



# Community Voices: A stakeholder initiative

## Community Awards

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The Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs (ANSA) assists, supports, and enhances the provincial government's delivery of services to African Nova Scotians. It acts as a conduit in developing innovative solutions that lead to self-reliance and sustainable development for African Nova Scotians and their communities.

This guide is template is developed by the Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs (ANSA) as part of the Community Voices Initiative.

Communities are encouraged to:

- Use the ANSA BE RECOGNIZED program for formal and informal recognition. (Brochure included).
- Consider the following awards for community awards.
- Develop criteria and processes for the awarding which works best with the community.

### **Alignment with the mission of ANSA:**

This project is part of the community Voices, stakeholder initiative. These are suggested guidelines for community recognition. This template is offered to communities as a tool for community celebration. ANSA will assist in the promotion of communities who participate and honoring those African Nova Scotians past, present, and future who are recipients.

**Please note:**

Nominations processes, review of applications and asserting of awards and gatherings, are up to individual communities to organize and execute.

Suggested awards:

**The Voice of the Future**

An award for youth who demonstrate passion and commitment for community, outreach, volunteerism. The award would be to honor someone who is engaging other youth and building a foundation for future leadership.

**Modeling Community Spirit**

Any adult who is making a visual difference in the community through work or volunteer. The award would be to honor someone who is otherwise unrecognized for their contributions.

**Forging Forward Award**

An award to recognize businesses, organizations and groups who are working towards advancing African Nova Scotians.

**Important People from the Past**

Naming and paying tribute to African Nova Scotians who otherwise have not be recognized historically, the unwritten heroes who have lead citizens and lifted spirits so much that they are still prominent today.