



**Council of the Federation
Newfoundland and Labrador
Literacy Award
2026 Call for Nominations**

**2026: Recognizing literacy support
professionals and volunteers in NL**

INTRODUCTION

The Council of the Federation, established in 2003 by Canada's Premiers, recognizes literacy as a shared priority. In 2004, it created the Council of the Federation Literacy Award to honour excellence and innovation in literacy across all provinces and territories. Since 2005, each province and territory has annually recognized one recipient for outstanding contributions in areas such as family, Indigenous, health, workplace, and community literacy. The award highlights the work of educators, volunteers, learners, community organizations, and businesses.

2026 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR AWARD

For 2026, Newfoundland and Labrador is accepting nominations for the Literacy Leader category.

This year, the award recognizes NL-based **individuals** who deliver programs, services, or initiatives that strengthen literacy skills, support learning and employability, and improve quality of life.

The award will be presented in Fall 2026. The recipient will receive a Council of the Federation Literacy Award medallion and a certificate signed by the Premier.

The Council of the Federation will announce all provincial and territorial recipients in a national news release in September 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

Anyone may nominate an individual, and individuals may also nominate themselves. Nominees for the Literacy Leader category must be based in Newfoundland and Labrador and have been actively involved in the province's literacy community within the past two years.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All nomination packages must include the following:

1. Rationale Letter (by the nominee)

A clear, detailed letter explaining why the nominee deserves the award.

- Maximum 3 pages, typed (double-spaced) or neatly handwritten in dark ink on 8.5" x 11" paper
- Pages must be numbered
- Must address the following:
 - a) Community Impact:** How has the nominee made a meaningful difference in people's literacy experiences? Include specific examples (e.g., supporting learners, increasing participation, improving confidence or access).
 - b) Commitment:** How has the nominee shown dedication to literacy over time? This could include initiative, consistency, mentoring others, or stepping up to lead or organize efforts.
 - c) Accessibility:** How has the nominee helped make literacy more welcoming and accessible for diverse learners (e.g., reducing barriers, adapting approaches, reaching underserved groups)?

2. Letter(s) of Support

At least one support letter outlining why the nominee should be selected.

- Maximum 1 page per letter
- Typed or clearly handwritten in dark ink

3. Nomination Form

A completed and signed nomination form must be included.

- The nomination is only valid if the form is signed by the nominee, confirming consent.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

- A selection committee will review all complete submissions based on the eligibility criteria and quality of content. Results are confidential till the Council of the Federation announcement in Fall 2026.
- Late submissions will not be accepted. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. All submitted materials will not be returned.
- All materials must be emailed to laurenpower@gov.nl.ca by **June 1, 2026, 11:59 p.m.** If you wish to submit your application by mail, please contact laurenpower@gov.nl.ca for the appropriate mailing details.

