

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **And the award goes to... who? Nominate a champion!**

*Civic Sport Merit Awards and Arts/Culture Merit Awards; nominations open*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is looking to recognize individuals or groups who were awarded outstanding achievement in the areas of sport, arts and culture in 2022. Awards are given to individuals or groups who receive International, National, Western Canadian or Provincial first-place honours. The deadline for application is January 22, 2023.

Awards will be presented in the coming weeks at a regular Meeting of Council. City Council presents certificates of congratulations and medallions to individuals, groups, teams, and clubs who have brought Provincial, Western Canadian, and National or International-level recognition to our City. Recipients must be residents of Nanaimo and must have placed first or received highest standing in their field of endeavour.

Awards are given based on the following considerations:

- Winners (gold medal or 1st place) of a Provincial or Western Canadian, National or International Championships in sport;
- Outstanding achievement (winner or "Gold" / "Highest" standing) in visual or performing art in Provincial, Western Canadian, National or International festival / competition;
- All individual recipients must reside in the City of Nanaimo;
- All individual members of eligible teams or groups must reside in the City of Nanaimo – regardless of the location of where the team is based;
- Achievements must be in an amateur activity unrelated to the recipient's livelihood (they must not have been paid for their achievement). Special consideration may be given at the discretion of the Recreation and Culture staff.

Please visit the City of Nanaimo website to complete the online registration process at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) or email your questions to [awards@nanaimo.ca](mailto:awards@nanaimo.ca)

*Strategic Link:* The Civic Sport Merit Awards and Arts/Culture Merit Awards support Council's directive for livability.

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## Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo is looking to recognize outstanding achievement in sports, arts and culture with the 2022 Civic Sport Merit Awards and Arts/Culture Merit Awards.
- Awards are given to individuals or groups who receive International, National, Western Canadian or Provincial first-place honours.
- Nominations can be made on the City of Nanaimo's website and must be submitted by Sunday, January 22, 2023.

## Quotes

"Every victory and every winning performance by one of Nanaimo's athletes, teams or performing artists brings home more than just a gold medal or shiny trophy; it also brings home a great sense of pride and recognition, while leaving behind a positive Nanaimo vibe on provincial, national and even international stages. Council is honoured to acknowledge and celebrate these outstanding achievements."

Tyler Brown  
Acting Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- City Council presents these certificates of congratulations and medallions to individuals, groups, teams, and clubs who have brought Provincial, Western Canadian, and National or International-level recognition to our City.

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