

Newfoundland & Labrador
**College of
Social Workers**

**Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW)
Distinguished Service Award for NL**

Award Criteria

The CASW Distinguished Service Award is presented annually by the CASW to an individual or group of individuals selected from their membership by each CASW member organization.

The Newfoundland & Labrador criteria for nominations are as follows:

- a) Member or group of members in good standing with the Newfoundland and Labrador College of Social Workers who have not previously received this award.
- b) The recipient(s) demonstrate(s) excellence in excess of the required level of performance in the following areas:
 - i. Recipient(s) demonstrate / exemplify the values of the social work profession.
 - ii. Enhancing the quality of life of individuals, groups, communities, or populations.
 - iii. Demonstrated qualities of leadership throughout social work career regardless of position title.
 - iv. Advancing the promotion and reputation of the social work profession.
- c) Recipient must currently or have previously contributed to the advancement of the social work profession by serving in a volunteer capacity with NLCSW and/or volunteer related experience.
- d) Individual recipients have practiced social work for a minimum of ten (10) years, demonstrating a sustained level of contribution to the profession.

Nomination process:

- a) Nominations are accepted from NLCSW members in writing.
- b) Deadline for nominations is November 30th of each year.
- c) Written nominations are reviewed by the NLCSW Board of Directors.
- d) Current members of the NLCSW Board of Directors or NLCSW employees are not eligible to be nominated for the award or to act in the role of nominator.
- e) Nominators are informed of the decision of the board in writing.
- f) The recipient is informed in writing and approves the written submission to the CASW Bulletin.
- g) The award is presented during Social Work Month.

Role of Nominators:

- a) Submits the written nomination on the designated form with supporting materials.
- b) Obtains the written consent of the nominee.
- c) Acts as the contact for the NLCSW Board of Directors during deliberations and following decision.