



UPINNAQTUQ AWARD

To celebrate and be proud of a person's accomplishments
Nunavut Law Foundation

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Call for Nominations for Students & Youths For the Year 2025-2026

February 16, 2026 - The Nunavut Law Foundation will be awarding students and youths from each region across Nunavut in honor of Justice Beverly Browne, who was the first senior judge in the Nunavut Court of Justice. The Upinnaqtuq Award commemorates her great leadership, active volunteerism in Nunavut's communities, commitment to social justice, and particular dedication to working with youth. The overall goal of the Award is to celebrate one's accomplishment, whether as a role model or an individual who has or is taking steps to overcome personal challenges.

The Foundation is asking you, as a member of your community (**including principals, teachers, student support assistants, organizations, and any member of the public**), to nominate an individual who embodies *leadership, conflict resolution, peace, or who made strong efforts to change to become a role model, demonstrating remarkable progress in rehabilitation*.

Nominations are open for Students in grades 6 to 12 or Youth between the ages of 10 to 20. Participants in the Pathway to Adult Secondary School (PASS) program, who are currently enrolled or have completed the program within the past six months, are also eligible. To nominate, please submit a letter or email detailing why the nominee deserves the scholarship to Nalini Vaddapalli at administrator@nulf.ca by Monday, March 23, 2026.

Once the Foundation has received all nomination letters, the Board members will review each nomination for selection. The chairperson will then inform the selected recipients of the scholarship by Friday, April 3, 2026. Monetary scholarships will be given to students and youths 14 years and older; and students and youths 13 years and under will receive a gift of their choice, up to a maximum amount to be determined by the Board once all applications have been received.

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About the Nunavut Law Foundation:

The Nunavut Law Foundation is a non-profit organization funded by the Law Society of Nunavut, representing all lawyers practicing law in the territory. Its mission is to support and promote the knowledge of law and the administration of justice in Nunavut.

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