Volunteer Awards

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Introduction

Following the groundbreaking work of Nobel laureate Sir Frederick Banting and his colleagues, groups of dedicated volunteers began gathering across the country in the service of supporting people living with diabetes. It was the combining of resources between these groups that eventually led to the creation of Diabetes Canada in 1953.

Recognizing that our organization was built upon a foundation of dedicated volunteers, health-care professionals, and community and corporate partners, we celebrate those who help us to achieve what we couldn't possibly do alone.

In honour of all the generous hearts who host events, walk door to door, work water stations along race courses, stuff envelopes, compile data, deliver presentations, open doors, inspire others, care or stand up for those living with diabetes – it is not only our duty to recognize and celebrate their contributions, it is our privilege.

This document is a guide to the regional, national and a selection of external awards applicable to volunteers and partners of Diabetes Canada. Awards are searchable by those that are internal and external to the organization as well as those that are national or regional in scope. With so many to choose from, chances are you know someone who is eligible for at least one of the many awards outlined here!

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Volunteer Engagement team in your region or by emailing volunteernational@diabetes.ca.

Thank you for doing your part to recognize the incredible contributions of our volunteers!

And thank you to a dedicated volunteer, Deborah Michotte, who made significant contributions to this project.

Christine Houssaini
Manager, Volunteer Engagement
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**Internal Awards**

**National Diabetes Canada Awards**

1. **The Charles H. Best Award**

   **Description:** This award recognizes a health professional who has made a significant difference across Canada towards improving the quality of life of individuals living with diabetes.

   **Eligibility:** The nominee must be a health-care practitioner accredited by their profession and pursue work that is supported or endorsed by the Diabetes Canada Professional Section.

   **Nomination:** Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement (volunteernational@diabetes.ca) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

   **Timing:** The nominations are open year-round until February 5. Awards will be handed out during National Volunteer Week (which takes place in April each year).

2. **The Kurt Kroesen National Inspiration Award**

   **Description:** This award is intended to recognize either an individual or family who has overcome great odds to manage their diabetes and continue to live a fulfilling, active and inspiring life. The essence of the award is that the individual or family has achieved success in their personal life or community, in spite of the diagnosis of the disease (for example, this award could go to an Olympic athlete with diabetes). The significant accomplishment may include, but is not limited to, an athletic, musical, business, writing, medical, engineering, teaching, or other type of achievement. The individual or family must have triumphed over adversity in some way. For instance, they may have overcome cultural isolation in a way that may inspire others to follow suit. Challenges that the individual or family will have overcome could include one or any combination of the following:

   - Rural or remote Location
   - Insufficient medical support
   - Low income
   - Insufficient financial support
   - Insufficient family support
   - Cultural isolation

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Eligibility:

- **The individual must:**
  - be a person who has been diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes (can be granted posthumously);
  - show outstanding personal achievement with diabetes while demonstrating a positive healthy attitude;
  - demonstrate that he/she overcame some obstacle to achieve success in spite of his/her diagnosis.

- **The family must:**
  - include a member who has been diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes within the immediate family;
  - demonstrate that it has provided sustained support for the member, who is directly affected by diabetes, by scheduling work and other activities/responsibilities in order to spend time assisting, learning with or supporting that family member.

Nomination: Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement (volunteernational@diabetes.ca) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

Timing: Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

**3. National Volunteers of the Year Award**

**Description:** This award honours volunteers, either individuals or groups, who have gone above and beyond in supporting the work of the organization. This would include either one of the following:

- Outstanding dedication (over a minimum period of 10 years) where an individual's long-term dedication and exemplary commitment and reliability has made Diabetes Canada a vital and responsive organization for people living with or affected by diabetes; OR
- Outstanding achievement where an individual or group whose outstanding accomplishments have made an impact in greatly advancing the organization towards its mission.

**Eligibility:** The individuals:

- must demonstrate that they have made a significant contribution towards the fulfillment of the organization's mission; OR
- their outstanding dedication will be demonstrated by having volunteered for a minimum of 10 years.
**Nomination:** Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement ([volunteernational@diabetes.ca](mailto:volunteernational@diabetes.ca)) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

**Timing:** Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

### 4. National Young Volunteer Award

**Description:** The National Young Volunteer Award has been designed to honour youth for their role in furthering the advancement of Diabetes Canada’s mission. It is the purpose of this award to recognize the work of someone up to age 29 who has contributed to the organization. We are looking to honour these individuals with the intent of encouraging their ongoing and long-term involvement in our work.

