

# The Order of New Brunswick



## Purpose

Established in December 2000, the Order of New Brunswick (ONB) is the highest honour awarded by the province to recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement and who have made outstanding contributions to the social, cultural or economic well-being of New Brunswick and its residents.

## Who is eligible?

- Any Canadian citizen who is a present or former long-term resident of New Brunswick is eligible for nomination to the Order of New Brunswick.
- Individuals must have contributed significantly to the social, cultural or economic well-being of New Brunswick and its residents by demonstrating excellence and achievement in a given area.
- Elected representatives currently serving in the House of Commons, the Senate, the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick and judges of any court are not eligible for nomination.

## Will the ONB be conferred posthumously?

The Order of New Brunswick may be conferred posthumously if an individual's name has been approved for membership prior to that individual's death and, in exceptional circumstances, in respect of an individual who is nominated after his or her death.

## How are the recipients chosen?

An independent group called the Order of New Brunswick Advisory Council recommends the appointment of members to the Order each year after considering all the nominations received. There are no fixed quotas or categories, but there is a maximum number of 5 appointments annually. Unsuccessful nominations are automatically carried forward for a total of three years. All information received is confidential.

## Who is on the ONB Advisory Council?

- The Chief Justice of New Brunswick (alternating with King's Bench), as chairperson.
- The Clerk of the Executive Council.
- The president of a provincially funded university (rotation).
- Three to five other members from the community appointed by the Executive Council.

## What do members of the ONB receive and when?

Once a year at an investiture ceremony, the Lieutenant-Governor, as Chancellor of the Order of New Brunswick, presents each recipient with a medal in the form of a stylized purple violet, the provincial floral emblem, bearing the shield of arms of New Brunswick surmounted by the Crown. The Premier of New Brunswick presents each recipient with a certificate. Members of the Order are entitled to use the initials O.N.B. after their names.

## How do I nominate someone?

Each nomination must include the following information

- A completed nomination form (original and signed).
- A statement indicating how long you have known the nominee and the reasons you believe this nominee is a worthy candidate. The statement should be typed and should not exceed one page. (Step 2 of nomination form).
- Three (3) testimonial letters from three (3) separate individuals other than the nominator, who have direct knowledge of the value and impact of the nominee's achievement and who support the nomination. The letters must be typed and signed by the testimonial writer and should not exceed one page. No more than three (3) testimonial letters of support will be accepted. (Step 3 of nomination form).
- Additional material (optional) to support the nomination such as: publications, media stories, tributes, work produced. Additional material should be presented in an 8.5" x 11" (letter size) format and should not exceed four (4) pages in total. (Step 4 of nomination form).
- Nominator's information (Step 5 of nomination form).

## Note:

All package components must be sent together and must be received in an 8.5" x 11" (letter size) format. All material is copied in black and white for the Advisory Council members; therefore do not send in multiple copies or bound versions. Do not send originals of important or official documents or photographs, as they will not be returned.

## Deadline:

Nominations must be received by April 1 of each year. If this date falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations will be accepted the next business day. Eligible nominations received after the deadline date will be considered the following year.

Submit nomination package:

By post to:

The Order of New Brunswick  
Office of Protocol  
PO Box 6000  
Fredericton NB E3B 5H1

Or email to:

[onb.brunswick@gnb.ca](mailto:onb.brunswick@gnb.ca)

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