

Volunteer Awards 2026

Group Award Nomination Form

Due date: 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Each year the Mayor and Halifax Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills in our communities.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate an outstanding organization. One group will be selected to receive an award from each of the three categories. Please read the following criteria carefully before filling out your nomination.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- The award is open for any volunteer group (a club, society or association that is organized and operated without the purpose of making a profit) that has made a significant impact on building stronger communities through service, programs, projects and/or events and delivers these in the municipality.
- This is a scored process—all areas of the nomination form must be completed and well explained. Nominations which are incomplete, inaccurate, late or do not comply with the below criteria may not be accepted.
- Groups who meet the following criteria are eligible for an award:
 - Demonstrates initiative, leadership and creativity in service to others;
 - has a broad impact on the community;
 - shows successful partnerships or collaborations; and
 - improves the overall quality of life of citizens.
- It is important to illustrate the impact the group has had and capture as much of the group's history as possible.
- The group's volunteer efforts listed on this form must be voluntary and not part of day-to-day employment functions.
- Volunteer groups that are nominated are eligible for an award in one of three categories (please select the appropriate category on the following form):
 - Category 1: Community group with an annual budget under \$50,000
 - Category 2: Community group with an annual budget of over \$50,000
 - Category 3: Youth group (volunteers up to 25 years old)
- If you require any clarification or to find out if nominees have received the award in the past, please contact Darren Hirtle at 902.476.1184, hirtled@halifax.ca or visit halifax.ca/VolunteerAwards.

AWARD SELECTION PROCESS

- All nominations are scored.
- All nominees and award recipients are presented to the Executive Standing Committee of Council and to Regional Council for final approval.
- Groups selected to receive an award from each category will be notified in March. Two representatives from each group may attend the awards ceremony to receive their award.
- All nominators will receive a letter in March informing them of the status of their nominee.

On behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality, we would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to nominate a deserving volunteer from your community.

Volunteer group being nominated

(please ensure the spelling is correct and printed clearly):

Nomination category:

- ☐ **Category 1: Community group with an annual budget under \$50,000**
- ☐ **Category 2: Community group with an annual budget of over \$50,000**
- ☐ **Category 3: Youth group (volunteers up to 25 years old)**

Name of Group: _____
(as it will appear on the certificate)

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Email: _____

Group contact's phone: _____

Nominator's information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

- We highly recommend connecting with the group prior to submitting this form to get a full picture of their volunteer experience.
- Describe as much of the group's volunteering history as possible.
- This is a scored process—all areas of the nomination form must be completed.

☐ I acknowledge that this information can be made public in whole or in part.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

VOLUNTEER GROUP HISTORY

1. How long has this group been in operation? _____
2. How many people volunteer for this group? _____
3. Average number of hours volunteered by all volunteers per month: _____

GROUP'S CONTRIBUTION

(Please write your answer in point form)

4. Describe the purpose of the group and who they serve.

5. Describe how this group has demonstrated initiative, leadership and creativity.

6. Please explain how this organization has made a lasting impact to their community and the municipality as a change maker and community builder. Describe how this group has impacted the residents of the municipality. Who has been impacted and how? What has changed in the community?

7. What sets this volunteer group apart from others? Be specific and provide examples.

8. Please provide a brief summary of 1-3 sentences that highlights this group’s impact which will be read during the ceremony to inform others of their accomplishments.

In accordance with Section 485 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), any personal information collected on nomination form will only be used by municipal staff and, if necessary, individuals and/or organizations under service contract with the Halifax Regional Municipality for purposes relating to the Volunteer Award's nomination, selection and announcement process or as otherwise consented to herein. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this personal information, please contact the Access and Privacy Office at 902.943.2148 or privacy@halifax.ca.

Please submit your nomination by 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

MAIL:

Volunteer Awards
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FOR MORE INFO:

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