

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia)



The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia) was created to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada.

The overall purpose the medal program is to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the province or to a particular region, community or field. The medal honours The Queen and her lifelong service to Canada, as well as those residents of Nova Scotia who, like Her Majesty, have devoted their lives to making this province a better place.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

In addition to Members of the Legislative Assembly, a broad range of program partners have been invited to submit nominations. These partners include Indigenous organizations, veterans' organizations, immigrant settlement organizations, organizations involved in the provision of healthcare, an array of non-governmental community based organizations, the Canadian Armed Forces, various Protective Services (Police, Fire, Corrections, Emergency Medical Services, Peace Officers), and the provincial and municipal employees. Members of the public are also able to submit nominations. The Protocol and Honours Secretariat will direct these nominations to the most appropriate program partner organization for consideration.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this honour, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- The individual must reside in the province or have a tangible link to Nova Scotia.
- The individual must have been alive as of 6 February 2022, the seventieth anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne.
- The individual must have made significant contributions to Nova Scotia or to a particular region, community or field.



GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

The following guidelines have been developed to provide guidance in selecting deserving candidates:

- The awarding of the medal should focus on the achievements of persons who have helped to build the Nova Scotia of today, including seniors, volunteers, veterans, and youth;
- A focus of the program is also to recognizing the contributions and services rendered by individuals throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic;
- Through their achievements and sustained contribution, the candidates have distinguished themselves from others volunteering in/employed in the same field;
- Recipients should be highly respected individuals within their community. The recipients' names will be part of the public record;
- Nominees should be inclusive and reflect the demographics of their region or community;
- The medal is to be awarded to individuals only, not to groups or couples;
- Self-nominations are not permitted.

WHY IS THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL BEING CREATED?

A new commemorative medal has been created to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal will be a tangible way for Nova Scotia to honour Her Majesty's service to Canada.

The Medal program will be part of the Platinum Jubilee year celebrations, organized by the Government of Nova Scotia. Permission has been sought from the Government of Canada to have the Medal included in the Order of Precedence, along with the other commemorative medals in the honours system.

WHY ARE COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS ESTABLISHED ?

Commemorative medals are established to mark special anniversaries or occasions. They are typically awarded to recognize contributions made by Canadians from a broad spectrum of society.

Other commemorative medals include the Canadian Centennial Medal (1967); the Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee Medal (1977); the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal (1992); the Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002); and the Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012).

Provinces have previously created commemorative medals, notably the Alberta Centennial Medal and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal (both in 2005), which were officially recognized by the Government of Canada and authorized for wear with other official honours.

For more information, please visit <https://novascotia.ca/jubileemedal>

WHO IS ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM?

The program is being administered by the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Protocol and Honours Secretariat in partnership with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

WHAT WILL THE PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL LOOK LIKE?

The design of the medal was released by the Lieutenant Governor on June 2, 2022 after approval for the use of the effigy and Royal Symbols given by Her Majesty The Queen.

The obverse (front) of the medal, displays a Crowned effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with her Canadian Style and title, along with two natural maple leaves. This effigy was designed by renowned heraldic artist, Cathy Bursey-Sabourin, Fraser Herald of the Canadian Heraldic Authority, which is part of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General.

The reverse (back) displays the shield of arms of Nova Scotia, surmounted by The Queen's Royal Cypher and the dates of the reign being celebrated, "1952"- "2022", separated by a pair of Mayflowers (the provincial flower and shape of the Order of Nova Scotia), with the phrase "VIVAT REGINA" at the base, which means "Long Live The Queen."

The ribbon is based on the next permutation in the alternating colours used for the Coronation and Jubilee Medals issued throughout The Queen's reign. Blue and White are the Provincial colours as taken from the flag, while Red and White are the national colours of Canada, as taken from the National Flag and Royal Arms of Canada. The colour white also doubles as a representation of platinum, and the medal commemorates the Platinum Jubilee. The ribbon and reverse of the medal were collaboratively designed by Dr. Christopher McCreery, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, and Lieutenant-Colonel Carl Gauthier, from the Directorate of Honours and Recognition of the Department of National Defence.

The medal is being struck by Guthrie Woods Ltd. of Ottawa, while the ribbon is being made by Toy, Kenning & Spencer of England.

IS NOVA SCOTIA THE ONLY JURISDICTION THAT WILL HAVE A PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL PROGRAM?

NO: The United Kingdom has already begun to roll out their Platinum Jubilee Medal Program and a number of The Queen's other realms have also instituted a medal program for 2022.

WILL OTHER PROVINCES HAVE A PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL PROGRAM?

YES: Nova Scotia has been working closely with a number of other jurisdictions to assist them in establishing a medal program based on what we have established in this province.

HOW WAS THE NUMBER OF 5,000 RECIPIENTS ARRIVED AT?

It was decided to proceed with 5,000 recipients based on the number of Nova Scotians recognized in the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Medal Program. At that time, 3,800 residents of Nova Scotia were awarded medals. The number 5,000 accounts for population growth and also the desire to recognize a large number of people who have made significant contributions throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

WILL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BE ABLE TO MAKE NOMINATIONS?

