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City of Nanaimo invites nominations for the 2026 Culture Awards

Awards will celebrate individuals and organizations enriching Nanaimo's cultural landscape

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is seeking nominations from the community for the 2026 Culture Awards. These awards honour outstanding organizations, groups and individuals who have made significant contributions to the city's vibrant arts, culture and heritage communities.

The public is encouraged to nominate those who inspire, create and help shape Nanaimo's cultural identity. Award recipients will be celebrated at a special free event held at the Port Theatre on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Award categories include:

- Excellence in Culture: [Learn more](#)
- Honour in Culture: [Learn more](#)
- Emerging Cultural Leader (under 30 years of age): [Learn more](#)
- Honour in Heritage: [Learn more](#)

Nominations can be submitted online via the City of Nanaimo website. To access nomination forms, learn about past recipients and watch video profiles, visit [the City's website](#).

The deadline to submit applications is Monday, December 1, 2025 by 11:59 PM (PST).

Strategic Link: The annual Culture Awards program upholds Council's directive for livability by supporting arts, culture and recreation as an integral part of everyday life. The Awards also recognize and promote the role culture and the creative sector play in the community.

Key Points

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Quotes

"The Culture Awards are a chance to celebrate the people and organizations who make Nanaimo such a culturally rich and inspiring place to live. We invite the community to help us shine a light on those who are shaping our city through their creativity, dedication and cultural leadership."

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