

Call for Nominations 2008 Council of the Federation Literacy Award

Literacy skills are the essential building blocks for the development of a vibrant society and economy. These foundation skills are used in the home, school, community and workplace. Literacy is a continuum of skill development ranging from learning to read to a complex set of skills necessary for daily life, personal fulfillment, employment and community participation. Today, the broad definition of literacy includes a variety of skills: reading text, document use, writing, oral communications, numeracy, thinking skills, computer use, working with others and continuous learning.

The Council of the Federation, established in 2003 by the 13 Premiers of Canada, has identified literacy as a key initiative of importance to Canadians. The 2008 Northwest Territories Council of the Federation Literacy Award will honour the achievements of a learner, who has overcome obstacles and demonstrated outstanding progress in the pursuit of literacy skills in any of the NWT official languages. Nominations are open to NWT learners of all ages. The winning nominee will receive a Council of the Federation medallion and a certificate from the Premier of the Northwest Territories.

Nominations require two letters of support. Nomination forms are available from Barbara Miron, Coordinator, Literacy and Adult Basic Education; Department of Education, Culture and Employment; Government of the Northwest Territories.

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Nomination deadline: Friday, May 30, 2008.



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