

Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Library Service

Award Rules

Overview

These awards pertain to library services, which are defined as library activities and resources that provide a direct benefit to the public.

Examples of a library service include: collections for borrowing, programs for the public, and outreach.

Examples of library activities that are **not** a service include: internal support functions such as fundraising and public relations/marketing.

A maximum of four awards may be granted.

Awards are granted to the board of the library or system delivering the service being recognized.

Winning library boards deliver services in a coordinated and planned manner that is responsive to community needs. The service under consideration for an award should respond to documented community needs.

Information about the library service being nominated may be shared freely with other libraries.

Award nominees agree to allow Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) to publicly announce and share information about the service which has been nominated, including submitted photos and photos of the recipients with their awards.

Eligibility

Awards are open to all public and system library boards in Alberta.

Nominated library boards must be compliant with current legislation.

Nomination Procedure

Library boards can apply or be nominated for the Minister's Awards.

Nomination packages are accepted in electronic format.

Once the nomination is received, confirmation of receipt will be sent to the nominator.

Selection Process

Nominations will be considered for a Minister's Award if the services the nominations are based on have been substantially and successfully completed or implemented. Evidence should indicate that the service has achieved its desired outcomes.

Adjudication of the Minister's Awards will be by a jury of staff selected from and/or by PLSB.

Adjudication will be objective and impartial, with quantified scoring and evaluation of submissions.

Selection criteria will include:

- quality of service delivered;
- quality of planning; and
- fit of service with community needs.

Prizes

Each recipient will receive:

- a sculpture and certificate; and
- recognition by the Minister, or his designate, and presentation of the award at the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper.

Contact

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