



Guidelines for the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Award Nominations

BC Achievement recognizes that artificial intelligence (AI) tools are becoming increasingly common and may be helpful in preparing nominations.

We encourage nominators if **they are using AI**, to use it thoughtfully and purposefully, while being mindful of its environmental impact.

The strongest nominations include **specific examples, measurable outcomes, and personal insights** demonstrating the nominee's unique contributions and community impact.

Upon reviewing the final submission, the nominator should ensure the information is:

- **Specific to the nominee and award program.**
- Accurate and relevant.
- Reflective of the nominee's unique contributions and impact.

Avoid relying on broad or generic statements such as:

- "They work tirelessly."
- "They volunteer countless hours."
- "They are passionate about helping others."
- "They make the community a better place."

Instead, provide **specific examples** that demonstrate how the nominee's work has created meaningful impact.

Please write the **Nominator Statement in paragraph form** making it easier for reviewers to read and evaluate and **leave a line** between paragraphs.

We are often asked what makes a strong nominator statement.

To help guide you, we've included **examples of both a more effective and a less effective** statement.

We encourage you to use as much of the available word count as possible to provide specific examples, context, and evidence of your nominee's impact.

The more detail you can share, the better the selection committee can understand the significance of their contributions.

More Effective Example: Specific and Measurable Nominator Statement – Community Award

For the past eight years, Jane Smith has volunteered with the Community Food Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing food waste while strengthening connections between local food producers, businesses, and residents. Her work has helped create practical solutions that support environmental sustainability, food security, and the local economy.

Recognizing that many small farms and food retailers struggled to distribute surplus products, Jane helped establish a weekly food recovery program that redirects excess produce to community organizations serving families experiencing food insecurity. Since 2021, the program has diverted more than 75,000 kilograms of food from landfill and supported more than 20 local agencies. The initiative has increased access to fresh, healthy food while reducing costs for participating organizations.

In addition to coordinating over 60 volunteers, Jane developed partnerships with more than 40 local farms, grocers, and food producers. Her relationship-building skills have strengthened the local food economy, increased collaboration among businesses, and encouraged sustainable practices. Several business owners credit Jane with helping them reduce waste while maintaining profitability.

Jane also led the creation of an annual "Eat Local" campaign that encourages residents to support independent food businesses. What began as a small initiative now includes more than 100 participating businesses and reaches thousands of residents each year through community events, workshops, school programs, and social media activities.

Beyond her volunteer work, Jane mentors emerging community leaders, helping them develop skills in event coordination, partnership building, and environmental stewardship. Many former volunteers have gone on to assume leadership roles within the organization or launch sustainability initiatives of their own. Jane believes that creating opportunities for others is essential to building strong and connected communities.

What distinguishes Jane is her ability to connect environmental sustainability with community well-being and economic development. She does not simply volunteer her time; she identifies challenges, builds partnerships, and creates practical solutions that generate lasting benefits for local businesses and residents alike.

Jane's contributions extend far beyond individual projects. Her work has strengthened the resilience of the local food system, supported vulnerable populations, fostered local economic growth, and inspired others to become active contributors to their communities. She exemplifies the spirit of community leadership that the Community Award seeks to recognize.

Less Effective Example: Generic Nominator Statement – Community Award

Jane Smith is a dedicated volunteer who works tirelessly to support her community. She is passionate about food sustainability and helping local businesses succeed. Jane volunteers countless hours every year and is always willing to lend a hand whenever needed.

She is highly respected by everyone who knows her and has made a significant difference through her volunteer work. Her leadership, commitment, and positive attitude inspire others to get involved and make a difference as well.

Jane has contributed to many projects and initiatives over the years and is always thinking of new ways to support local food systems. She is an excellent advocate for sustainability and community engagement.

Jane truly embodies the spirit of volunteerism and deserves recognition for her dedication to improving the lives of others.

Why this example is less effective: While positive, it provides **few details** about what Jane actually did, how many people benefited, what changed as a result of her efforts, or why her contributions stand out from others.