**Eligibility:** The candidates must:
- be between 13 and 29 years of age;
- be considered as role models who demonstrate responsible behaviour, with or without diabetes;
- be a volunteer of the organization;
- have contributed to the work of the organization in some way. This may include fund development or advocacy work, or the delivery of programs and services;
- demonstrate that they worked with the organization because of their personal interest in its mission.

**Nomination:** Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement ([volunteernational@diabetes.ca](mailto:volunteernational@diabetes.ca)) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

**Timing:** Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

### 5. National Advocacy Leadership Award

**Description:** This award recognizes a member of the Diabetes Canada Professional Section, National Advocacy Council or Area Advocacy Committee, or a grassroots advocacy volunteer or group who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, commitment, and dedication in advancing public policy in the interests of people living with diabetes and in accordance with the advocacy strategy of the organization.

**Eligibility:** The candidates must:
- be a member of the Diabetes Canada’s Professional Section, National Advocacy Council, Area Advocacy Committee or a grassroots advocacy volunteer or group;
- demonstrate that their advocacy work applies to the advocacy strategy/goals of the organization.
Additional terms:

- Any possibility that an individual or organization could exploit winning this award for personal profit or commercial advantage will be taken into consideration by the National Awards Committee.
- No member of the organization's Board of Directors or the National Awards Committee is eligible for nomination for the award unless under exceptional circumstances.
- This award is intended to recognize current advocacy activities, and will not be awarded posthumously. However, in the event of the nominee's passing after being selected, but before being presented with the award, it shall be presented posthumously.
- A nomination may be resubmitted in a subsequent year.

Nomination: Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement (volunteernational@diabetes.ca) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

Timing: Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

6. Outstanding National Partnership Award

Description: This award is to recognize a partner in business, media, health care, government, non-government organization, educational institution, service club or any other sector that has worked with Diabetes Canada to create a significant outcome.

Eligibility: The institution must:

- have worked with the organization
- have contributed significantly to Diabetes's Canada's mission
- have contributed to a program or initiative that is national in scope (Team Diabetes, public program, etc.)

Nomination: Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement (volunteernational@diabetes.ca) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

Timing: Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

7. The Frederick G. Banting Award

Description: It is the purpose of the award to recognize an individual, not-for-profit organization, group, corporation or government department that has significantly contributed to either preventing diabetes and chronic disease in Canada, or to improving the quality of life of individuals affected by diabetes nationwide. This award is to be given out selectively (perhaps not annually) and will be awarded only at the
national level. There will not be a regional equivalent. It is the intent of this award to recognize a significant contribution to diabetes that may not fall within the scope of some of the other awards. The following type of work may be recognized through this award:

- a retailer or restaurant chain positioning healthy choices prominently
- an individual who has contributed significantly to the work of the organization, or to the management or prevention of diabetes outside of the organization
- corporations who support workers who are affected by diabetes

**Eligibility:**

- The work of the individual or group receiving this award should have an impact on a large population base. It does not have to have national scope, but should impact a great number of people.
- The recipient can be an individual, a not-for-profit organization, a corporation or government department.
- The initiative may or may not be directly related to diabetes, as an initiative to increase the health status of the population (improve fitness levels, food choices or socio-economic conditions) would be worthy of consideration.
- If the recipient is a corporation, **it is not to be awarded for** funding into the organization, but rather for other work that either prevents diabetes and chronic disease, or assists with the management of diabetes or chronic disease in general. Significant funding contributions can be channeled through the Outstanding National Corporate Award.

**Nomination:** Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement (volunteernational@diabetes.ca) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

**Timing:** Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

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8. **The Innovation Award**

**Description:** Nominees for this award have recognized new and better ways to address a need in the diabetes community despite the many demands, and sometimes too few resources, faced by the non-profit sector. Nominees have found innovative, creative, and efficient solutions to further Diabetes Canada’s mission and make a difference in the lives of the people living with diabetes.

