



## MNPCHA Awards 2021

The deadline for nominations for the awards is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**The MNPCHA Awards** will be presented at our Annual Conference in November and will celebrate our leaders' successes and achievements. They also further MNPCHA's mission to build and support a strong, diverse non-profit housing sector.

We are proud of our members. We know you are proud of each other, and we thank everyone who submitted nominations for this year's awards. Click on the awards below to find out more about the awards and their criteria for judging.

- **Spirit of Achievement Award**
- **Spirit of Service Award**
- **Spirit of Leadership Award**
- **Spirit of Community Award**

### What are the MNPCHA Awards about?

MNPCHA's mission is to build and support a strong and diverse non-profit housing sector. We work together with our members to promote housing excellence through the MNPCHA Awards. MNPCHA Awards recognize and reward individuals (staff, board members and tenants), groups and non-profits who have made an outstanding contribution to the quality of non-profit housing.

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## 1. WHAT ARE THE SPIRIT OF HOUSING AWARDS?

MNPHA's annual awards, presented at our Annual Conference celebrate our leaders' successes and achievements.

They further MNPHA's mission to build and support a strong, diverse non-profit housing sector.



MNPHA's Awards program is based on four categories:

- Spirit of Achievement Award
  - **This recognition award honours tenants each year from across the province that helps to make their non-profit a better place to live. Nominees may be either a tenant group or an individual tenant of an MNPHA member who have:**
    - made their own non-profit a better place to live
    - contributed to the well-being of their neighbourhood, and/or
    - fostered connections among tenants with others in their community
  - The tenant group may include tenant associations, advisory committees, or other tenant groups.**
  - **Eligibility:** Must include a tenant or tenants associated with a MNPHA member (housing provider).
- Spirit of Service Award
  - **This recognition award honours an employee or volunteer each year from across the province that help make their non-profit a better place to live. Nominees may be either volunteers or employees who have:**
    - made their own non-profit a better place to live
    - contributed to the well-being of their workplace, and/or
    - fostered connections among tenants, employees, and with others in their community
  - **Eligibility:** Must include an employee or volunteer associated with a MNPHA member (housing provider).



- Spirit of Leadership Award
  - **This award honours an individual whose energy and vision contribute to the cause of non-profit housing in Manitoba. Nominees must have:**
    - **made a significant contribution to their own non-profit, their community, or their region as well as to Manitoba's non-profit housing sector**
    - **demonstrated vision, leadership, and the ability to work well with others in serving the needs of low-income people**
    - **contributed work leading to successes, and**
    - **showed a sustained commitment to non-profit housing and created a lasting legacy, benefiting tenants and the community**
  
- Spirit of Community Award
  - **This award honours an individual or organization whose significant support and committed partnership have contributed towards building a thriving, sustainable non-profit housing sector in Manitoba. Nominees will have:**
    - **demonstrated collaboration and commitment to building strong and meaningful partnerships with the non-profit housing sector**
    - **contributed work leading to particular successes, and**
    - **showed a willingness to take risks and establish innovative opportunities to support the non-profit housing sector**
  
  - **Eligibility:** Must be an Associate Member or partner of MNPCHA.

## 2. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

For 2021, nominations must be received by MNPCHA on or before midnight September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## 3. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You can nominate your own non-profit, another non-profit, an individual or a group who has contributed to non-profit housing in Manitoba. Each award has their own set of eligibility criteria; please visit <https://mnpha.com/spirit-awards> to view the different criteria for each category.

## 4. CAN I NOMINATE MY OWN NON-PROFIT?

Certainly! Nominating your own non-profit is a great way to celebrate your organization's accomplishments!



## Nomination Writing Tips!

**Use the criteria as your guide:** Structure the details in your submission around the criteria of the award. This makes it easier to see why your nominee has the right stuff to win!

**Be concise:** A submission that is overly long or repetitive is more difficult to read. Remember to be clear and summarize.

**Be specific:** Show us how your candidate has contributed to specific outcomes. ie. Did your non-profit build new units? Measurable outcomes and specific details help the Committee better understand your success.

**Tell a story:** Tell us a story that illustrates why your nominee is special. What do you have, or do, that makes them stand out among the crowd? Every person and organization have their own “personality” let it shine through in your submission.