



Sheelagh Nolan Award *Call for 2017 Nominations*

Sheelagh Nolan Award for Excellence in Teaching: Nomination Criteria

Thank you for taking this opportunity to recognize the outstanding achievement of educators and teams in support of learners on the Autism Spectrum across the lifespan in Nova Scotia. The Sheelagh Nolan Award for Excellence in Teaching is a prestigious award that honors the devotion and perseverance of the late Sheelagh Nolan. Sheelagh's son, Patrick, is on the Autism Spectrum and was always Sheelagh's inspiration. Sheelagh was an active contributor to numerous school and community causes. It was through Patrick that Sheelagh became a friend to Autism Nova Scotia, and it is her legacy of support and championing of excellence in education that we celebrate with this award.

The Sheelagh Nolan Award has always honoured excellence in teaching, whether it be a teacher, a member of the student support team, learning team, or school. We have also come to recognize and honour the exceptional work of individuals and teams who continue to teach individuals on the Autism Spectrum once their school days are through, both in the workplace and the community.

With this award, we recognize the efforts of an individual or team to foster the growth and maximize the potential of a learner or learners with ASD in a collaborative and positive manner. Please fill out the attached form to complete your nomination.

The Sheelagh Nolan Award for Excellence in Teaching will recognize an individual or team that provides a learning environment that:

- Seeks to foster growth and maximizes potential of the student or learner with ASD.
- Recognizes that educational process involves collaboration between family/caregivers, the learner, educators and other significant partners involved.
- Builds self-esteem and peer relations for the learner with autism.
- Consistently ensures the implementation and use of best practices and the most current information regarding autism.

Nominations will be accepted from parents, educational staff and students of a educational institution in Nova Scotia. The award will be presented at Autism Nova Scotia's Holiday Open House on December 7, 2017.

Please submit the attached nomination form by **Friday, November 3, 2017** via email, fax or by mail. To the attention of: Colin MacDonald - cmacdonald@autismns.ca



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Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Please identify your relationship to nominee:
Parent: Student: Other _____ (Please specify)
- Please identify the academic environment of the nominee:
Public School: Private School: Other: _____ (Please specify)
- Name of academic organization (if applicable): _____

Nominee Information

Please provide the name and contact information for the individual that you are nominating for Autism Nova Scotia's Sheelagh Nolan Award:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

In 1000 words or less, please describe how your nominee exemplifies the criteria of the Sheelagh Nolan award. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, November 3, 2017.



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