



THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION
LITERACY AWARD

2017

**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

If we want to improve the quality of life for New Brunswick families, one of the best investments we can make is in education and training. Investments in education and training are not only good for the economy, they are also good to ensure a strong quality of life. That is why education is one of your government's top priorities.

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. We want our citizens to continue to prosper and have every advantage in their efforts to do so.

When it comes to growing 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 2017 Council of the Federation Literacy Award, which honour adult literacy educators.

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

Brian Gallant

How to Make a Nomination

Nominations are invited for individual New Brunswick *adult literacy educators*. New Brunswick's 2017 "Adult literacy educator" nominations will highlight Educators who had a visible impact on the lives of learners and on literacy delivery and their communities. They have exceptional abilities to understand, advocate and promote life-long learning through their teaching, research or program development.

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

- resides in New Brunswick;
- is an adult literacy educator;
- consents to his/her nomination;
- has taught a Community Adult Literacy program in New Brunswick, a Workplace Essential Skills initiative or has been a community-based adult literacy tutor;
- had learners who benefited greatly and/or have developed/used innovated teaching techniques to help learners achieve success; and/or
- has demonstrated exceptional commitment to 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 document featuring the nominee's success as an adult literacy educator. It can be written by the nominee or the person making the nomination. It must answer the following questions about the nominee's experience:
 - How has the nominee made a difference in the lives of learners?
 - What does the nominee consider to be his / her most remarkable accomplishments?
 - What are some examples of the nominee's dedication and commitment to improving literacy skills in New Brunswick?

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

3. a) Two letters of support:
 - From a learner or colleague of the nominee; and
 - From another person (colleague or employer) 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 nominee's contributions impacted community literacy programs?
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 28, 2017 to:

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

Joanna Desormeaux
P.O. Box 6000, 470 York Street
Fredericton (N.B.) E3B 3P7

OR

Email: ecis-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 2017 Canadian Council of the Federation Literacy Award recipients will be announced at the Council of the Federation meeting scheduled to be held in Edmonton, Alberta during mid July 2017. 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 18, 2018.

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).



Nomination Form

New Brunswick's 2017 Category: Adult Literacy Educator

1. Nominee Information *(Please print clearly and sign below.)*

Name _____

Address — House Number/Street or Route/Postal Box

City/Town/Village _____

Province _____

Postal Code _____

Home Telephone _____

Work Telephone _____

Email _____

Consent to Information Release

By signing my name, I _____ *(signature of nominee)* agree to be nominated for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award and confirm the information provided is accurate. I consent to the release of the information contained in this nomination (name, location and summary of achievements) for award evaluation and selection; and if I receive the award, I also consent to having my name, community, summary of achievements and photograph released to the media and included in the Government of New Brunswick and the Council of the Federation publications for publicity purposes associated with the award.

*** If self-nominated, please proceed directly to Item 3.**

2. Nominator Information *(To be completed if someone other than the nominee is submitting the nomination. -Please print clearly and sign below.)*

Name _____

Address — House Number/Street or Route/Postal Box

City/Town/Village _____

Province _____

Postal Code _____

Home Telephone _____

Work Telephone _____

Email _____

Signature of Nominator _____,

***Please complete Item 3.**

3. Name and address of Non-Profit Adult Literacy Organization *-(To be completed by the nominator / self-nominated nominee.)*

Name and address of Non-Profit Adult Literacy Organization

Name and address of New Brunswick Non-Profit Adult Literacy Organization to Receive a Donation