

Nova Scotia Recreation Professionals in Health Spirit Award

“Once we believe in ourselves, we can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight, or any experience that reveals the human spirit” (e.e. Cummings).

NSRPH’s Spirit Award will be given to any recreation practitioner or volunteer in a health and/or human service setting who has gone “above and beyond” to enhance the quality of life of residents, clients and their families as well as the quality of the work environment of staff and/or volunteers within a facility or setting. The Award is intended to recognize and promote excellence in recreation services in residential and human service settings and to encourage involvement in Nova Scotia Recreation Professionals in Health.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the Spirit Award the recreation practitioner or volunteer will have worked at a health or human service facility in a recreation-related role on a full or part-time basis for at least two years. The nominee will have demonstrated his or her contribution to the facility, department, residents/clients and family through undertaking special events or activities (whether during normal work hours or outside of paid work) which reflect his or her spirit of service, dedication, altruism and compassion.

Nomination Process:

A Spirit Award nominee can be nominated by any person within the service setting in which the recreation practitioner or volunteer works (including family members) or by another recreation professional working at an affiliate facility (e.g., by another NSRPH member). The nominator will complete the attached nomination form and provide a letter explaining why s/he has nominated this person. The nominator does not need to inform the person he/she is being nominated. In addition, the nomination must include a letter of support from one or more family members, residents/clients, staff members, facility administration or volunteers about what it has meant to them to have received services from the nominee and what they see as the “spirit” embraced by this person. The letter(s) should address: familiarity with person, the role of this person within facility/setting, and examples of the “spirit” of service, altruism and compassion demonstrated by this person.

Award:

The successful award recipient will be invited to attend the NSRPH annual conference banquet. At the banquet he/she will be presented with a certificate of appreciation and will receive a complimentary annual membership. A profile of the award winner will also be provided in the NSRPH newsletter.

Promoting the Award and Selecting the Award Winner:

The completed nomination must be received by the Awards Committee Chair by **September 1st** of each year (this can be a mail-in application, or sent electronically [as word/pdf document] or by facsimile). Following this the Awards Committee will review all nominations and make a selection by September 7th. The successful nominee will be informed by email or telephone and will be invited to attend the Annual Conference banquet in the fall.

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Submit the nomination form, covering letter and at least one additional letter of support to:

Susan Hutchinson, Awards Committee Chair
Nova Scotia Recreation Professionals in Health
c/o: Dalhousie University
School of Health and Human Performance
6230 South Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 3J5
Or by email to: Susan.Hutchinson@dal.ca
Or by fax to: (902) 494-5120

For information please contact Susan Hutchinson by email or telephone at (902) 494-1163.

If your nomination is successful you will be informed by September 7th of this year.