

### ABOUT

The North Central Local Government Community Leadership Awards were established with the noble aim of recognizing and celebrating the commendable efforts of communities within the North Central region. These awards serve as a testament to the dedication and commitment of these communities towards achieving remarkable advancements in three fundamental categories:

1. **Environmental Stewardship:** Within the realm of Environmental Stewardship, communities are acknowledged for their unwavering commitment to preserving and protecting the natural environment. This includes initiatives focused on conservation, sustainable practices, and responsible utilization of natural resources. From innovative waste management solutions to habitat preservation efforts, communities are honored for their proactive measures in safeguarding the environment for future generations.
2. **Social Responsibility:** The category of Social Responsibility highlights communities that prioritize initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being and inclusivity of their residents. This encompasses a broad spectrum of endeavors, such as initiatives promoting equality, social justice, healthcare accessibility, and community engagement. Communities recognized in this category exemplify the principles of compassion, empathy, and solidarity, striving to create a more equitable and cohesive society for all.
3. **Economic Development:** Economic Development celebrates communities that demonstrate exceptional leadership in fostering economic prosperity and vitality. This includes endeavors focused on job creation, income growth, business development, and infrastructure investment. Recognized communities exhibit a forward-thinking approach to economic advancement, leveraging their resources and strengths to stimulate sustainable growth and improve the quality of life for their residents.

These awards not only honor the achievements of individual communities but also serve as inspiration and motivation for others to emulate their success. By highlighting exemplary practices in Environmental Stewardship, Social Responsibility, and Economic Development, the awards aim to foster a culture of continuous improvement and collective action towards building thriving and resilient communities within the North Central region.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominating communities for the North Central Local Government Community Leadership Awards is a straightforward process designed to ensure efficiency and transparency.

1. **Submission Deadline:** Nominations should be submitted by April 23, 2025. This timing allows for proper processing before the nominations are presented to the Board for voting.
2. **Submission Methods:** Nominations can be forwarded via:

- Electronic submissions can be emailed to [admin@nclga.ca](mailto:admin@nclga.ca).
3. **Availability of Information:** Comprehensive details regarding the awards, including eligibility criteria and submission guidelines, will be accessible on the NCLGA website. Additionally, all members will receive timely reminders about the awards process and deadlines to ensure maximum participation.

### ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Community Focus:** These awards are specifically designated for communities, emphasizing collective achievements rather than individual contributions. Only communities that are NCLGA members in good standing are eligible for nomination.
2. **Nomination Format:** Nominations may be submitted by any interested party in the form of a concise letter. The letter should clearly indicate the award category for which the nomination is being made and provide a compelling rationale explaining why the nominated community deserves the award.
3. **Supporting Materials:** While supporting materials are permitted, they are not mandatory. However, the nomination letter must include relevant contact information to facilitate follow-up inquiries. This ensures that the nomination process remains accessible and transparent.
4. **Multiple Nominations:** There are no restrictions on the number of nominations per community. Additionally, submissions from previous years may be resubmitted for consideration, provided they did not win previously.

### SELECTION AND AWARD

1. **Confidential Selection Process:** The NCLGA Board will conduct the selection process through a private ballot. The identities of the winners will remain confidential until the NCLGA's Annual General Meeting.
2. **Public Recognition:** Winners will be publicly recognized and honored during the banquet at the NCLGA's Annual General Meeting. They will have the opportunity to address the audience, and each winner will receive a distinguished award in recognition of their exemplary leadership.

We eagerly anticipate receiving your nominations and celebrating the outstanding leadership demonstrated by our member communities. Together, we can continue to inspire positive change and progress within the North Central region.