

In 2003 the City of Spruce Grove established the Spruce Grove Awards of Excellence to recognize achievements and contributions made to the City of Spruce Grove.

Each year nominations are received in the following categories:

- Athletics
- Arts
- Education
- Environment
- Innovation
- Community Service
- Special Citation for Significant Achievement



In order to be considered, a nominee must have:

- Made a significant contribution to the City of Spruce Grove in the nomination category
- Achieved national/international recognition in the nomination category

Nomination deadline

Nominations must be received no later than midnight on April 30 to be considered for the current year's awards. Any nomination received after this date will be considered for the following year's awards.

How to submit a nomination

Fully complete the online nomination form available at www.sprucegrove.org/AOE.

The following must be included in the nomination:

- 1. A letter, not longer than four pages, to the Spruce Grove Awards of Excellence Committee describing why this nominee merits recognition.
- 2. Three letters of reference* in support of the nomination.
- 3. Supporting materials that identify or document the nominee's accomplishments.

Nominations must contain complete and accurate information concerning the merits of the candidate and must have the consent of the nominee, or if deceased, the family.

Questions?

Call 780-962-2611 or email corpcomm@sprucegrove.org.





^{*} Current members of Spruce Grove City Council are not eligible to provide letters of reference.



ATHLETICS

Purpose: To honour outstanding national and international calibre athletes who have represented Spruce Grove in a creditable manner in athletic competition, and whose example of good sportsmanship has brought repute to the sport and high regard for the individual.

Conditions for nomination: To be eligible for nomination as an athlete, a nominee must have represented Spruce Grove as an amateur or professional athlete at a national or international level.

Before a nomination of an athlete is accepted: There must be a three-year waiting period following retirement of the athlete from major competition. At the discretion of the City of Spruce Grove Awards of Excellence exceptions may be made for athletes who have won world or Olympic gold medals.

To be eligible as a team: A nominee must be a Spruce Grove-based team, representing Canada, the Province of Alberta and/or the City of Spruce Grove. The team must have competed in national, Olympic, world and major sporting competitions sanctioned by an accredited international body and have finished not lower than third place.

ARTS

Purpose: To honour outstanding individuals or organizations who gain national or international acceptance or recognition of outstanding achievement in one or more of the arts where considerable discipline, skill and training is required (or where qualified board adjudicators or judges have publicized their awarding opinion or decision). For the purpose of this award, Arts shall include, but not be limited to: literary arts, visual arts, performing arts, film, video and traditional arts.

Conditions for nomination: To be eligible for nomination, a nominee must have made a significant contribution to the arts in Spruce Grove and have gained national or international recognition.

EDUCATION

Purpose: To honour those individuals who gain recognition from an accredited national or international body for outstanding achievement in education.

Conditions for nomination: To be eligible for nomination a nominee must have made a significant contribution to education and have gained national or international recognition.

ENVIRONMENT

Purpose: To honour those individuals who gain recognition from an accredited national or international body for outstanding achievement in environmental protection and conservation.

Conditions for nomination: To be eligible for nomination a nominee must have made a significant contribution to the environment and have gained national or international recognition.

INNOVATION

Purpose: To honour those individuals who gain recognition from an accredited national or international body for outstanding achievement in innovation.

Conditions for nomination: To be eligible for nomination a nominee must have made a significant discovery which resulted in national or international recognition.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Purpose: To honour those individuals or groups who have provided lengthy and significant volunteer service to athletics, arts, social services, health care or community service in Spruce Grove.

Conditions for nomination: To be eligible for nomination a nominee should have given or should continue to give outstanding service to the Spruce Grove community.

SPECIAL CITATION FOR SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT

Purpose: To honour those individuals or groups who gain national or international recognition for accomplishments not described in any of the aforementioned award categories.

Conditions for nomination: To be eligible for nomination a nominee must have positively affected or otherwise made a significant contribution to the community of Spruce Grove by excelling in his/her respective discipline including accredited national or international recognition of achievements.

CLAUSE OF EXCEPTION

In the event where an individual has received national or international acknowledgement of contributions to their field, the individual may be considered for further recognition from the City of Spruce Grove such as, but not restricted to, the naming of streets, parks and public facilities in the recipient's honour, pending approval of Spruce Grove City Council.