



## CUPE NOVA SCOTIA BARBARA KOWALSKI 2023 LITERACY AWARD

CUPE Nova Scotia is seeking nominations for individuals or locals that have promoted literacy within their union, workplace and or community. There are two awards available annually: one for an individual member and one for a Local Union.

If you know a CUPE member or Local Union that champions workplace literacy programs please consider nominating them for this award. Nominations must be in by **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. CUPE Nova Scotia will present its Annual Provincial Literacy Award for an individual and Local Union at the 2022 Provincial Convention.

**Award Criteria:** Nominees must have actively promoted literacy programs within CUPE, and or their workplace and or their community and championed clear language by:

- ❖ Raising awareness on literacy and clear language within the Union and workplace.
- ❖ Help build the Union through literacy and clear language.
- ❖ Helped or led the development of a literacy program within their union/local or workplace or they may have promoted worker education in some other way.
- ❖ The Local Union must have participated in a literacy program and helped build a Union-centred education program in the workplace, or they may have promoted worker education in some other way.
- ❖ Must be a member in Good Standing of a local affiliated to CUPE Nova Scotia.

Decisions of the CUPE Nova Scotia Awards Committee will be final. CUPE Nova Scotia assumes no responsibility for applications that are lost, misdirected, or otherwise not received by the deadline. Late submissions will not be considered.

To nominate an individual and/or a Local Union, please send in the completed nomination form for this award to the attention of the CUPE NS Awards Committee to the CUPE Regional Office at the address or fax number below. Remember to clearly communicate in approximately one hundred (100) words why you feel the CUPE Member or local are a literacy champion.

**CUPE Nova Scotia Awards Committee**  
**271 Brownlow Avenue, Dartmouth NS, B3W 1W6**  
**Fax: 902-455-5915**

**Any questions please contact:**

Dianne Frittenburg, Awards Committee Chair  
Phone: 902-521-7782 or Email: [dfritt@icloud.com](mailto:dfritt@icloud.com)



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2023 NOMINATION FORM**

**The name and contact information of the individual or local union you are nominating:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Union Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone - Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Years as a CUPE Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**The name of the person nominating with contact information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Union Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone - Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
This nomination is supported by local/Division: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Local President's \_\_\_\_\_ Please Print Name  
And/or  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Local or Division Executive Member \_\_\_\_\_ Please Print Name

**What do we mean by "Literacy"?**

Literacy is the ability to read, write, work with numbers, problem solve, communicate and think critically at whatever level is basic to the task at hand. Literacy empowers us to:

- ❖ assert our rights and build our Union
- ❖ act as full citizens and change society
- ❖ question, evaluate, and envision
- ❖ develop our knowledge and potential at work, at home, and in our community

**What is "Clear Language"?**

- ❖ language that readers can understand
- ❖ design that makes documents easy to read and easy to use



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Please share why you are nominating this member or Local Union for the CUPE Nova Scotia Literacy Award and how they have promoted literacy within CUPE, their workplace and or their community.

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How has the member or Local Union influenced literacy with other members and the Union?

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Please describe how the member or Local Union has helped strengthen the Union through their literacy and clear language activism?

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List literacy programs that the member or Local Union has helped to develop or led within CUPE, their workplace and or their community.

*(if you are nominating a group of members, please list each person)*

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