**Eligibility:** Candidates must:

- Demonstrate innovation in an approach or strategy,
- Be a volunteer with Diabetes Canada or engage with Diabetes Canada (such as for third-party events);
- Have contributed significantly to the mission of Diabetes Canada.
Nomination: Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement (volunteernational@diabetes.ca) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

Timing: Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

9. The Collaboration Award

Description: Nominees for this award provide outstanding examples of collaboration within Diabetes Canada and/or the diabetes community. These nominees recognize the benefits that come from accessing the expertise of individuals, local businesses, government, non-profits or charities – be it human, financial, or physical resources. Through the synergy that comes with collaboration, the nominees have facilitated increased capacity, efficiency, and innovation in the service they provide to the diabetes community.

Eligibility:
- The nominee should demonstrate outstanding collaboration in a project or work that relates to the strategic direction of the organization.
- At least one collaborative partner must be from Diabetes Canada.

Nomination: Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement (volunteernational@diabetes.ca) or fax them to 403-269-8927.

Timing: Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

10. The Bold & Audacious Achievement Award

Description: This award is to honour the achievement of a goal or project that set a compelling vision for something so impactful, others might have doubted that it could be done, but they did it anyway. This person or team demonstrated a vision that was clear and compelling, served as unifying focal point of effort, and acted as a clear catalyst for team spirit and/or inspiration in completing the goal.

Eligibility: Candidates should:
- be directly involved in a project, task or activity which relates to the Diabetes Canada’s mission and strategic plan;
- be able to demonstrate the impact of their achievement.

Nomination: Please review the National Award descriptions and email your completed nomination forms with scanned or faxed support letter to Christine Houssaini, manager, volunteer engagement (volunteernational@diabetes.ca) or fax them to 403-269-8927.
Timing: Nominations may be submitted until February 5. Awards will be presented during National Volunteer Week, which takes place in April each year.

Link: https://www.diabetes.ca/how-you-can-help/volunteer/national-volunteer-awards

Regional Diabetes Canada Awards

1. Outstanding Health-care Professional Award

Description: This award is presented to a health-care professional who has made a difference in improving the lives in individuals living with diabetes in a specific region. This award focuses on the work of a health-care professional within his/her own medical field, rather than an individual working for the organization on a volunteer basis. This award may be presented as a joint honour to a group of individuals, but only under special circumstances as determined by the Regional Awards Committee.

Eligibility: Individuals must:

- be a health-care professional accredited by their profession,
- pursue work that is supported, or endorsed, by both the Diabetes Canada Professional Section. This review is to be completed by the health professional serving on the Regional Awards Committee.

Nomination: Volunteers, professional members, chapters and branches, Regional Leadership Centers, community partners and donors are all allowed to nominate an individual, group or organization for a Diabetes Canada Regional Award. To submit a nomination, please send the nomination form to the Regional Chair c/o the Regional Leadership Centre (address information included on the form).

Timing: Nominations are received throughout the year. The deadline for nominations is February 5. Many awards will be handed out during National Volunteer Week (which takes place in April each year); please check with your Regional Leadership Centre for exact dates as regions may varying in their plans.

Contact Info: For further information, please contact Christine Houssaini, manager of volunteer engagement at volunteernational@diabetes.ca

2. Inspiration Award

Description: This award, also called the Dave Speer Regional Inspiration Award in Ontario, is presented to an inspirational individual or family, who has overcome great obstacles to manage their diabetes, and continues to enjoy a fulfilling and active lifestyle. In spite of being diagnosed with diabetes, this individual, or family, has achieved success personally, as well within their community. For example, this award could be presented to an Olympic athlete with diabetes. An outstanding accomplishment may originate from, but is not limited to the following practices;
athletics, music, business, writing, medicine, engineering and/or teaching. Please note that an individual can be nominated posthumously.

**Eligibility:** Individuals must:

- be diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes,
- show outstanding personal achievement while demonstrating a positive healthy attitude;
- demonstrate that he/she overcame obstacle(s) to achieve success.

Families must:

- include an immediate family member who has been diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes,
- demonstrate that it has provided ongoing support to the diagnosed family member;
- show continuous thought and consideration when scheduling work and other activities/responsibilities, in order to spend time assisting, learning with or supporting the diagnosed family member.

Challenges that the individual or family may have overcome could include one, or any combination, of the following:

- Rural or remote location
- Insufficient family support
- Low income
- Cultural isolation
- Insufficient medical support
- Insufficient financial support

**Nomination:** Volunteers, professional members, chapters and branches, Regional Leadership Centers, community partners and donors are all allowed to nominate an individual, group or organization for a Diabetes Canada Regional Award. To submit a nomination, please send the nomination form to the Regional Chair c/o the Regional Leadership Centre (address information included on the form).

