demonstrates outstanding achievements in literacy and makes a significant contribution to their school, workplace or community.

I encourage you to recognize an adult learner in your community by submitting a nomination for the 2020 Council of the Federation Literacy Award. You will be supporting the many dedicated Nova Scotians whose example helps inspire others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.  
Premier

# 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 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 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 submitted by June 19th, 2020**
- completed nomination package can be mailed to:

Council of the Federation Literacy Award  
Department of Labour and Advanced Education  
c/o Adult Education Division  
P.O. Box 697  
Halifax, NS B3J 2T8  
902-424-8081

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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