

Edson FCSS Volunteer Awards 2021

Volunteer Awards Criteria Information Sheet

Social Innovator Award

Nominees in this category are not-for-profit organizations, including not-for-profit social enterprises that find and use innovative approaches that address social challenges in their communities.

Whether it is in a big way, or a small way, innovation is about taking a new approach to an old problem. The Social Innovator category recognises volunteers and/or volunteer organizations/agencies who have taken action to improve things by tackling existing problems in a new way. Not satisfied with the status quo who want to find a better way of doing things. Those who innovate despite the challenges they face.

Emerging Leader Award *Youth*

Nominees in this category are volunteers between the ages of 12 and 24 who have demonstrated leadership and helped to build stronger communities. Emerging Leader nominees must currently be enrolled in school (unless taking a gap year between high school and post-secondary with plans to return to school).

Example:

Inspired by her family's experience, Lucy collaborated with a local organization that works with new immigrants. Together, they organized a volunteer youth–senior matching program that helps newcomers adjust to life in Edson.

Community Leader Award *All Ages*

Nominees in this category are outstanding individual volunteers or groups of volunteers who have taken a lead role in developing solutions to social challenges in communities. This category does not include not-for-profit organizations or registered charities.

Example:

Mickey, a community resident, saw hockey as a way of giving local children an opportunity to have fun and learn together. By getting local businesses to chip in with support, they were able to create a hockey league for kids and provide them with new equipment.

Long-Term Service Award

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their dedication of service? The Long-Term Service category recognises volunteers who have given service to one or more organisations or causes for many years or in many capacities. These are the people who always say “yes” to a call for help, the person who everyone relies on to keep things moving, or the person who always turns up to help in whatever way they can.

Business Leadership Award

Nominees in this category are businesses that demonstrate social responsibility in their practices, including promoting and facilitating volunteerism locally, regionally, or nationally, as well as for-profit or not-for-profit social enterprises dedicated to creating social, cultural or environmental benefits for their communities.

Example:

Easy Lawn Care encourages its employees to contribute to their local community through volunteerism, allowing up to 5 paid days a year for each employee.

Recycling Incorporated is a local business that has a program to hire and train people with disabilities.

JKR Vintage Clothing Boutique loans suits to men and women with low incomes to wear to job interviews as well as offer information sessions that help people advance in their careers.

Mayor's Award of Excellence

Town of Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara will nominate a deserving individual or community organization/agency for the Mayor's Award of Excellence. This award was created to honour individuals, agencies and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the Town of Edson through volunteer service.

Biggest Heart Award

Whether it is to lend an ear, show up for an extra shift, or dedicate an entire weekend to service, the Biggest Heart volunteer is always there to help. This volunteer is kind, compassionate, gracious, and always giving to others.