



## MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARDS PROGRAM

### DETAILED CRITERIA/GUIDELINES

*(Please read carefully before completing nomination form)*

#### **PURPOSE:**

To recognize achievement and volunteer service by individuals, teams or groups who, through their efforts and/or accomplishments, have enhanced the image of, or made significant contribution to the community of Rocky Mountain House.

#### **CATEGORIES:**

The program honors recipients in four categories:

**ATHLETICS**

**FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**CITIZENSHIP**

**MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARD**

#### **NOMINATIONS:**

Nominations are the responsibility of the public. Candidates shall be nominated by at least two individuals, neither of whom may be a member of the nominee's immediate family. The deadline for submission is February 13. **Posthumous nominations cannot be accepted.**

#### **PROCESS:**

A **Selection Committee** of five members is appointed each year by the Mayor. It acts as a jury and is responsible for selecting the winners in all categories. The Selection Committee is an independent body whose decisions are final.

In the case of candidate(s) for the Mayor's Special Award, the Selection Committee shall seek ratification by the Mayor.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to assign a nomination to an alternate category provided the nominator agrees to the reassignment.

Award presentations will be made at a ceremony to be conducted annually at the Chamber of Commerce banquet in March.

## **ATHLETICS AWARD**

### **Purpose:**

To recognize an individual or team placing first in a provincial event or competition or first, second or third in an national event or competition and which event or competition has been sanctioned by the respective national or international governing body of the particular sport.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Candidates may have competed at an amateur or professional level.

Candidates shall be considered for an award only in the year immediately following the year in which the achievement occurred. Nominations for a specific achievement will not be considered in any other year.

Nominations shall be considered only on the basis of standing in an event or competition as opposed to achievement or service to the sport.

There is no limit to the number of awards that may be presented in this category in a given year.

Achievement must have enhanced the image of the community of Rocky Mountain House.

### **CATEGORIES:**

#### **Individual**

#### **Definitions:**

- **Individual Event:** A single activity contest. (e.g., a 50 m free style swim)
- **Individual Competition:** A multiple activity contest made up of more than one event. (e.g., a swim meet)

Candidates shall be considered for an award if they have placed:

- First in an event or competition

Individuals shall attain a higher standing in an event or competition in a given sport to be eligible for subsequent awards; and a span of three years must elapse before a previous Mayor's Recognition Awards recipient will be considered for an additional award, subject to the discretion of the Selection Committee.

## **Team**

### **Definitions:**

- **Team Event:** A single activity contest with two or more participants. (e.g., a 200 m free style relay swim)
- **Team Competition:** A multiple activity contest with two or more participants made up of more than one event (e.g., a hockey tournament)

Candidates shall be considered for an award if they have placed:

- First in a **national** event or competition, **or**
- First, second or third in an **international** event or competition

Sanctioned by a national or international governing body in the particular sport.

Teams meeting the above criteria shall be eligible to receive the award on more than one occasion; however, a span of three years must elapse before previous Mayor's Recognition Awards recipients will be considered for an additional award, subject to the discretion of the Selection Committee.

## **FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS AWARD**

### **PURPOSE:**

To recognize an individual or group gaining national or international acceptance or recognition of outstanding achievement in one or more of the arts. The recognition may be for: a) a specific achievement, or b) a series of accomplishments over time.

It is the intent of this award to recognize individuals and groups of individuals as opposed to institutions, organizations or programs in which they may be participating.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

#### **Definitions:**

- **Arts:** For the purpose of this award, includes literary, visual, performing, film, video and architectural arts.
- **Group:** Two or more individuals assembles together and have some common purpose (e.g., Barbershop Quartet)

Candidates may hold amateur or professional status; however, the achievement must have enhanced the image of the community of Rocky Mountain House.

Candidates may be considered for an award:

- a) in the year immediately following the year in which the specific achievement occurred; **or**
- b) in recognition of a series of accomplishments over time.

Nominations shall be considered on the basis of acceptance or recognition of outstanding achievement in one or more of the arts.

There is no limit to the number of awards that may be presented in this category in a given year.

A span of three years must elapse before a previous Mayor's Recognition Awards recipient will be considered for an additional award, subject to the discretion of the Selection Committee.

### **CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize:

- a) **Distinguished Voluntary Service** which has had a significant impact in the community of Rocky Mountain House, **or**
- b) **Continuous Voluntary Service**, over a minimum of fifteen years, which has an identifiable benefit to the community of Rocky Mountain House.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

#### **Definition:**

- **Volunteer:** A person who provides a service for which no salary is paid, but who may recover out of pocket expenses.

Candidates shall be individuals.

A maximum of twenty awards will be presented in this category in a given year.

### **DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

Distinguished voluntary service shall be identified as having a significant impact in the community of Rocky Mountain House.

### **CONTINUOUS VOLUNTARY SERVICE (minimum 15 years)**

Continuous voluntary service shall be for volunteer work which has an identifiable benefit to the community of Rocky Mountain House.

The 15 years of voluntary service shall be continuous and may have occurred with more than one organization in Rocky Mountain House.

### **MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARD**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To recognize an individual whose service or achievement at the local, provincial, national or international level has been of singular significance, has enhanced the image of the community of Rocky Mountain House, and whose accomplishments are not adequately described within the framework of the criteria for the Athletics, Fine and Performing Arts or Citizenship categories.

The Mayor's Special Award is the highest possible recognition from the Town of Rocky Mountain House.

Nominees shall be individuals who have demonstrated any of the following:

- Humanitarianism
- Exceptional achievement in a profession, sport or the arts
- An act of heroism or bravery

The Mayor's Special Award may not necessarily be presented each year. On occasion more than one award may be presented in a given year; however, a span of three years must elapse before a previous Mayor's Recognition Award's recipient will be considered for an additional award, subject to the discretion of the Selection Committee.