

THE RAOUL LEGER AWARD

INFORMATION SHEET

This award is presented yearly to a social worker in New Brunswick or awarded posthumously, who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the practice of social work.

The Award was established in memory of Raoul Léger, a social worker from Bouctouche, New Brunswick who gave his life in the struggle to help others. In 1979, Raoul went to Guatemala to work among the poor and the oppressed who were striving for more just living conditions. In 1981, Mr. Léger was assassinated by members of the Guatemalan army. Raoul's spirit for life and for social justice still touches the lives of so many people and his memory serves as an inspiration for social workers who share his vision of an equitable and just society.

THE AWARD

The Raoul Leger Memorial Award consists of a plaque and a Lapel Pin, which will be presented by the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers at the banquet preceding the Annual Meeting. While the award is intended to be presented on a yearly basis, if there are no nominees meeting the selection criteria in a particular year, the award will not be presented in that year.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

The recipient will:

- Be a member in good standing of the NBASW or awarded posthumously.
- Have at least five (5) years of social work experience.
- Have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the practice of social work and Social Justice.
- Have been involved in the community and/or in social action.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- Nominations may be submitted from the social work community, colleagues, the general public or by the Board of the NBASW.
- Nominations must be submitted using the proper Nomination Form and must include all required information.
- Nomination forms are available on the NBASW website.
- Nominations must be submitted to the Executive Director, NBASW, P.O. Box 1533, Station A, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G2 no later than **February 28** of each year.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENT

By December 31st of each year, the Board of Directors will appoint a panel to review candidates for the Raoul Leger Award. The NBASW board has the final decision making authority for the selection of the recipient.

For more information, contact the NBASW office.