**Timing:** Nominations are received throughout the year. The deadline for nominations is February 5. Many awards will be handed out during National Volunteer Week (which takes place in April each year); please check with your Regional Leadership Centre for exact dates as regions may vary in their plans.

**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact Christine Houssaini, Manager of Volunteer Engagement at volunteernational@diabetes.ca
3. Volunteer of the Year

Description: This award honours volunteers, either on an individual or group basis, who have gone above and beyond to support the work of Diabetes Canada. The nominee's geographic location and any other extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration during the selection process. Please note that an individual can be nominated posthumously.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups must:

- demonstrate outstanding dedication (over a minimum period of ten years) where long-term, commitment and reliability has assisted Diabetes Canada in serving as a helpful and responsive organization for people living with, or affected by, diabetes.

Or

- demonstrate outstanding achievement in outstanding accomplishments that have made an impact in advancing the organization towards its mission and goals.

Nomination: Volunteers, professional members, chapters and branches, Regional Leadership Centers, community partners and donors are all allowed to nominate an individual, group or organization for a Diabetes Canada Regional Award. To submit a nomination, please send the nomination form to the Regional Chair c/o the Regional Leadership Centre (address information included on the form).

Timing: Nominations are received throughout the year. The deadline for nominations is February 5. Many awards will be handed out during National Volunteer Week (which takes place in April each year); please check with your Regional Leadership Centre for exact dates as regions may varying in their plans.

Contact Info: For further information, please contact Christine Houssaini, Manager of Volunteer Engagement at volunteernational@diabetes.ca

4. Young Volunteer Award

Description: This award honours youth for their role in supporting the work of Diabetes Canada. We are looking to honour these individuals with the intent of encouraging an ongoing and long-term involvement with the organization. This award may be presented as a joint honour to a group of individuals, but only under special circumstances. Please note that an individual can be nominated posthumously.

Eligibility: Individuals must:

- be between the ages of 13 and 29;
- be viewed as role models who consistently demonstrate responsible behaviour with or without diabetes;
- be a volunteer with the organization;

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• have contributed to the work of the organization in some way (this may include: fund development, advocacy work or delivery of programs and services - excluding D-Camps);
• demonstrate that they have worked with the organization because of their personal interest in its mission.

Nomination: Volunteers, professional members, chapters and branches, Regional Leadership Centers, community partners and donors are all allowed to nominate an individual, group or organization for a Diabetes Canada Regional Award. To submit a nomination, please send the nomination form to the Regional Chair c/o the Regional Leadership Centre (address information included on the form).

Timing: Nominations are received throughout the year. The deadline for nominations is February 5. Many awards will be handed out during National Volunteer Week (which takes place in April each year); please check with your Regional Leadership Centre for exact dates as regions may varying in their plans.

Contact Info: For further information, please contact Christine Houssaini, Manager – Volunteer Engagement at volunteernational@diabetes.ca

5. Camp Award

Description: This award honours employees or volunteers (medical, non-medical, paid, unpaid), who have made a significant contribution to our residential family or day camps. This award may be presented as a joint honour to a group of individuals, but only under special circumstances.

Eligibility: The individual must:
• have volunteered or provided service for a Diabetes Canada camp,
• be either a camp staff member or volunteer (including kitchen staff, counsellor, medical or program staff) or someone who has supported the camp in a programming role;
• demonstrate a commitment to improve the lives of children with type 1 attending one of Diabetes Canada’s camps.

Note: This award is not to be given for funding, gifts or in kind donations (these contributions can be considered for the Outstanding Partnership or Outstanding Corporate Award).

Nomination: Volunteers, professional members, chapters and branches, Regional Leadership Centers, community partners and donors are all allowed to nominate an individual, group or organization for a Diabetes Canada Regional Award. To submit a nomination, please send the nomination form to the Regional Chair c/o the Regional Leadership Centre (address information included on the form).

Timing: Nominations are received throughout the year. The deadline for nominations is February 5. Many awards will be handed out during National Volunteer Week (which
takes place in April each year); please check with your Regional Leadership Centre for exact dates as regions may varying in their plans.

