



## Carol Aubee-Girard Award of Excellence in Community Adult Learning

### Call for Nominations

#### Background

To celebrate ECALA's 20<sup>th</sup> year of investing in program excellence in Edmonton, the Board of Director's chose to recognize the legacy and contributions of Carol Aubee-Girard by creating the "Carol Aubee-Girard Award of Excellence in Community Adult Learning".

Carol's tenure as ECALA's Executive Director from 1998 to 2015 contributed to excellence in programming under the mandate of the Community Adult Learning Program. Carol's professionalism and passion to ensure organizations, programs and learners were positively impacted by the funding allocations each year resulted in many of the practices and guidelines ECALA continues to follow.

Carol's strong belief in funding the very small to large organizations led to the development of many new innovative practices to better meet the needs of learners. Carol also implemented the integration of the National Essential Skills Framework in 2008 and mandatory measurement and evaluation requirements in 2015.

The award is linked to the life-long learning goals of the organization, program or learner and will not exceed \$250.00. The award recipient will be required to consent to recognition at the AGM on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and on social media.

#### Criteria

On an annual basis, an award recipient will be selected from nominations showcasing excellence in one of the following categories:

- ECALA Funded organization
- ECALA Funded program
- ECALA Learner in a funded program

**Funded organization** Nominees are leaders in demonstrating their commitment to adult learning opportunities the promote inclusion, where everyone is welcomed, supported and respected. Nominees should also demonstrate that barriers to learning are reduced, and are accessible to



vulnerable Edmontonians. The organization should model the use of innovative and collaborative practices, commitment to organizational capacity building including sharing their resources and best practices with other organizations and ECALA. Organizations nominated must be funded by ECALA or the CALP Grant for more than 5 years.

**Funded program** Nominees excel in incorporating learner-centered practices which lead to relevant and useful activities in the program to meet the goals of learners. Nominees also ensure that the program has a strong literacy and foundational life skill focus, based on adult learning principles, ensures new materials and resources developed for the program are shared with other organizations and ECALA. Programs must be delivered by organizations who have been funded for 5 or more years by ECALA or the CALP Grant.

**Learner** Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning, supporting other learners in their classes and practicing what they have learned in their everyday lives.

All learner nominees must be at least 18 years of age, be a resident of Edmonton, consent to their nomination and not have been a previous recipient of the award.

A Nomination Form is available by clicking [here](#).

**Nominations close Friday, August 23, 2019**

**If you have any questions regarding the award please call Debbie Clark, Executive Director at 587-990-0762 or email [ed@ecala.org](mailto:ed@ecala.org).**