



Dr. Sylvio Dupuis Community Excellence Award

2021 Process and Application Guide

Introduction

This annual award was [established by ExcellenceNorth Alliance](#) (ENA) to recognize New Hampshire communities that reflect Dr. Dupuis' lifelong work to improve communities for the benefit of the citizens and families in New Hampshire.

Award Purpose

To help Northern New England communities develop, grow, and sustainably prosper through recognition, feedback, encouragement, and sharing with other communities.

Award Scope

This award is for communities and the community leaders (formal and informal), that have and are committing time, energy, and resources for the long-term benefit and improvement of the community.

*A **Community** is not limited by boundaries and is defined as a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common. This includes cities, towns, neighborhoods, and regions.*

***Community leaders** are those who champion, guide, and/or direct the community in its improvement efforts. They may have a formal role in the community (elected, appointed, employed) or an informal role (residents, those who work in the community, or others who are passionate about the community).*

Award Criteria

Initiatives or projects (referred to as *initiatives*) focused on the long-term improvement of the Community are eligible for the Award:

- The initiative must be recent (completed in the last five years).
- An initiative from a Community can only receive the Award once. A Community can resubmit an initiative that has not received the Award.

Eligible initiatives demonstrate:

- A clear purpose with tangible benefits related to some or all of the following:
 - Economic conditions
 - Quality of life
 - Education
 - Public health
- Ingenuity and innovation to support achievement of the Award purpose.
- Collaboration with other individuals or groups (within the Community, outside the Community, or both)

There is no limit to the number of awards that can be given each year. However, the same Community may only submit one initiative in each award cycle.



Application Process

- To apply Email the following to DupuisAward@excellencenorth.org
 - The completed the *online Award Application Form* which consists of basic Community and Initiative information and the story of the Initiative as detailed in the Application Form.
 - A Letter of support/endorsement from one or more members of the Community (other than Community leaders) indicating why the effort should be considered for the Award.
 - Photos reflecting the initiative or project (may be provided as links on a website or social media)
- The Application Deadline is **April 30, 2021**.

Review of Applications

- ENA is the Award Administrator and will do a preliminary review to ensure the application meets requirements. All applications are confidential.
- Accepted applications will be reviewed by an Award Committee. This Committee will document feedback on each submitted initiative and recommend award finalists.
- Candidates for the Award will be presented to a Judges Panel for final approval.
- Communities with accepted applications will receive a confidential feedback report to support current and future initiative sustainability.

Awards Ceremony

The inaugural Dr. Sylvio Dupuis Community Excellence Awards event will be held virtually on June 22, 2021

Additional Information

Please go to www.excellencenorth.org