

# FOCUS ON YOUTH AWARDS



**2024  
NOMINATION  
PACKAGE**

# John Rossiter Memorial Award

# YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Youth of the Year Award is designed to honour a well-rounded, responsible individual who demonstrates exceptional achievements in academics, community/organization involvement, leadership, and athletics.

Any group, organization or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Must be a resident of Mount Pearl during the competition.
- Must be a full-time student in a secondary or recognized post-secondary school or institute.
- Must not be younger than 13 years as of January 1 and not older than 19 years as of December 31 in the competition year.

# YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Youth Volunteer of the Year Award is designed to honour young people who, through their unpaid contributions, have helped make Mount Pearl a better place to live. Volunteering efforts can be in any sector of our society, such as scouts, guides, recreation, media or seniors, as long as it is non-profit.

Any group, organization or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Must be 13 years of age as of January 1 or 19 years of age as of December 31 in the competition year.
- Volunteer work must be done for a non-profit organization.
- Must not have received remuneration.



# YOUTH ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The Youth Athlete of the Year Award is designed to recognize and honor outstanding performances by youth athletes.

Any group, organization or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Must be a full-time student in a secondary or recognized post-secondary school or institute.
- Must be 18 years or under as of December 31 in this competition year.
- Any participant with a Mount Pearl Sport Alliance Member sport.
- Any student playing with a Mount Pearl sport, regardless of residency.
- Any Mount Pearl student who is a resident of Mount Pearl and plays a sport not available in Mount Pearl.
- Any student who is a resident of Mount Pearl and does not attend a Mount Pearl school, and who participates in a recognized sport that is not available in Mount Pearl.
- In the case of non-residents of Mount Pearl, only those sports played with Mount Pearl schools, or sport clubs will be recognized.

If in question, the Selection Committee reserves the right to determine eligibility. The Committees' decision is final.

# YOUTH SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR

The Youth Sports Team of the Year Award is designed to honour significant achievements in sport by a Mount Pearl team.

Any group, organization or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A team is defined as two or more athletes who train under the direction of a designated coach, and compete as a team within a competitive league structure as defined by the sport governing body.
- Teams must be composed of youth 18 years of age and under as of December 31 of the calendar year of this nominations package.
- If the team has established its registration membership to be regional in nature, then athletes not residing in Mount Pearl, but competing for Mount Pearl teams as their club of choice, may be nominated for the Youth Sports Team of the Year.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

On the nomination form the following information is required:

- Names, addresses, ages and school attended for all team members.
- Describe the team's community involvement (community fundraising, special events, etc).
- Examples of how the team demonstrates fair play.
- Time commitment to sport training and play.
- Any other comments on the team's performance during the calendar year of the nomination package; be sure to include details of the team's performance and success. More consideration will be given to accredited championship competitions than for invitational and/or recreational play.
- General comments by nominator (any additional relevant information).

# YOUTH GROUP OF THE YEAR

The Youth Group of the Year Award is designed to honour significant achievement and community service by a youth group from Mount Pearl. The competition is open to groups with members not older than 19 years of age.

Any group, organization or individual may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- A youth group is defined as a community or school-based organization that provides a service to the community.
- Youth members must be 19 years of age or younger as of December 31 of the competition year.
- Groups must be based in Mount Pearl.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

On the nomination form for the Youth Group of the Year, the nominator must include the following information:

- All group member names, addresses, ages, and schools attended.
- Any mention of the group community involvement (locally, provincially, etc.).
- Time commitments to group.
- Any other comments on group achievements during competition year.

# YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS RECOGNITION AWARDS (GROUP)

Youth Performing Arts Recognition Awards (Group) are designed to honour significant achievements in the area of performing arts in Mount Pearl. Recognition awards will be given to any group that the Selection Committee deems worthy of recognition.

Any group, organization or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. A maximum of two groups will be recognized annually at the Focus on Youth Awards. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Group members must be 19 years of age or younger during the competition year.
- If a group's registration is regional in nature, then performers not residing in Mount Pearl but performing for a Mount Pearl organization, only as their organization of choice, can be candidates for the Youth Performing Arts Recognition Awards (Group).

