**Do you know a youth, individual, or organization that is doing or has done great work and would be deserving of a
Nova Scotia Human Rights Award?**

**Deadline for Nominations: Extended to Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

The Nova Scotia Human Rights Award, presented annually by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, acknowledges the good works done in Nova Scotia by residents who advance human rights. Human Rights are those conditions, expectations, and standards to which every person by virtue of his or her existence as a human being, is entitled. When the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, it declared that all human beings are “free and equal in dignity and rights.” Some human rights, such as freedom of religion, are fundamental freedoms. Other human rights protect people from unfair treatment because of certain personal qualities. These are sometimes called “anti-discrimination” rights.

The following information outlines the selection criteria and process for the Nova Scotia Human Rights Awards. Please answer all applicable questions and provide as much detail as is available. The selection committee does not know the nominee, you do. It is important that the selection committee is able to get to know the youth, individual, or organization through the information you provide.

**Eligibility**

The categories of who is eligible are: ***youth, individual,*** and ***organizations***. The Individual category was renamed in memory of Rocky Jones in recognition of his work advancing human rights in Nova Scotia. The criteria for each category are as follows:

**Youth Award**

* Up to age 19

**Burnley Allan “Rocky” Jones (Individual) Award**

* Individuals over the age of 19

**Organization Award**

* An entity where two or more persons work together to achieve a goal
* Individuals form a group and work as a whole to achieve a common end purpose
* There is a structure in place to support the achievement of the common goal
* Provide an outline of the structure of the organization

**Further Criteria:**

* The youth, individual, or organization must live or operate in Nova Scotia
* The nominee espouses human rights values and does not discriminate based on race, gender, disability and other protected characteristics of the Nova Scotia *Human Rights Act*.

Please check the website ([humanrights](http://www.gov.ns.ca/humanrights).novascotia.ca) for more information.

Your nomination must demonstrate:

* That the nominee’s work includes a component of each of the following:
	+ Education
	+ Leadership
	+ Impact
* That the nominee’s work promotes non-exclusionary practices, such as practices not in the contravention of the *Human Rights Act*
* How the nominee(s) has/have creatively advanced and protected human rights in our communities

**Previous Human Rights Awards Recipients**

A nominee who has received an award within five years is not eligible.

**The Selection Process**

* A Human Rights Award Committee reviews the nominations
* The nominee’s work is reflective of the category for which they are being nominated
* Nominations that meet the selection criteria are sent to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commissioners
* The Commissioners select the winner(s)
* The winner(s) of the Human Rights Award are announced by press release, and awards are presented at the International Human Rights Day event on December 10.

**The application deadline is 4:30 p.m., November 9, 2016.**

For more information on the International Human Rights Day event, please visit our website: [humanrights](http://www.gov.ns.ca/humanrights).novascotia.ca.

**Human Rights Award Nomination Form**

The application deadline is **Wednesday, November 9, 2016**

**Information on your nominee (please check one category):**

**Note if you have multiple nominations, each will require a separate form and supporting package of materials.**

 🗆 Youth 🗆 Burnley Allan “Rocky” Jones (Individual) 🗆 Organization

Name of the nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1. Details of the nomination:**

(i) If you are nominating a youth or an individual, please indicate the specific initiative(s) or project(s) for which the youth/individual/organization is being nominated (attach additional information as deemed necessary):

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(ii) If you are nominating an organization please provide details on its common purpose and indicate if there is a specific initiative or program you would like to highlight (attach additional information as deemed necessary):

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(iii) What is your current experience with the nominee?

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**2. What led you to nominate this person/organization?** What did the nominee do?

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**3. Who would have benefited from the work of the nominee?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Explain how the nominee fits the selection criteria** (attach additional information as deemed necessary):

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**5. Attach any additional document(s) that you feel support your nomination.**  For example you may wish to include brochures, posters, reports, the organization’s mandate and mission, purpose, any website information applicable, testimonials, etc.

**6. Please note the following:**

(i) Two reference letters must be included with your submission to support this application.

(ii) If all information requested is not provided the review of the submission cannot move forward. Please ensure that the following is in your submission:

* Responses to all questions (using this form and any additional as deemed necessary)
* Each nomination requires a separate form and package of materials
* Additional documents that you feel support the nomination
* Two reference letters

**7. Please provide your contact information (optional)**

 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Return the form and attachments by Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 4:30 p.m., to:**

Mail: Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

Attn: Human Rights Award Committee Chair

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