



Partnership for Access Awareness Nova Scotia (PAANS) is pleased to invite nominations for the 2023 Mel Hebb Hourglass Action Awards. The Mel Hebb Hourglass Action Awards recognize Nova Scotians for their contributions to the lives of persons with disabilities. These contributions are diverse in nature and come from a wide variety of sources.

We are pleased to accept nominations for awards in the following categories:

- **Youth Champion Award:** To recognize a youth (15 – 18 years) who has significantly contributed to raising awareness of disability issues and championing accessibility.
- **Community Action Award:** To recognize communities and municipalities dedicated to increasing opportunities for persons with disabilities in their area. This includes recreation opportunities, inclusive education, and employment opportunities, or other initiatives that lead to the full participation of persons with disabilities.
- **Exceptional Service Award:** To recognize an organization, or a member of an organization, that has gone beyond their mandate in service to persons with disabilities.
- **Encore Award:** To recognize a person with a disability who has significantly contributed to the community.
- **Access Award:** To recognize an individual, business, or group without a mandate to serve persons with disabilities, that has worked to improve access to facilities or services that increase opportunities and access for persons with disabilities, including within education, employment, recreation, or other areas of life. PAANS regrets that improvements to accessibility that are mandated by the building code cannot be considered for these awards.
- **Andre McConnell Award:** To recognize an individual who, has gone above and beyond their duties as a provincial, municipal, or federal public servant and has demonstrated:
 1. A Commitment to person centered service - always putting the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities first; and
 2. True dedication to supporting persons with disabilities to fully participate in their communities.

PAANS would like you to help us recognize those in your community who have contributed to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in our province by submitting your nominations for the 2023 awards. The awards presentations will take place during Access Awareness Week 2023 – May 28th to June 3rd. To be considered for an award, nominations must be received no later than **Friday, April 21st, 2023**. Please use the attached nomination form and send it by email to nsleo2018@outlook.com

History of the Awards

The Hourglass Action Awards were launched in 1992 during National Access Awareness Week when an hourglass symbolized the spirit of timely action the awards recognize. In 2000, the name of the Award was changed to the *Mel Hebb Hourglass Action Awards* in honour of Mr. Melbourne Hebb, a former awards committee chair. Hebb, who passed away in October 1999, was the personification of dedicated action.



Mel Hebb Hourglass Action Awards – Nomination Form

I would like to nominate _____ for the:

(Please check one)

- Community Action Award
- Exceptional Service Award
- Encore Award
- Andre McConnell Award
- Access Award
- Youth Champion Award (NEW)**

Please tell us, in a sentence or two, why you are nominating this individual:

Who could we contact to find out more?

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your Information:

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____