

# The Council of the Federation 2009 Literacy Award

## Nomination Information



### **What is the Council of the Federation?**

The Council of the Federation (COF) was established in 2003. Its membership consists of the Premiers of the ten provinces and three territories of Canada. The COF's purpose is to play a leadership role in revitalizing the Canadian federation.

### **What is the Council of the Federation Literacy Award?**

Sharing a common interest in developing the literacy and skills of Canadians, the COF is sponsoring an annual Literacy Award to recognize leader in the field of adult literacy. Every year, the Premier of Yukon will give the COF Literacy Award to one Yukon person or organization who has been nominated as a literacy leader.

### **What is a literacy leader?**

A literacy leader may be a learner who has gone on to help and inspire others, a volunteer tutor, a non-profit organization or a business. What literacy leaders have in common is that they demonstrate a willingness to push the envelope, take risks and resolve difficult problems with effective, systemic solutions. The Council of the Federation Literacy Award will be awarded to a nominee who meets the following core criteria:

- The nominee has a vision of change in literacy and can inspire others
- The nominee can mobilize partners in new and exciting ways
- The nominee gets the job done
- The nominee is not afraid to try something new that will be of broad service to the community
- The nominee exemplifies the values of equity, collaboration and civic responsibility
- The nominee is more interested in success than in recognition

### **Who is eligible for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award?**

The winner must be involved in the field of adult literacy. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 19 years of age at the time of nomination
- Have basic literacy and numeracy skills
- Be literate in English or French
- Be involved in activities in which adult literacy is linked with other social objectives

### **How will the selection for the Council of the Federation Literacy Award winner be made?**

An independent, community-based COF Literacy Award Committee consisting of representatives from community literacy partners will evaluate entries and select a winner.

**Please Provide:**

1. A completed **nomination form** (see attached)
2. A **personal story** written by the nominee/nominator describing his/her work in literacy. This personal story may include:
  - Progress made in literacy skills
  - The individual's participation in their community as a literacy leader
  - The individual's personal development and development of literacy leadership skills
  - A list of any awards and recognition that the nominee has received

The nominee's story must be a maximum of two typewritten or legibly hand written pages. The nominee may receive help in writing his/her story.

3. Two **letters of support** from individuals familiar with the nominee's work, who can address the nominee's vision and the impact of the work undertaken

Letters of support must be typed. These letters should include specific examples of why the nominee deserves the COF Literacy Award.

**Nomination Checklist**

- A complete nomination form
- A personal story written by the nominee
- Two letters of support
- Nomination package postmarked by June 19, 2009
- Completed nomination package is sent to:

**Council of the Federation Literacy Award  
Advanced Education Branch  
Department of Education  
Government of Yukon  
Box 2703  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6**

**If you have questions about the nomination process or the nomination package, please call Danielle Sheldon at (867) 667-5690**

