



THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION
LITERACY AWARD

2018

**NEW BRUNSWICK'S
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**



The Council of the Federation was created in 2003 by Canada's Premiers because they believed it was important for provinces and territories to be leaders in matters that are important to all Canadians. In 2004, the Council of the Federation agreed to recognize achievements in literacy in every province and territory through the Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

A Message from the Premier

Literacy education leads to transformative changes for many individuals and serves as a stepping stone helping New Brunswick families throughout their lives. It is essential that we equip New Brunswickers with the skills they need to gain and retain employment.

Literacy skills are essential to building not only an economy, but also a vibrant society. We see many adults continue to take the courageous first step toward improving their literacy skills by enrolling in a literacy program or contacting a literacy tutor. I want our citizens to continue to prosper and have every advantage in their efforts to do so.

In order to grow our economy by way of increasing literacy levels, government cannot act alone. We are fortunate that New Brunswick's many literacy providers continue to assist in responding to the diverse needs of their communities by providing a network of support.

We wholeheartedly support the important work of improving literacy levels in New Brunswick and are happy to announce that nominations have opened for New Brunswick's 2018 Council of the Federation Literacy Award, which honour adult learners.

You are encouraged to nominate a New Brunswick adult learner who has demonstrated exceptional commitment and advancement in adult literacy.

Brian Gallant

How to Make a Nomination

Nominations are invited for individual New Brunswick adult literacy learners. New Brunswick's 2018 "Adult Learner" nominations will demonstrate the learner's outstanding progress, have a strong recommendation from a teacher or tutor and have overcome adversity in reaching their achievement.

You can nominate (or self-nominate) any adult learner in your community or region who:

- resides in New Brunswick
- consents to his/her nomination
- in the last 18 months, actively participated in a New Brunswick Community Adult Literacy program, a Workplace Essential Skills initiative or has received personal tutoring in literacy;
- made remarkable progress in his/her literacy learning, built on his/her learning and progressed closer to his/her goal; or
- demonstrated exceptional commitment to his/her literacy development by giving back to the community (via community service, leadership, etc.).

In addition to a monetary prize of \$150 and a donation of \$150 to a New Brunswick non-profit adult literacy organization (chosen by the recipient's nominator), the award recipient will receive a Council of the Federation Literacy Award medallion and certificate.

Nominations must include:

1. A nomination form completed and signed by the nominee.
2. A brief personal history of the nominee. It can be written by the nominee or the nominator. It must answer the following questions about the nominee's experience:
 - Why did you decide to improve your literacy skills? What are your long-term goals?
 - Provide examples of your dedication and your commitment to improving your literacy skills?
 - What progress have you made in regards to improving your literacy skills? How has this changed or influenced your life?

The personal history document should not exceed two typed pages or three legible handwritten pages.

3. a) Two letters of support:
 - one from a literacy teacher or guardian of the nominee; and
 - one from another person (a family member, friend, employer or another student) who has been aided or inspired by the nominee.b) Letters of support should be a maximum of one typed page and should answer the following questions:
 - Why does the nominee deserve the award? and
 - How has the progress of the nominee affected him/her?
4. The name and address of the New Brunswick non-profit adult literacy organization to receive a donation (chosen by the nominator).

The nomination form, information about the nominee, two letters of support and the name and address of the nominator's choice of a New Brunswick non-profit adult literacy organization
must be mailed / emailed on or before April 30, 2018 to:

Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour
c/o Employment & Continuous Learning Services Branch

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P.O. Box 6000, 470 York Street

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OR

Email: ecls-seac@gnb.ca

Nominations will be assessed by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour's advisory group on matters related to adult literacy and provincial literacy partners.

The names of the 2018 Canadian Council of the Federation Literacy Award recipients will be announced at the Council of the Federation meeting scheduled to be held in St. Andrews, New Brunswick during mid July 2018. The two New Brunswick recipients (one Anglophone and one Francophone) will be presented with their Council of the Federation Literacy Award medallions and certificates on New Brunswick Literacy Day, April 17, 2019.

Past winners and individual members of the selection committee and their families are not eligible for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award (New Brunswick).