Contact Info: For further information, please contact Christine Houssaini, Manager, Volunteer Engagement at volunteernational@diabetes.ca

6. Outstanding Regional Corporate Award

Description: This award is given to an individual or group representing a company or organization. It recognizes an innovative alliance or creative partnership that effectively creates a regional corporate partner with Diabetes Canada. The winner of this award demonstrates extraordinary support (as may be shown through financial, human resources or in-kind contributions) and has an ongoing commitment to the organization. Through the alliance or partnership with the organization the Outstanding Regional Corporate Partner makes a difference to those individuals living with diabetes in the region.

Eligibility: The corporation must demonstrate a variety of support offered, including:

- innovation/thinking outside-the-box
- progressive support, including; actual dollar amounts, in-kind support, media support, employee involvement, etc.
- length of relationship with the organization
- support of a healthy workplace that does not discriminate against people with diabetes
- the dimension of the organization's public profile
- the compatibility of the company's philosophy with the organization's mission
- the absence of any negative impact associated with any existing relationships with other organizations

The corporation also must demonstrate quantifiable elements of support, including:

- a grand total of dollars donated to the organization over the lifetime of the relationship
- in-kind support
- involvement of its staff in supporting the organization (e.g. volunteerism)
- variety in the scope of its support, such as staff support, program sponsorship (Team Diabetes, etc.)

Note: This award winner must be endorsed by the Regional Director (he/she will work with a Corporate Development team member as appropriate to determine suitability for the award).

Nomination: Volunteers, professional members, chapters and branches, Regional Leadership Centers, community partners and donors are all allowed to nominate an individual, group or organization for a Diabetes Canada Regional Award. To submit a
nomination, please send the nomination form to the Regional Chair c/o the Regional Leadership Centre (address information included on the form).

**Timing:** Nominations are received throughout the year. The deadline for nominations is February 5. Many awards will be handed out during National Volunteer Week (which takes place in April each year); please check with your Regional Leadership Centre for exact dates as regions may varying in their plans.

**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact Christine Houssaini, Manager of Volunteer Engagement at volunteernational@diabetes.ca

7. **Outstanding Regional Partnership Award**

**Description:** To recognize a partner in business, media, health care, government, non-government organization, educational institution, service club or any other sector that has contributed to the work of the organization at the Regional level.

**Eligibility:** the partner must:

- have worked with the organization,
- have contributed significantly to the organization's mission;
- have contributed to a program or initiative that has an impact on people with diabetes at the Regional level.

**Nomination:** Volunteers, professional members, chapters and branches, Regional Leadership Centers, community partners and donors are all allowed to nominate an individual, group or organization for a Diabetes Canada Regional Award. To submit a nomination, please send the nomination form to the Regional Chair c/o the Regional Leadership Centre (address information included on the form).

**Timing:** Nominations are received throughout the year. The deadline for nominations is February 5. Many awards will be handed out during National Volunteer Week (which takes place in April each year); please check with your Regional Leadership Centre for exact dates as regions may varying in their plans.

**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact Christine Houssaini, Manager – Volunteer Engagement at volunteernational@diabetes.ca

8. **Service Awards (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years)**

**Description:** Recognizing the contributions of our many volunteers is a priority for the organization. Length of service awards are given to volunteers who have served the organization from 5 to 50 years upon the completion of each 5-year increment. Volunteers are awarded a certificate of appreciation along with a length of service pin at each of these significant milestones.

**Eligibility:** All active volunteers are eligible to receive service awards. Note: a volunteer is considered to be active unless there is a period of inactivity lasting more than 2 years.

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**Nomination:** Awards are automatically given, no nomination required.

**Timing:** Service awards are presented throughout the year as milestones are reached. Awards may be presented at a local recognition event during National Volunteer Week in the month of April where possible. In situations where this is not feasible, local staff will coordinate arrangements with individual volunteers to ensure presentation of the awards.

**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact Christine Houssaini, Manager of Volunteer Engagement via email or telephone at volunteernational@diabetes.ca
External Awards

National External Awards

1. Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers Award

**Description:** The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields.

As an official Canadian honour, the Medal for Volunteers incorporates and replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, created in 1995, by then-Governor General the Right Honourable Romeo LeBlanc. The Medal builds on the legacy and spirit of the Caring Canadian Award by honouring the dedication and commitment of volunteers.

**Eligibility:** Any person who is a Canadian citizen and who has made significant, sustained and unpaid contributions to their community in Canada or abroad is eligible. Candidates must have demonstrated an exemplary commitment through their dedicated volunteerism.

