

# Nomination Categories

## **A. Art and Culture**

Organizations involved in artistic and cultural activities to promote community expression and/or development of their culture. All forms of artistic endeavor are eligible including visual arts and crafts, dance, theatre, literature, music, and new media.

## **B. Children and Families**

Organizations that undertake activities, which specifically support the needs of children or families. Activities include advancement of child development and well being, strengthening of family relationships, development of family support networks and family-focused projects.

## **C. Community Service and Development**

Organizations responsive to community needs. Activities include advocacy, community awareness programs and services, and development of community support structures.

## **D. Education, Training and Youth Development**

Organizations involved in the education and training of all members of our community from childhood to old age. Youth development activities will focus on supporting young people aged 16-24 to maximize their potential and may include activities such as education, training, personal development and peer support.

## **E. Environment, Conservation, Heritage and Animal Welfare**

Organizations who contribute to the protection and preservation of the environment and heritage or promote and protect animal welfare. Activities include reserve conservation, land management, public advocacy, education, training, preservation programs, education on animal care, protection of stray and injured animals, species rejuvenation, and advocacy for animal welfare.

## **F. Health and Well-being**

Organizations involved with attaining the highest possible level of health and well-being for all people. Activities include health and support services, health research, public health practices, and the promotion of mental and emotional well being through specific strategies or programs.

## **G. Multicultural Awareness**

Organizations who have implemented a program(s) that addresses a specific need within our cultural community. Examples of these types are projects for seniors, youth, heritage, education, language, violence, healthcare etc. They have taken steps to build bridges to other cultures and/or the broader community, or creating partnerships with other cultural groups, government agencies or non-profit organizations; offered assistance to newcomers to the community, and assisting organizations such as the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia in reaching their goals and promoting its mission.

## **H. Sport and Recreation**

Organizations and clubs involved with sport, fitness, outdoor and community recreation. This can include participation, coaching, training, education, and disability activities.

# **Suggested Criteria**

To be eligible for a Volunteer Award, a group must meet the following criteria:

- Be a not-for-profit individual, club, group or organization active in the local community during for at least 12 months
- Provide a reference letter from a community leader (external to the organization) supporting the work of the volunteer group
- Activities must fit into one of the Award categories
- Inspires and enables others to work together to meet needs in their community
- Demonstrate a driving force behind community service
- Help make a positive difference in the community
- Help meet a community or individual need
- Involve active collaboration and engagement with others
- Challenging
- Motivating
- Leadership qualities within the community
- Strengthened neighborhoods

