



Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy

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2009

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MEDAL FOR LITERACY

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Nominations are being accepted for the 2009 Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy

Nomination Deadline: January 8, 2009

The Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy recognizes exceptional achievement in literacy through two award categories:

- Leaders in Literacy Education
- Partnership for Literacy

In 1990 the late Honourable George Johnson, M.D., former Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba established the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy to recognize exceptional achievement of an individual, group or project that has made a significant contribution to the field of literacy in Manitoba. The *Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy – Leaders in Literacy Education* pays tribute to literacy practitioners, volunteers, instructors, teachers, researchers, project and programs that exhibit the highest standard of excellence, dedication, leadership, creativity, and accomplishment in the field of literacy.

In 2007 the present Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable John Harvard, established a second award category, *Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy – Partnership for Literacy*, to recognize innovation and significant impact on literacy through partnerships. Literacy impacts on, and is the responsibility of all Manitobans. This award category pays tribute to individuals, businesses, organizations, and groups who have championed literacy in a significant way through partnerships, but whose main focus or work is not literacy.

Eligibility for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy

To be eligible, the nominee(s) must be at least 18 years of age, have been residents of the Province of Manitoba for at least two years, consent to their nomination, not be a previous recipient of the award, although they may be previous nominees.

Leaders in Literacy Education

Nominees in this category may be:

- Literacy practitioners, tutors and trainers and involved in an adult literacy, workplace literacy/essential skills, or English as an additional language (EAL) literacy classrooms.
- Adult literacy programs and volunteer organizations providing instructions that have made significant contributions to adult literacy
- Projects with a literacy focus designed to assist high school drop-outs and/or students at risk of dropping out of school
- Public school resource teachers, language arts teachers and reading clinicians
- Researchers, Councils and organizations in the field of literacy

Partnership for Literacy

Nominees (individuals, groups, or projects in partnership) in this category may be:

- Businesses or corporations
- Business organizations or sector councils
- Labour groups
- Non government organizations
- Community groups, organizations, and municipalities
- Individuals who have championed literacy, but whose main work is not literacy.

Employees of the Government of Manitoba and individual members of the Selection Committee are not eligible for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy.

Conditions of the Medal

1. The medal shall be known as the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy.
2. The Chairperson of the Selection Committee must receive all nominations no later than January 8, 2009.
3. The Chairperson shall be the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy. The Selection Committee will review the nominations according to predetermined criteria. The makeup of the selection committee and the selection criteria are described herein.
4. A completed and signed nomination form and a description of the achievements of the nominee shall accompany each nomination. The onus is on the nominator to submit the necessary supporting evidence for the Selection Committee to consider.
5. No award will be made if, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, no worthy nomination is received.
6. Individuals and/or groups may not nominate themselves for the award.
7. A nomination may be re-submitted in a subsequent year, as all nominations not receiving an award in a given year will lapse at the end of that year.
8. The Medal will be presented at a ceremony at Government House on Thursday, February 26, 2009.

Selection of the Recipients

Chairperson: Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Literacy

Selection Committee members include:

- Representatives from literacy organizations: Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg, Manitoba Reading Association, Literacy Partners of Manitoba, and LiteracyWORKS
- Representatives from business, labour and community organizations
- An English as an Additional Language teacher
- A learner from an adult literacy program
- A representative from the Adult Learning and Literacy Branch

Submitting a Nomination

1. The requirements for each Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy category are outlined in the pages that follow.
2. Submissions are to be typed, and should be limited to a maximum of eight typed pages, plus the nomination form and support materials.
3. Documentation to support your nominee may include newspaper articles, magazine or journal articles by, or about, the nominee, letters of support, photographs, examples of materials developed by the nominee (print, video, sound recording etc.) copies of awards received or other concrete examples of the impact of the nominee's contribution to literacy.
4. Please send the completed nomination form and any supporting materials to the following address

**Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy
c/o Adult Learning and Literacy
350 – 800 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 0N4**

(204) 945-8247
Toll free 1-800-282-8069 ext. 8247

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Nomination Form

Award Category: Check the award category for this submission. Only one category may be selected.

Leaders in Literacy Education **Partnership for Literacy**

Nominee Information

Please print clearly and sign below.

Name (Group or Individual)

Group Represented (if applicable)

Present Position (if applicable)

Mailing Address

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

Home Telephone

Work Telephone

E-mail

I, _____ agree to be nominated for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Literacy. I consent to the use and exchange of this information between Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy and the Award Selection Committee for the purpose of evaluating and selecting award recipient. 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 publications for publicity purposes associated with the award.

Signature of Nominee (or group representative)

Nominator Information

Please print clearly and sign below.

Name

Mailing Address

City/Town

Province

Postal Code

Home Telephone

Work Telephone

Email

Signature of Nominator

Date

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Leaders in Literacy Education Category

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Please respond to each of the following statements **on attached pages** as thoroughly and concisely as possible.

1. Describe how the nominee has made a significant contribution to improving the reading, writing, and/or speaking skills of the learners. Identify the literacy group(s) served by the nominee: adults, youth at risk of dropping out of school, public school students or family literacy participants.
2. How has the nominee demonstrated a leadership role in their specific area of literacy activities?
3. Give evidence of the innovative and creative aspects of the nominee's work in literacy activities.
4. Give evidence that demonstrates the nominee's contribution to ensuring learner input in the educational process and promotion of literacy as a means of self-empowerment.
5. Give evidence of the nominee's dedication and commitment to promoting literacy above and beyond normal job duties.
6. Please list the additional documentation submitted in support of the nomination and indicate the criteria that are demonstrated by each piece of addition document.

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Partnership for Literacy Category

Partnership for Literacy recognizes exceptional efforts and action demonstrating innovation and initiative that have a significant impact on literacy. This award category pays tribute to individuals, businesses, organizations, and groups who have championed literacy in a significant way, but whose main focus or work is not literacy.

Please respond to each of the following statements **on attached pages** as thoroughly and concisely as possible.

1. What has the nominee done to champion literacy? What are the nominee's exceptional efforts and actions for literacy?
2. How has the nominee demonstrated innovation and commitment in the advancement of literacy in Manitoba?
3. Give evidence that the nominee fosters collaboration and partnership to champion literacy in a significant way. Identify how the partners exemplify the spirit of teamwork and a cooperative effort.
4. Provide a summary of the nominee's overall contribution and significant impact on literacy, including the difference made in the lives of individuals or the community. Provide a description of the positive impact the nominee's efforts have had upon the community or individuals within it.
5. Please list the additional documentation submitted in support of the nomination and indicate the criteria that are demonstrated by each piece of additional document.