The Medal for Volunteers is awarded to individuals only, not to groups or couples. Non-Canadians are also eligible if their contributions have brought benefit or honour to Canadians or to Canada.

**Nomination:** Nominations are submitted online. To submit a nomination, you will need to provide the following information:

- The name and address of the individual being nominated, as well as your own name and address, for correspondence purposes;
- A short description of the nominee's contribution to the community, including the type of volunteer work done, the names of any organizations involved, the length of service and any other relevant biographical information;
- A letter from an organization or individual who supports the nomination and who can speak of the unpaid volunteer work accomplished by the candidate. We also suggest including the name and contact information of two other individuals who can act as a reference and validate the information provided; this step is not mandatory. The letter should answer the following questions:
  - How do you know the candidate?
  - What type of volunteer work has the candidate accomplished?
  - What is it about this person's volunteer work that sets him/her apart from others doing similar work?
  - How has their contribution improved or impacted the community?

All nominations are kept confidential to respect privacy and to avoid disappointment if the nominee is not selected. Nominators and others involved are asked to respect this policy.

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Timing: There is no deadline for submissions. Nominations are accepted throughout the year. Award presentation ceremonies are held throughout the year in communities across Canada.


Contact Info: Find information about the program on their website or contact the program manager at caring-entraide@gg.ca

2. Canada’s Volunteer Awards

Description: Canada's Volunteer Awards (CVA) program is about recognizing the enormous contributions that volunteers, not-for-profit organizations and businesses across the country make to help people and their communities. The awards are about people working in partnerships to find new solutions to strengthen our country.

The goal of the awards is to inspire Canadians from all walks of life to find new ways of making a difference in their communities.

Nomination: Canada's Volunteer Awards (CVA) program consists of one national award and 20 regional awards presented every year. For the Thérèse Calgarian Lifelong Achievement Award, one national winner is chosen.

Timing: The award recipients will be recognized at an award ceremony, where they will receive a pin and a certificate signed by the Prime Minister.

In addition, regional award recipients will be eligible to identify a not-for-profit organization to receive a $5,000 grant. The national award recipient will be eligible to identify a not-for-profit organization to receive a $10,000 grant.


Contact Info: For more information, please contact Canada's Volunteer Awards by email at Info-cva-pbc@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca

3. Health Leadership Award

Description: This national award celebrates leaders who have a positive impact on the health and well-being of their communities. Those recognized by the award understand that health starts where we live, learn, work, and play. The Award recognizes three important elements: innovation, quality, and teamwork. Note: This award is temporarily on hold while the program seeks a new sponsor. Please consult the website for updates.

Eligibility: Leaders who are eligible for the award:

- make a difference in a Canadian community;
- work to build a healthy community where people live, work, learn and play;
• understand that health means more than access to health care;
• demonstrate leadership that goes beyond a job;
• inspire others to work together for change.

Link: [http://www.healthnexus.ca/leadershipaward/index.html](http://www.healthnexus.ca/leadershipaward/index.html)

Contact Info: If you need more information please contact us through leadershipaward@healthnexus.ca or 1-800-397-9567x2230.

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### Regional External Awards

#### 1. Canada’s Volunteer Awards

**Description:** Canada's Volunteer Awards (CVA) program is about recognizing the enormous contributions that volunteers, not-for-profit organizations and businesses across the country make to help people and their communities. The Awards are about people working in partnerships to find new solutions to strengthen our country.

**Nomination:** For Community Leader, Emerging Leader, Business Leader and Social Innovator, a winner for each award is selected from each of the following five regions: Atlantic (New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island); Quebec; Ontario; Prairies (Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan); and British Columbia and the North (British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon). [https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/volunteer-awards.html#h2.1](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/volunteer-awards.html#h2.1)

**Timing:** The award recipients will be recognized at an award ceremony, where they will receive a pin and a certificate signed by the Prime Minister.

In addition, regional award recipients will be eligible to identify a not-for-profit organization to receive a $5,000 grant. The national award recipient will be eligible to identify a not-for-profit organization to receive a $10,000 grant.


**Contact Info:** For more information, please contact Canada's Volunteer Awards by email at Info-cva-pbc@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca

#### British Columbia and Yukon

##### 2. BC Community Achievement Award

**Description:** The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards celebrate British Columbians who go above and beyond in their dedication and service to others and who devote time and energy to making their communities more caring, dynamic, beautiful,
healthy, and unique. The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards are presented by the British Columbia Achievement Foundation, a foundation established in 2003 by the Province of British Columbia to celebrate excellence in community service, enterprise, arts, and the humanities.

