



# About the Council of the Federation Literacy Award in British Columbia

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## What is the Council of the Federation Literacy Award?

The Council of the Federation Literacy Award (COFLA) recognizes outstanding achievement, innovative practice, and excellence in literacy. It was created in 2004 by Canada's Premiers. Every year, a COFLA medallion is awarded in each province and territory.

In 2026, British Columbia will celebrate the achievements of a literacy champion that is helping learners to acquire the literacy skills they need to improve their lives. This includes through Indigenous language, numerical, digital, or other forms of literacy learning.

To select a winner, a committee assesses submissions to determine each nominee's:

- Demonstrated excellence and innovative practices in literacy;
- Responsiveness to community needs and relevance of their work;
- Results that demonstrate the nominee's positive impact in people's lives by helping them develop their literacy skills.

## Who is eligible?

People and organizations are eligible. Nominees must have been actively involved in B.C.'s literacy community within the past two years and reside or be based in B.C.

## What will the award winner receive?

Award winners will be recognized publicly for their accomplishments and receive a COFLA medallion, certificate from the Premier and honorarium of \$500.

## How do I nominate a literacy champion in my community?

You have until 11:59 pm PST on Sunday, May 31, 2026 to nominate someone. For instructions and more information, visit [www.gov.bc.ca/COFLiteracyAward](http://www.gov.bc.ca/COFLiteracyAward)

## Who do I contact if I have questions?

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