

Artist Call – RNS Awards 2026

Recreation Nova Scotia invites artists and artist collectives/groups to submit proposals for either:

- 1) a single 2-D artwork that will be printed in duplicate, framed, and presented to each of the winners of Recreation Nova Scotia's annual awards; or
- 2) A total of 8 (eight) 3-D artworks that would be presented to each of the winners of Recreation Nova Scotia's annual awards.

Up to eight (8) awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony that is taking place as part of Recreation Nova Scotia's annual conference on October 14 at the Best Western Truro – Glengarry in Truro, NS.

Artist fee:

Option 1: \$700.00

Option 2: \$900.00

Submission Deadline: August 31, 2026

Eligibility: Open to professional/emerging artists who live/create in Nova Scotia, with priority given to artists who currently live/create in or have a connection to the Fundy Region, the host region for this year's conference.

Final Artworks due: October 1, 2026

Budget

Option 1: The artist or collective/group will receive an artist fee of \$700 CAD to produce a single 2-D artwork. Copies of the selected design will be printed and framed in a 16" x 20" frame to be presented to each award winner at the RNS Awards Banquet on October 14. Printing and framing of the final prints, including the cost, will be the responsibility of Recreation Nova Scotia.

Option 2: The artist or collective/group will receive an artist fee of \$900 CAD to produce up to 8 (eight) 3-D artworks. Each artwork will be presented to an award winner at the RNS Awards Banquet on October 14. The artist or collective/group is asked to include a proposal for how a plaque (or similar) identifying the award winner would be attached/mounted to or included in each artwork as part of their submission. Printing of a plaque identifying the award winner, including the cost, will be the responsibility of Recreation Nova Scotia.

Thematic Framework

The eight award categories are as follows:

- Bluenose Achievement Award
- Mayflower Community Cooperation Award
- Connecting People with Nature Award
- Equity, Inclusion, Diversity and Access Award



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- Event/Program Excellence Award
- Heart of Recreation Award
- Professional Achievement Award
- Honourary Lifetime Member

More information about each award can be found at <https://www.recreationns.ns.ca/awards.html>.

Themes interwoven throughout the different award categories include: active living; inclusion and access; connecting people with nature; supportive environments that encourage participation; strong, connected and caring communities; collaboration and partnership; and leadership and mentorship.

Recreation Nova Scotia seeks artworks that reflect these themes.

Selection Process

A selection panel comprised of a mix of recreation professionals and volunteer/staff representatives of non-profit organizations will engage in the artist selection process. At the conclusion of the process, the panel will recommend one artist or artist collective/group for the commission. The selected artist or artist collective/group will enter into a contract with Recreation Nova Scotia that would include details outlining how the artist/s' image, bio, description of artwork and image of the artwork/s may appear on the RNS website or social media channels. Permission to use the artwork/s for future purposes would be negotiated with the artist or collective/group if applicable.

Selection Criteria

Submissions will be reviewed and decisions based on:

- Artist/s' response to the thematic framework
- Capacity to deliver within the project timeline

Submission Requirements

Complete the submission form in [Jotform](#) and include all supporting documents, that include:

- Information form
- Statement of intent: Maximum 300 words, including a brief description of your proposed artwork and how it fits within the thematic framework of this Artist Call.
- A sketch/ illustration of the proposed artwork(s), or images of existing artworks that will help the selection panel visualize the look and feel of the final artwork(s)
- Artist bio: Maximum 200 words per artist member.

Questions? Please contact PRO@recreationns.ns.ca.



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