

What Communities Can Apply?

For the purpose of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award, community is described as a Nova Scotia geographic area as defined by the residents who submit the nomination. It can be a neighbourhood, town, city or district. It can be contemporary or historic, formal or informal.

Four essential criteria

Any community that can **demonstrate** through evidence, measurement, anecdote and/or illustration each one of the following key criteria can apply for this Award.

- Ability to build on unique strengths within the community
- A high degree of citizen participation in community projects of a wide variety, range and interest
- Clear evidence of community pride
- A focus on creating an enduring community

Supportive criteria

The following criteria are nice, but not necessary, to submit a nomination. If any of these apply to your community include them as well, using evidence, measurement, story and/or illustration. Your community also:

- Recognizes history, tradition and cultural heritage
- Includes others and encourages diversity in all its forms
- Welcomes newcomers and encourages them to stay
- Finds solutions to community challenges by working together
- Is adaptable and flexible
- Has a willingness to start positive change
- Has wide-spread support for recreational and cultural activity
- Demonstrates youth involvement
- Has an authentic respect for seniors
- Forms unique and lasting partnerships (formal and informal)
- Listens to one another in order to form better decisions
- Respects the environment as shown through activities or programs
- Respects faith-based or spiritual groups as contributors to a healthy community

When looking at how to support your nomination through measurement, statistical data can complement your community's stories. Listed below are some suggestions – but don't be limited to these.

- Number of self-generated community initiatives
- Number of residents attending community events (including cultural, social and sporting events)
- Number of citizen sponsored programs for children, teens, and/or seniors
- Community voter turnout
- Number of volunteer agencies

Nomination Limits - Print

Each story about your community should not exceed 300 words. The total nomination submission cannot exceed ten, one-sided, 8" x 11" pages, single-spaced, in a 12 point font, in a word document.

Video

In addition, your community may choose to add no more than a five-minute video segment sent to us in an avi or mpg format. This is not a requirement of submission and video does not, in any way, diminish those nominations that are submitted only in writing. **All video submissions still require a written submission.**

Where to Submit your Full Nomination

All nominations, in word and video, are to be sent electronically to the Award's website at submissions@communityspiritaward.ca. Once we receive them, we will be contacting you and asking your permission to share your stories on our website and with our media partners.

Make sure you fill out the **Entry Form** before sending your nomination!

Super Celebrations

Should your community be chosen for the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award, it will be honoured through celebration and recognition. You will help determine the most appropriate way to celebrate with a special event suited to your community. It could be a picnic, regatta, concert, tea party, dinner or dance. Whatever way your community best celebrates! The Lieutenant Governor will attend, bringing a gift of recognition for display and there will be province-wide public recognition. Both are possible thanks to our corporate sponsor Nova Scotia Power Inc. and media sponsor Transcontinental Media Inc.

Up to four Nova Scotian communities will be honoured each year.