

Dr Ina Cummings Award

The Dr. Ina Cummings' Palliative Care Award is presented in honour of Dr. Ina Cummings who retired from palliative care practice in Nova Scotia in 2000. During her seven years in Nova Scotia, Dr. Cummings dedicated herself to the development of palliative care and to the improvement of quality of life for individuals and families living with a life threatening illness.

Dr. Cummings served as an excellent role model for professionals and volunteers in the field of palliative care.



This award will be presented annually to an individual who demonstrates excellence in hospice palliative care with dedication to the concepts of education, research and leadership. Nominees for this award have consistently shown qualities of leadership and are considered visionary and innovative in advancing the goals of hospice palliative care.

Criteria:

- NSHPCA member preferred
- The nominee must be involved with hospice palliative care, may be any member of the interdisciplinary team and may be from any DHA or the IWK
- The nominee exhibits a commitment to education, research and leadership in the specialty of hospice palliative care
- The nominee shows exceptional dedication to hospice palliative care and has worked in palliative care for at least 5 years
- The nominee consistently conducts themselves in a leadership manner and has effectively engaged others in hospice palliative care.
- NSHPCA Board members are exempt from nomination

On a consistent basis, the nominee exemplifies the following qualities/values:

- Pro-active / innovator / takes initiative
- Takes responsibility/accountability for actions
- imagination/visionary
- positive communication skills
- Integrity
- Recognition of new opportunities
- The nominee is known for advancement of HPC in their district/province.

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Nominations:

- Please submit two letters describing how the nominee has demonstrated the items under the criteria section of this award.
- Please use as many examples as possible to highlight what this candidate does that makes her/him outstanding.
- At least one nominator must be a NSHPCA member
- The selection committee depends on the information provided in the nomination letters to select award winners from amongst many deserving candidates.
- The letters must outline the qualities of the candidate, and reasons the candidate should be chosen to receive the award;
- If possible, please include the person's CV to assist in the selection process;
- Letters of recommendation can be sent to the NSHPCA at info@nshpca.ca with the subject - "Ina Cummings Award- Candidates Name by 4pm Friday March 9, 2012. Or by post to the NSHPCA at PO Box 103, Lakeside, NS B3T1M6.

Selection Process:

- Each nomination will be reviewed by the Education Committee. If there is more than one worthy candidate the education committee may seek the input of the Board in determining the successful candidate.
- The successful candidate will be notified by email and regular mail.
- The education committee reserves the right to withhold the award if no candidate meets the criteria.
- The Education Committee will review the nominations and determine the successful nominee according to an established scoring system.

Scoring system:

- Education: 5 points for each presentations/educational session provided
- Research: 5 points for each research project
- Leadership: 5 points for each HPC initiative (may be locally, provincial, national or international)
- Publications: 5 points for each publication
- NSHPCA member: 20 points

The successful candidate:

- Will be recognized at the Annual General Meeting and the NSHPCA Spring Conference Banquet which will be held at the Atlantica Hotel in Halifax May10-12, 2012.
- Will receive free registration to the conference.
- Her/his name will be posted on the NSHPCA website: www.nshpca.ca