

## **Pride in the Profession Award**

Registered Social Workers (RSW's) demonstrate pride in the profession through their leadership and practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Whether it is working one on one with a client or family, or engaging in social policy analysis and advocacy, social workers promote and advance the health and well-being of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador through their knowledge, skills and abilities in social work practice. The recipient of this annual award is a registered social worker who promotes the advancement of social work in Newfoundland and Labrador and demonstrates outstanding pride in the profession.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Registered Social Worker (RSW), at time of nomination and award presentation
- Member in good standing with the NLCSW, at time of nomination and award presentation
- Engaged in the practice of social work for a minimum of five years

### **Selection Criteria:**

- 1) Contributes to the positive image of the social work profession
  - a) Consistently identifies as a RSW/social worker
  - b) Promotes the values and principles of the profession
  - c) Inspires a high level of dedication to the profession
- 2) Promotes the advancement of the social work profession within the community, workplace and/or province
  - a) Advances the knowledge, skills and expertise of the social work profession through involvement in professional social work activities
  - b) Promotes continuing education and professional development
  - c) Motivates others around them and leads by example

## **Nomination Process:**

- a) Written nominations are accepted from members in good standing with the NLCSW, colleagues from other disciplines, and members of the public
- b) The written submission must provide a clear rationale for the nomination based on the award criteria (maximum of 1500 words)
- c) Written nominations must also include one letter of support (maximum 750 words). *Please note that only one letter of support will be accepted.*
- d) Deadline for submissions is January 15<sup>th</sup> in any given year
- e) Submissions will be reviewed by members of the NLCSW Promotion of the Profession Committee
- f) Nominators will be informed in writing of the decision of the selection committee
- g) The recipient of the award agrees that their name will be published in NLCSW publications for promotional purposes
- h) The award will be announced during social work month and presented during the month or at an alternate time as agreed to by the nominator and nominee

## **Role of Nominators:**

- a) Informs the nominee of the intent to nominate and obtains consent from the member to proceed with the nomination
- b) Shares nomination material(s) with the nominee (i.e., nomination narrative, and letter of support)
- c) Submits the completed nomination form, written narrative and one letter of support
- d) Acts as the contact for the selection committee

## **Selection Committee:**

The selection committee consists of members of the NLCSW Promotion of the Profession Committee.

Nomination packages can be forwarded to the Pride in the Profession Selection Committee c/o NLCSW:  
P. O. Box 39039  
St. John's, NL  
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E-mailed or fax nominations will also be accepted. Completed nominations can be e-mailed to [ajohns@nlcsw.ca](mailto:ajohns@nlcsw.ca) or faxed to (709) 753-0120.

All information sent in support of the nomination for the award will be kept confidential.

*Please note that The Pride in the Profession Award winner cannot be the recipient of the CASW Distinguished Service Award in the same year.*