

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award?

The Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award honours Nova Scotia students in grades Primary to 12, who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces in schools and communities in Nova Scotia.

Who is eligible for the Award?

Nova Scotia students in grades Primary to 12 are eligible to be nominated for this award.

How many awards are given out to students/teams?

Twenty-two awards can be awarded annually, distributed in the following:

- Regional Centres for Education – one team and one individual for each region (14)
- CSAP – one team and one individual (2)
- African Nova Scotian students from across the province – one team and one individual (2)
- Aboriginal Students – Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey (MK Board) or any aboriginal student(s) – one team and one individual (2)
- Home schooled or private school – one team and one individual (2)
- We encourage schools to reflect our diverse student population when nominating individuals, projects, or activities

When will the certificate be awarded to the student/team?

The Lieutenant Governor will present the awards on **Tuesday, May 28th, 2024**, in-person at a ceremony held at Halifax Central Library, Paul O'Regan Hall.

How is a student/team nominated for this Award?

The eligible student/team must be nominated by someone other than themselves and must provide two additional references in order to be considered for this award.

The person nominating the student must:

- complete the nomination form and nomination letter
- collect the two other reference forms and letters
- have the nominee and parent/guardian sign the nomination form
- send in the complete package by mail or drop-off to the award committee at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for review.

In the event of a team nomination all members of the nominated team must each complete a nomination form and sign the nomination form along with their parent/guardian.

Who can nominate a student/team?

Anyone other than the candidate or the candidate's references may nominate a student/team.

Who can be a reference?

One reference must be a teacher, school counsellor or administrator. The other reference can be a friend, family member, employer, member of an outside agency or community organization, or someone who has been personally touched by the efforts of the candidate(s) and their commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces in schools and communities in Nova Scotia.

What is the deadline to nominate a student/team?

The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday, March 12th, 2024**.

When will the student/team find out if she/he/they have been awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award?

The student/team will be notified in writing by **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**.

How will the recipients of the award be chosen?

Recipients will be chosen at the discretion of an advisory committee of educational partners, consisting of representatives from various offices/organizations such as:

- The Lieutenant Governor's Office
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Nova Scotia Teachers Union
- Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP)
- Youth Project
- Public School Administrators Association of Nova Scotia (PSAANS)

What if a student/team is home-schooled?

A student/team being home-schooled is eligible to receive this award if they are registered with the Nova Scotia Department of Education and early Childhood Development. In this case the academic reference may be a parent or another adult who is providing the student with academic support.

Can a student/team be nominated or receive the award more than once?

A student/team that is nominated but does not receive the award can be nominated again for the same activity/project. A student/team who is nominated and does receive the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award may be nominated again but not for the same initiative for which the award was originally given.

Will the student's/team's personal information be made public?

There is a consent clause on the nomination form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian regarding the release of some personal information. This clause states that the successful recipient of the award will have their name, school, grade, details from the submission describing the student's/team's positive contributions, and photograph, used in a pre-recorded video, in public announcements, in newspapers, and on the Nova Scotia government website when the award recipients are announced.