

Award for Excellence in Museum Practices: Programming by an Organization

Description

Each year, organizations throughout Nova Scotia make significant contributions within the museum field. This award honours an organization which has gone above and beyond to offer exceptional programming and/or resources to the public through the use of exemplary museum practices and with the goal of fostering a better understanding of human and natural heritage.

Eligibility

Eligible nominees are organizations, with volunteer or paid staff, who have made remarkable contributions to a better knowledge of Nova Scotia's human or natural history, and engaged the community with their mandate and values, through exemplary museum practices and programming.

The award is conferred on projects and/or programming that have been completed and/or fully implemented between June 1 of the previous year and June 1 of the current year. Programming may still be ongoing.

The lead contributor(s) of any organization's nominated project can be paid staff (full-time, part-time or seasonal) or volunteer(s). The award is presented to the organization. There are no minimum or maximum numbers of contributors for the nominated project.

Nominations may include innovative exhibits, interpretation, presentations; visitor experience programs; education programs; community partnerships; implementation of new collections or information management practices; positive changes to physical facilities; creative or collaborative marketing efforts; and other projects that provide or facilitate the provision of museum resources and programming to the public.

Nominees are considered on the basis of the quality of their contributions to best practices in the research, presentation, preservation, interpretation and promotion of Nova Scotia's human and natural history, and impact of their work in fostering a better understanding by the public of our history and natural history, as well as their service to the public through accessible facilities, resources and programming.

Institutional nominations will not be considered more than three times.

Members of the Awards Committee or their affiliated institutions are not eligible

Nominator

Any individual member or member organization may make a nomination.

Selection Criteria

This award is given for an achievement that:

meets the eligibility requirements listed above

- is of community, provincial or national significance/relevance.
- exceeds the current standard of museum practice
- demonstrates excellence in museum practices with new ideas, concepts, approaches, creativity and leadership
- advances a vision for the future of museums in Nova Scotia
- fosters a better understanding of Nova Scotia's natural history and past heritage
- is of significance to other museums in the presentation of Nova Scotia's natural and human history
- makes effective use of available resources
- serves the public through accessible facilities, resources and/or programming

Selection Process

The Awards Committee will review nominations and make a recommendation to the Board of the Association of Nova Scotia Museums.

The Awards Committee reserves the right to not recommend an award recipient in a given year if nominees do not meet eligibility and selection requirements.

Award Presentation

The award will be presented annually in conjunction with the Association of Nova Scotia Museums Conference or Annual General Meeting.

The award recipient will be recognized throughout Nova Scotia using local media, the Beacon newsletter, the Association of Nova Scotia Museums web site and social media.

The recipient will receive a Carr-McLean gift certificate and a framed certificate. The organization will be added to the Award Plaque housed at the ANSM Office.

Submissions Guidelines

Nominations must include the following documentation:

Completed Nomination Form signed by the Nominator. Nomination forms are available from the ANSM website www.ansm.ns.ca.

Nomination statement (from the nominator) that describes the nominee's achievement, details the nominee's accomplishment as an outstanding achievement and how it meets the selection criteria (max. 3 pages)

Brief description of the organization, including its vision and mandate (max. 2 pages)

Two letters of support from members of the museum community or partners in the project

Relevant material such as CDs, DVDs, slides, websites, audio, podcasts, photographs, digital images, publications, local news coverage, press releases, magazine clippings, interviews, reviews, audience surveys, letters from visitors, critical testimonies from professionals (max. of 3 items/5 pages).

Please be advised that materials submitted will not be returned. One copy of printed materials is required.

Incomplete nomination applications will NOT be considered.

Submission Information

- Submit the completed nomination form and documentation to director@ansm.ns.ca or by mail:

Association of Nova Scotia
Museums Attn: Awards
Committee

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