



THE KARN NICHOLS PASSION AND PURPOSE AWARD

APPLICATION PACKAGE 2023

KARN NICHOLS

Former Chair of the MacPhee Centre Board, 2015-2021

“Some journeys are direct, and some are circuitous; some are heroic, and some are fearful and muddled. But every journey, honestly undertaken, stands a chance of taking us toward the place where our deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.”

~ Parker J. Palmer

Karn is a one-of-a-kind human and service leader. She is ethical and virtuous, honest and thoughtful and leads by example. Karn’s focus on people and systems set the foundation for what the MacPhee Centre is to our youth and community. She is a life long learner who is grounded in doing what is right. She believes in living an authentic life, staying true to her own passions, and feeding her soul with things like nature and writing.

Karn started volunteering with the MacPhee Centre in 2009 after she heard Social Entrepreneur, Bill Strickland speak about his creative learning centre in Pittsburgh. Karn, a new student at St. Mary’s University sat in the first row. She was mesmerized by how much passion and purpose Bill exhibited when he spoke about the work he did.



The MacPhee Centre, was inspired by Bill's work in the US. When Karn initially got involved, it was the seed of an idea in the hearts and minds of a few of the founding Board members. Karn connected with these folks and offered to help out wherever she could. Over the years she went from selling fundraising tickets to chairing our Board of Directors for over six years, finally finishing up in 2021.

During her time as Board Chair, Karn put in over 3,500 hours of volunteer time. In addition to volunteering where she was needed, she provided mentorship and coaching to the MacPhee Centre team and established our Advisory Council. She also ensured we remained focused on ensuring MacPhee created the conditions for youth passion and purpose to connect through the arts.

This award was created as a thank you to Karn for her dedication and hard work at the MacPhee Centre.



ABOUT THE AWARD

The award honours Karn Nichols for her leadership and contribution to the community and was first awarded in 2021. The Passion and Purpose Award is a thank you to Karn for all her hard work and dedication to the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning.

The fund will provide up to one (1) individual scholarship totalling \$1,000 annually, and the exceptional opportunity to build a relationship with Karn while exploring career possibilities.

ABOUT THE MACPHEE CENTRE

The MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning empowers youth between the ages of 12-19 by connecting passion with purpose through the arts. Located in downtown Dartmouth, this community hub inspires creativity and confidence by offering unique programs in visual and performing arts, creative writing, and technology in a safe and inspiring space. By bridging the learning gap in those who are disengaged from traditional education, or with barriers to accessing creative learning, the MacPhee Centre helps in the development of confidence, lifelong learning skills, an appreciation for the value in giving back to the community and increased potential for employment in our communities. We help Nova Scotian youth find their voice through the arts.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Karn Nichols Passion and Purpose Award will be awarded to:

- A high school student currently enrolled in Grade 12 or recent graduate (no more than 3 years since graduating or receiving GED).
- Enrolled in post-secondary education at a College or University.
- Demonstrates helping others and making a difference to those around them.
- Regularly contributes to their community, as demonstrated by long-term commitment and leadership as a volunteer, student, artist and/or athlete.
- A focus and awareness as to how passion and purpose intersects in their lives.



SELECTION CRITERIA

- A short essay, a visual piece of art, a song or play that demonstrates how your passion and purpose intersects in what you do every day.
- Your letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution you will be attending.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted by email or in person by **Friday, May 26, 2023.**

Please note once your application is submitted, you can no longer make edits. Any applications received after Friday, May 26, 2023 will not be considered for review.

ELECTRONIC VERSIONS CAN BE ACCESSED BY EMAILING US:

info@macpheecentre.ca

APPLICATIONS CAN BE EMAILED TO: info@macpheecentre.ca

Applications can be dropped off in person at:

MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning

50 Queen Street

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

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HAVE QUESTIONS?

For general information or questions about the Karn Nichols Passion and Purpose Award, please contact the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning by email at info@macpheecentre.ca or by phone at 902-469-2851.



PERSONAL DETAILS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Include your full legal name as it appears on your official identification documents, for example your birth certificate or passport. Your full legal name should also appear on all supporting documents

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Last Name (Surname/Family Name) Previous Surname (if applicable)

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First Name Middle Name

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Street Address/PO Box/Rural Route

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City Province Postal Code Country

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Telephone Email

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Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD)

SECONDARY STUDY (HIGH SCHOOL)

Official transcript results should include first and second semester final grades.

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High School Attended for Grade 12 Province and/or Country

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Graduation Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

POST-SECONDARY STUDY (COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY)

Official letter of acceptance from post-secondary institute required.

Enrollment Status

☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

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Name of post-secondary institution

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Province and/or Country

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Graduation Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AWARD REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ **By checking this box, I acknowledge that if successful in receiving the Karn Nichols Passion and Purpose Award, I am given the opportunity participate in a mentorship conversation, building a relationship with Karn in exploring career and education opportunities.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Official final transcripts**
- ☐ **Official letter of acceptance from post-secondary institute**
- ☐ **A short essay, a visual piece of art, a song or play, highlighting how passion and purpose show up in what you do every day.**