

The Premier's Medal for Arts, Heritage, Sport, and Recreation

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can nominate a person to receive a Premier's Medal for Arts, Heritage or Sport, and Recreation?

Nominations can be submitted by any current resident of Newfoundland and Labrador who has knowledge of an individual or group deserving of consideration to receive a Premier's Medal for Arts, Heritage, Sport, or Recreation.

The only exceptions are select public service employees. Current executive of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, and Recreation, and current employees of the Arts and Heritage and Recreation and Sport Divisions of the Department of Tourism Culture, Arts and Recreation may not submit a nomination.

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

2. Are all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians eligible for the Premier's Medals for Arts, Heritage, Sports and Recreation?

Yes. The only exceptions are currently serving public officials and select public service employees.

Public officials who may not be nominated while in office include judges, members of the Senate, House of Commons, House of Assembly or a legislative assembly of a province or territory.

Current executive of the Department of Tourism Culture, Arts and Recreation and current employees of the Arts and Heritage and Recreation and Sport Divisions of the Department of Tourism Culture, Arts and Recreation, The Rooms Corporation, the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council, the Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage Foundation, the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Centre, Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Circle Newfoundland and Labrador, Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador, School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador and Sport Newfoundland and Labrador may not be nominated.

3. Can groups or organizations be nominated?

Yes, arts, heritage, sport, and recreation organizations or community organizations, committees, groups, teams and enterprises may be nominated.

4. Can citizens of other provinces or countries receive a Premier's Medals for Arts, Heritage, Sport, and Recreation?

Yes. Citizens of other provinces or countries are eligible. They may be considered for significant contribution to arts, heritage, sport, or recreation if it has benefited, in an outstanding manner, Newfoundland and Labrador and its residents.

5. Can someone be nominated posthumously?

Yes. Both living and deceased persons can be nominated.

6. What happens when a person receives a Premier's Medal for Arts, Heritage or Sport, and Recreation?

The Premier invites the recipient to be honoured for their achievement at a presentation ceremony. At the ceremony, the Premier will present each recipient with their medal and a lapel pin. Recipients will also receive a certificate.

7. Can the Premier's Medals for Arts, Heritage, Sport, and Recreation be declined, returned or revoked?

Yes. An individual or group may decline a medal, in writing, prior to receipt. A recipient may return a medal by giving written notice the Premier's Office. The Premier may revoke a medal if a recipient's qualifications are found to have been misrepresented, or if a recipient's public conduct is deemed to be unbecoming to a recipient of a Premier's Medal for Arts, Heritage, Sport or Recreation.

8. Is there an annual deadline for nominations?

There is a deadline for nominations that is set annually and publicly communicated. However, nominations may be received at any time during the year and all submissions received will remain active for three consecutive award cycles. Nominators may update the nominee's file on an annual basis, prior to each year's deadline.

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