

Council of the Federation Literacy Award

Manitoba Call for Nominations

2009



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The Premier of Manitoba invites you to nominate deserving adult learners for the 2009 Council of the Federation Literacy Award

Nomination Deadline: May 27, 2009

The Council of the Federation

In July 2004 Canada's Premiers decided to create a special annual award to recognize achievements in literacy across the country. The Council of the Federation (COF) Literacy Award acknowledges outstanding achievement, innovative practice and excellence in literacy. Each year 13 COF Literacy Medallions are awarded, one in each province and territory.

The COF Literacy Award for Manitoba recognizes achievement in adult literacy. In 2009 this award will be given to an individual adult literacy learner.

Who Can Be Nominated?

To be eligible, the nominee must:

1. be an adult literacy learner in Manitoba, who has been actively involved in literacy/essential skills programming within the past 18 months
2. reside in Manitoba
3. have made significant progress in his or her learning
4. have assisted others with learning and/or impacted others in the literacy community
5. consent to his/her nomination

Who Can Be a Nominator?

Eligible nominators may be:

- Literacy educators or volunteers currently engaged in literacy/essential skill instruction
- Public, private or non-profit programs, groups or organizations involved with literacy delivery, research or advocacy
- Businesses or corporations or labour organizations who operate workplace literacy/essential skill programs
- Manitobans who recognize the literacy achievement of an adult learner

Employees of the Government of Manitoba and individual members of the selection committee and their families are not eligible for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award (Manitoba).

Judging

An independent selection committee in each province and territory reviews the nominations and selects the award recipient for that province or territory.

The selected award winner will be notified before the August 2009 announcement.

The Award Presentation

The award consists of a medallion and certificate.

The recipient for each province and territory will be announced by the Premiers at the annual meeting of the Council of the Federation. For 2009, the announcement will take place in August.

The award will be presented to the Manitoba COF Literacy Award recipient in the Fall 2009.



Submitting a Manitoba COF Literacy Nomination

Nominators should be persons who are familiar with the literacy activity of the candidate. Separate nominations may be submitted for as many individuals as desired.

The nomination package should include the following information:

1. A complete the nomination sheet (attached).

- Please type or print clearly. Ensure that the candidate's name is correctly spelled as it will be used on official materials.

2. A history outline of the nominee's involvement with literacy, describing his or her progress and including specific examples of perseverance and impact of literacy progress:

- What life was like before improving his or her literacy skills
- What challenges were met or what obstacles overcome
- How he or she made changes in his or her literacy level
- How literacy achievements have made a difference in his or her life
- Any awards and recognition he or she has received
- How he or she has helped others and/or contributed to the community.

A Summary indicating:

- What is exceptional about the literacy candidate? How is the nominee an inspiration to others? Why should the award be given to this person?

Additional Documentation: Include printed matter such as letters, news clippings, pamphlets, testimonials, and/or examples of materials developed by the nominee, if directly related to the candidate's literacy achievement and how the improvement has allowed the nominee to contribute more fully to self, family, community or work.

3. Two letters of support:

- One from someone involved with assisting the nominee with his or her literacy progress
- One from another person (for example, a family member, friend, employer, fellow student, or someone the nominee has aided or inspired)

Send the completed nomination package before May 27, 2009 to:

COF Literacy Award Selection Committee
Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy
350-800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4

Phone: (204) 945-1053
Or Toll-free 1-800-282-8069 ext 8247 outside of Winnipeg

To download a nomination form or for more information visit: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ael/all/index.html



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Nomination Form



Nominee Information

Please print clearly and sign below.

Name

Mailing Address

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

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 consent to the use and exchange of this information by between Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy and the Council of the Federation Award Selection Committee for the purpose of evaluating and selecting award recipients. If I receive this award, I also consent to having my name, hometown, summary of achievements and photograph released to the media and included in Manitoba publications for publicity purposes associated with the award.

Signature of Nominee

Nominator Information

Please print clearly and sign below.

Name

Title and Organization

(if applicable)

Mailing Address

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

Home Telephone

Work Telephone

E-mail

Relationship to the nominee

Signature of Nominator

Date