YES: Members of the public will be able to nominate people via their MLA or other program partners. Program partners will begin to be contacted to participate beginning on June 2, 2022.

WILL PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE NOVA SCOTIA BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL?

While there is no residency or citizenship requirement to receive the medal, anyone being nominated for the medal must have a direct connection to the province and must have made a significant contribution to the province.

As with the Order of Nova Scotia, a number of non-residents with strong Nova Scotia ties have been recognized; notably the Nobel Prize Winning physicist Art McDonald who was born in Cape Breton but lives in Kingston ON, the award-winning poet George Elliott Clarke, who was born in Windsor but now resides in Toronto, and other distinguished Canadians who have a direct connection to our province.

HOW WAS THE MEDAL APPROVED?

Her Majesty The Queen approved the design. The Governor-in-Council, composed of the provincial Cabinet and the Lieutenant Governor, approved the creation of the medal and program. In this capacity, the Lieutenant Governor is also acting on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen.

WILL OTHER PROVINCIAL MEDALS BE ESTABLISHED?

At this time, there are no plans to create other provincial medals. This program has been established to fill a gap left by the absence of a federal Platinum Jubilee Medal Program. This is a one-time program that will conclude on February 5, 2023, at the end of the Platinum Jubilee year.

WHERE WILL THIS MEDAL FIT WITH MY OTHER MEDALS?

Permission has been sought from the Government of Canada to have the medal listed in the Order of Precedence with the other commemorative medals of the Canadian Honours System. It is expected that the medal will be worn after The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012) and before the RCMP Long Service Medal, the Canadian Forces' Decoration (C.D.) and the Exemplary Service Medals. Other provincial commemorative medals, such as the 2005 Alberta Centennial Medal and the 2005 Saskatchewan Centennial, have been included in the Order of Precedence so there is a solid precedent.

The complete list of precedence for orders, decorations and medals is available online at www.gg.ca/en/order-precedence

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS?

Medal recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Nova Scotia or have a tangible link to Nova Scotia at the time of the grant of the medal;
- Have made a significant contribution to Canada, Nova Scotia or a particular Nova Scotian region or community; and
- Was alive on February 6, 2022, the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne.

CAN THE MEDAL BE AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY?

To be eligible, the candidate must have been alive on February 6, 2022, the date of the 70th anniversary of The Queen's accession to the Throne.

HOW WILL RECIPIENTS BE SELECTED FOR THE MEDAL?

To ensure a fair and equitable selection of worthy recipients, representative of all regions and fields of endeavor, and various governmental and non-governmental organizations will be invited to become trusted partners in the program. These partners will propose the names of deserving candidates from their communities or organizations. MLAs, along with other partners, will be involved in selecting recipients of the medal.

WHO ARE THE PROGRAM PARTNERS?

Program partners will start to be contacted on and after June 2, 2022 to determine their participation in the Platinum Jubilee Medal program.

HOW IS FAIRNESS IN THE SELECTION PROCESS ENSURED?

The criteria, the partners and the list of recipients will be made public. The partners will be provided with guidelines to assist them in the selection process and to promote transparency, fairness and equitable representation.

WILL SOME PEOPLE RECEIVE THE MEDAL AUTOMATICALLY?

Some Nova Scotians who have already demonstrated their contribution to the province, such as those on the provincial Table of Precedence, Indigenous leaders, recipients of the Cross of Valour, and members of the Order of Canada and Order of Nova Scotia, will receive the medal.

ONCE SELECTED, HOW WILL THE RECIPIENTS RECEIVE THEIR MEDAL?

Most medals will be officially presented to recipients at presentation ceremonies, which will be organized by program partners. The Lieutenant Governor and Provincial Protocol and Honours Secretariat will also hold medal presentation ceremonies throughout the year.

WILL THE LIST OF RECIPIENTS BE PUBLIC?

A list of all recipients will be available online once the program has concluded.

WHEN WILL THE FIRST MEDALS BE PRESENTED?

The inaugural investiture of the Platinum Jubilee Medal Program is planned for late July 2022. A broad cross-section of 70 Nova Scotians will be recognized at this inaugural event. This date also coincides with Commonwealth-wide celebrations of The Queen's 70 years of service.

WHEN WILL OTHER MEDAL PRESENTATIONS TAKE PLACE?

Each MLA and program partner will be responsible for arranging presentation ceremonies. The Protocol and Honours Secretariat will provide guidance, templates and formatted documents to assist with the holding of these ceremonies, which are meant to celebrate the contributions and achievements of Nova Scotians in every part of our province.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS?

Program partners must submit all nominations no later than October 21, 2022.

WHERE CAN ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL PROGRAM BE ANSWERED?

Questions about the Platinum Jubilee Medal Program can be sent to the Protocol and Honours Secretariat at jubileemedal@novascotia.ca, by calling 1-902-424-4199, or by calling the Office of the Lieutenant Governor at 902-424-7001.

Please visit <https://novascotia.ca/jubileemedal> for additional information and updates.

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