



2025 Recreation Leader of the Year recipient Jolene Curley (center), receives her award and gifts from RPAN Executive Director Aaron Robinson (left) and RPAN Board member Qumangaapik Arnatsiaq (right) at the 2025 Sport and Recreation Awards Gala.

RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION OF NUNAVUT AWARDS NOMINATION PACKAGE

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

RECREATION LEADER AWARD

CALM AIR YOUTH LEADER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Nomination
Deadline:

June 12, 2026

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2026 Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut Awards Program

The Recreation & Parks Association of Nunavut is pleased to present the 2025 Awards Program brochure and nomination package. The RPAN Awards are presented annually and recognize the achievements and contributions of volunteers, organizations and recreation and sport leaders.

The Nunavut recreation and sport community is successful because of the countless hours given unselfishly by our volunteers and leaders. We encourage you to recognize these contributions and achievements by ensuring you nominate worthy individuals.

Recipients will be presented their Awards at the **2026 Rec and Sports Awards Gala in Iqaluit on Saturday, October 3, 2026.**

Thank you in advance for supporting and recognizing volunteers and leaders in Nunavut.

Nominate a deserving individual or group for one of the following Awards!

The following Awards are presented to individuals, hamlets, municipalities or community groups to recognize their valued leadership contributions toward promoting recreation, leisure and healthy active lifestyles in their communities. Recipients are volunteers, professionals, involved citizens, youth or community groups. Recipients give their time, energy and commitment, developing relationships and partnerships, creating opportunities for recreation and healthy living. As well as, engaging and encouraging others to use open spaces and recreation facilities to achieve a healthy, active lifestyle.

Calm Air Youth Leader Award of Excellence

Presented to a youth leader under 30 years of age to recognize outstanding achievements in the improvement of recreation/leisure opportunities at the local level, including but not limited to the last 12 months. The nominee's achievements should promote the value and benefits of active living and support a healthier future for their community.

Recreation Leader Award

The Recreation Leader Award recognizes a recreation practitioner who has made significant contributions to the growth and development of recreation services and who promote the benefits of physical activity and recreation. This includes leaders, supervisors, program managers, and recreation coordinators.

Volunteer of the Year

Volunteers are the heart of the community! The Canadian North Volunteer of the Year recognizes one special person in community recreation who stepped up during an event, 100% dependable or is the glue that holds things together? A Volunteer of the Year is someone who goes above and beyond, who is passionate about helping people, and who personifies kindness, thoughtfulness, and compassion.

Nomination and Presentation Procedures

To submit a nomination, complete the enclosed Nomination Form and return it with two letters of support and the nomination statement to the RPAN Project Manager at arobinson@rpan.ca no later than **June 12, 2026.**

Note: Form style letters of support will not be accepted. Only one nomination per category per organization will be accepted. Successful recipients and all nominators will be notified by June 30, 2026.



2026 RPAN AWARDS – NOMINATION FORM

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AWARDS CATEGORY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Leader Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Calm Air Youth Leader Award of Excellence
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Year	

NOMINEE'S/APPLICANT'S INFORMATION	
First Name	Last Name
Organization/Community	
Title	
Complete Mailing Address	
Community	Postal Code
Work Phone Number	Alternate Phone Number
Email Address	

NOMINATED BY	
First Name	Last Name
Organization/Community	
Title	RPAN Member ____ Yes ____ No
Complete Mailing Address	
Community	Postal Code
Work Phone Number	Alternate Phone Number
Email Address	
Signature	Date

Description and Achievements of Nominee

Please be as specific as possible when outlining why you are making this nomination. Feel free to include any additional documentation such as support letters, reports, photographs, and/or videos.

The list below provides nominators with a list of key points that can be used in support letters.

- ✓ Description of the impact the individual, group or project has had on the community.
- ✓ Legacies left at community/territorial level.
- ✓ Level of volunteerism.
- ✓ Community involvement.
- ✓ Contributions made and why they are significant to the community or recreation.
- ✓ Description of project and how it meets the needs of target groups.
- ✓ Description of how project has an overall long-term improvement to the community.

Nomination Statement

Attach a maximum 500 word statement describing how the Nominee meets the criteria of the award.

Remember to Submit:

- ✓ Completed Nomination Form
- ✓ Letters of Support
- ✓ Nomination Statement

Return completed Nomination Package by: [June 12, 2026](#) to:

RPAN - Awards Selection Committee, arobinson@rpan.ca.

For additional information or assistance, contact Aaron Robinson at 613.277.4417 (cell).

- Only complete Nominations (Nomination Form, Nomination Statement and one - two Letters of Support) will be forwarded to the Awards Committee for review.
- Only one nomination per category per organization.
- Complete one Nomination Form per Award.

The RPAN Board of Directors reserves the right to withhold an award if there are no qualified candidates. The decisions of the RPAN Awards Sub-Committee and Board of Directors are final. Nominees are eligible for re-nomination in subsequent years. An updated nomination form must be re-submitted. We regret that RPAN cannot accept submissions after the deadline. No entries will be returned. RPAN reserves the right to use the entries in the awards presentation program for exhibit or display.