

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award?

The Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award honours Nova Scotia students in grades Primary to 12, who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces in schools and communities in Nova Scotia.

Who is eligible for the Award?

Nova Scotia students in grades Primary to 12 are eligible to be nominated for this award.

How many awards are given out to students/teams?

Eighteen awards can be given annually, two within each school board and two in the Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK) board. One will be an individual student award, and the other will be a team award for two or more people (team may include adults). An additional two awards can be given if a student is homeschooled or enrolled in private school.

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When will the bursary and certificate be awarded to the student/team?

The award will be presented to the student(s) at a reception to be held on "National Anti-Bullying Day" on February 24, 2016.

How is a student/team nominated for this Award?

The eligible student/team must be nominated by someone other than himself/herself and must provide two additional references in order to be considered for this award.

The person nominating the student must:

- complete the nomination form and nomination letter
- collect the two other reference forms and letters
- have the nominee and parent/guardian sign the nomination form
- send in the complete package by mail or drop-off to the award committee at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for review.

In the event of a team nomination all members of the nominated team must each complete a nomination form and sign the nomination form along with their parent/guardian. The Nominator is asked to identify two people from the team who will represent the team at the award ceremony at the Lieutenant Governor's house.

Who can nominate a student/team?

Anyone other than the candidate or the candidate's references may nominate a student/team.

Who can be a reference?

One reference must be a teacher, school counsellor or administrator, and the other reference may be a friend, family member, employer, member of an outside agency or community organization, or someone who has been personally touched by the efforts of the candidate(s) and their commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces in schools and communities in Nova Scotia.

What is the deadline to nominate a student/team?

The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 20, 2015.

When will the student/team find out if she/he/they have been awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award?

The student/team will be notified in writing by February 5, 2016.

How will the recipients of the award be chosen?

Recipients will be chosen at the discretion of an advisory committee of educational partners, consisting of representatives from:

- The Lieutenant Governor's Office
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Nova Scotia Teachers Union
- Nova Scotia School Boards Association
- Nova Scotia Federation of Home and School Associations
- La Fédération des parents acadiens de la Nouvelle-Écosse

What if a student/team is home-schooled?

A student/team being home-schooled is eligible to receive this award if she/he/they are registered with the Nova Scotia Department of Education and early Childhood Development. In this case the academic reference may be a parent or another adult who is providing the student with academic support.

What if a student/team is enrolled in a private school?

A student/team enrolled in a private school in Nova Scotia is eligible to receive this award. In this case the academic reference may be a parent or another adult who is providing the student/team with academic support.

Can a student/team be nominated or receive the award more than once?

A student/team that is nominated but **does not** receive the award can be nominated again for the same activity/project. A student/team who is nominated and **does** receive the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award may be nominated again but not for the same initiative for which the award was originally given.

Will the student's/team's personal information be made public?

There is a consent clause on the nomination form which must be signed by a parent/guardian regarding the release of some personal information. This clause states that the successful recipient of the award will have his/her/their name, school, grade, details from the submission describing the student's/team's positive contributions, and photograph, used in public announcements, in newspapers, and on the Nova Scotia government web site, when the award recipients are announced.