

Newfoundland & Labrador
**College of
Social Workers**

**Student Award
Information Sheet**

The Newfoundland and Labrador College of Social Workers Student Award is presented annually to a member of the BSW graduating class at Memorial University of Newfoundland. The recipient of this convocation award is a student who has demonstrated a high level of practice competence during both Field Practicum 1 and Field Practicum 2 and demonstrated a commitment to the social work profession. The commitment to the social work profession could be shown through active participation in professional activities in field practica that relate to the core values of social work.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Recipients must be eligible for graduation in the year in which the nomination is submitted.
- Recipients must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.5.

Selection Criteria:

Recipients are selected based upon:

- 1) A high level of practice competence at an entry level as demonstrated throughout both field practica evidenced by:
 - a. Demonstration of application of social work skills.
 - Successfully engages with clients, community, staff.
 - High degree of critical and analytical thinking.
 - Successfully applies social work theory to practice.
 - b. Understanding of social work ethics and its relation to practice.
 - Demonstrates adherence to the values and ethical principles of the profession and promotes respect for the values.
 - c. Demonstrates a good understanding of the diversity and scope of social work practice.
- 2) Commitment to the social work profession throughout their time in the field practica as evidenced by the criteria above and:
 - a. Contribution to the positive image of the social work profession.
 - b. Contribution to individuals, families, groups and/or communities utilizing social work skills.

Nomination process:

- Written nominations are accepted from field instructors or field agency team members.
- If the primary nominator is not a field instructor, then a letter of support from the field instructor who supervised the final field practicum must be submitted.
- The nomination must include a letter from the student demonstrating how they have shown their commitment to the profession during Field Practicum 1 and Field Practicum 2. The letter should address how they have utilized social work skills during practica with individuals, families, groups and/or communities. The letter should also address why they are a good candidate for the award.
- Nominations are submitted to the BSW Scholarships and Awards Subcommittee to the attention of the Academic Programs Coordinator.
- Deadline for nominations is March 31st of each year.
- Written nominations are reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from NLCSW and the School of Social Work.
- Nominators who have nominated the award winner are informed of the decision of the committee in writing and will be invited to the School's Awards Ceremony in the spring.
- The recipient is informed in writing and approves the written and photo submission in publications of NLCSW and the School of Social Work.
- The award is announced at convocation and presented at the school's award ceremony.
- Following convocation, nominators of eligible nominees to receive a letter of thanks for submitting the nomination. Student nominees to receive acknowledgement of nomination.

Role of Nominators:

- a. Informs the student of the intent to nominate and obtains consent.
- b. Submits the written nomination.
- c. Coordinates submission of nomination form and letter(s) of support.
- d. Acts as the contact for the selection committee during deliberations and following the decision.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee consists of the following members:

- a. BSW Field Education Co-ordinator.
- b. Representative of NLCSW Board of Directors.
- c. Representative designated by the Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Subcommittee.

The Academic Programs Coordinator of the School of Social Work Scholarships and Awards Subcommittee provides the coordinating function for the Student Award selection committee.

A member who nominates an individual for the NLCSW Student Award abstains from voting as per the NLCSW Conflict of Interest Policy.