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

On the nomination form for Youth Performing Arts Recognition Awards (Group), the nominator must include the following information:

- Group members' names, addresses, ages and schools attended.
- Any mention of community involvement.
- Time commitment to performing (practicing, related activity, etc.).
- Any awards or recognition received during the calendar year.
- Nominator's general comments.
- Video and audio tapes of performances will be accepted.

# YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS RECOGNITION AWARDS (INDIVIDUAL)

Youth Performing Arts Recognition Award (Individual) is designed to honour significant achievements in the area of performing arts in Mount Pearl. Any group, organization, or individual may make nominations.

Any group, organization, or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Nominee must be 19 years of age or younger during the competition year.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

On the nomination form for Youth Performing Arts Recognition Award (Individual), the nominator must include the following information:

- Nominee's name, address, age and school attended.
- Time commitment to performing (practicing, related activity, etc.).
- Any awards or recognition received during the calendar year.
- Nominator's general comments.
- Video and audio tapes of performances will be accepted.
- Nominees will be required to audition one piece prior to the Focus on Youth Awards (if selected as a finalist, nominees are required to perform this same piece the night of the show).



# YOUTH VISUAL ARTS AWARD

The Youth Visual Arts Award is designed to honour significant achievements in the area of visual arts in Mount Pearl.

Any group, organization or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Nominee must be 19 years of age or younger during the competition year.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

On the nomination form for Youth Visual Arts Award, the nominator must include the following information:

- Nominee's name, address, age and school attended.
- Time commitment to visual arts.
- Any awards or recognition received during the calendar year.
- Nominator's general comments.
- Maximum of three pieces of physical art will be accepted in any medium, including but not exclusive to: painting, drawing, print making, collage, mixed media, stained glass, fibre arts, photography and photo-based work, digitally produced images, unique bookworks, sculpture in all media (including wood metal, paper mache, glass, clay, stone, and combinations or assemblages of any of the above). Artwork must be complete as of date of submission.

# YOUTH STEM AWARD

Youth STEM Award (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Award) is designed to recognize significant achievements in the area of science in Mount Pearl.

Any group, organization or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominee must be 19 years of age or younger during the competition year.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

On the nomination form for Youth STEM Award, the nominator must include the following information:

- Nominee's name, address, age and school attended.
- Approximate time committed to STEM fields.
- Any related awards or recognition received during the calendar year.
- Nominator's general comments (please comment on the nominee's approach and dedication to their work, their leadership abilities, innovation, creativity, aptitude and interest in the STEM fields. Consideration will be given to student involvement in out-of-class activities related to STEM, such as robotics clubs, science fairs, voluntarism in STEM fields, and summer institute participation, such as Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), Shad Valley, Perimeter Institute, etc. Consideration will also be given for inventions or innovations, participation in school-based clubs, such as environmental clubs, participation in external math, physics exams, discovery day in science, oil and gas week, etc.
- There are no point systems involved in this award. Instead, all nominees are compared and the nominee deemed by the Selection Committee to be most meritorious is selected.

# YOUTH LITERARY ARTS AWARD

Youth Literary Arts Award is designed to honour significant achievements in the area of literary arts in Mount Pearl.

Any group, organization or individual who is not a relative may make nominations. Please keep in mind that only achievements during the calendar year of the nomination package are allowed.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominee must be 19 years of age or younger during the competition year.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

On the nomination form for Youth Literary Arts Award, the nominator must include the following information:

- Nominee's name, address, age and school attended.
- Approximate time commitment to Literary Arts (include time spent writing, reading literary works, blogging, brainstorming, editing and attending writing classes/seminars).
- Any awards or recognition received during the calendar year.
- Nominator's general comments (please comment on the nominee's approach and dedication to their work, their creativity, and what aspect of their writing led you to nominate them).
- Nomination portfolio\* (poetry, prose, playwriting, spoken word, storytelling, blog URL).
- Finalist may be interviewed prior to the Focus on Youth Awards.

The Nomination Portfolio should reflect the nominee's best work and should contain no more than 20 pages (shorter portfolios are also acceptable). Portfolios of this size will give judges enough material to make a fair comparison between nominees. Any combination of the following would be acceptable: a novel excerpt, 1-2 short stories, up to 10 poems, 1-2 essays, 6-8 printed blog entries. If the nominee writes in a variety of genres, the portfolio should include work from at least two. Where possible, nominees should include clean copies of their work that do not contain editorial comments.