**Eligibility:** Any current or former long-term resident of British Columbia is eligible for nomination. Federal or provincial elected representatives are not eligible for nominations while they hold office. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

**Nomination:** You can nominate a volunteer online or by mailing the same nomination package to this address: BC Community Achievement Awards, c/o 6209 Angus Drive, Vancouver, BC V6M 3P2. Either way this package must include the nomination form, three letters of maximum 500 words each (a letter from the nominator giving the reasons for nomination and two letters of support for the nominee from other individuals or organizations that describe the value and impact of the contributions of the individual) and a brief biographical overview of the nominee as it relates to the nomination.

**Timing:** The deadline for nominations is January 20, 2017 (midnight); the Awards gala is usually takes place in April.


**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact the British Columbia Achievement Foundation by email at info@bcachievement.com or phone to 604-261-9777 or toll free (in BC only) 1-866-882-6088.

### 3. The Commissioner’s Award for Public Volunteer Service (YT)

**Description:** The Commissioner’s Award for Public Volunteer Service honours an outstanding individual who has made a significant volunteer contribution to Yukon business, academics, arts, culture or society. This individual is recognized for work outside of their regular employment.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who has made a significant contribution to Yukon. Citizens who reside outside of the territory will be considered for the award. The selection process is determined by an awards committee comprised of the Commissioner and citizens from across the territory.

**Nomination:** The nomination package must contain the completed nomination form as well as a nomination letter which must be in writing and have 2 signatures. This letter should describe in detail the reason for the nomination. Additionally, the completed nomination package must include 2-3 letters of support describing the impact of the nominee's actions. An impact statement from the person who received the service is strongly recommended. The best letters of support come directly from people affected by what the nominee has done. You cannot nominate yourself, your spouse or a member of your immediate family.
Timing: Nominations for the Commissioner's Awards are received all year long with the closing of the spring campaign ending March 30 and the closing of the fall campaign ending October 31. The Awards Ceremony is usually organized during the month of July.


Contact Info: For further information, please contact the Commissioner by email at commissioner@gov.yk.ca or by phone at 867-667-5121.

4. The Outstanding Youth Achievement Awards (YT)

Description: The Outstanding Youth Achievement Awards are sponsored by the Youth Directorate in partnership with the Office of the Commissioner. Recognizes youth 18 years old and under who have performed an outstanding or extraordinary service for their community; and/or have made positive contributions and demonstrated leadership in their activities by volunteering their time, energy and talent for the betterment of their community.

Eligibility: Nominees must be 15-20 years of age by April 1 of the nomination year. We are looking for youth who:

- Act as leaders and good role models in their communities
- Volunteer their time to help others
- Do work which benefits and helps to create positive change within a Yukon community
- Take initiative

Nomination: Completed forms can be emailed to gord.kurzynski@gov.yk.ca or faxed to the Youth Directorate at 867-393-6341.

Timing: Nominations will be accepted between January 1 to June 1 every year.

[http://www.gov.yk.ca/forms/forms/0000/yg6158_e.pdf](http://www.gov.yk.ca/forms/forms/0000/yg6158_e.pdf)

Contact Info: For further information please contact the Commissioner Tel: 867-667-5121 Fax: 867-393-6201, by email or phone at commissioner@gov.yk.ca or 867-667-8213.
**The Prairies & the Northwest Territories**

5. **Outstanding Volunteer Award (NWT)**

**Description:** The Outstanding Volunteer Award recognizes the voluntary achievements and contributions made by volunteers in Northwest Territories communities. There are four categories: Youth, Individual, Elder and Group.

**Eligibility:** The evaluation guidelines include, but are not limited to:
- The duration (minimum of 100 hours) and impact of the volunteerism;
- The number of years, months, and approximate number of volunteer hours the nominee committed to the activity;
- The uniqueness and inclusiveness (involving others) of the nominee's contributions and commitments;
- Their leadership role in the community or organization; and
- The challenges and/or barriers the nominee had to overcome in order to achieve their goal.

**Nomination:** The nomination form requires details about the volunteer’s type of achievement, type of involvement, and level of impact on the community.

- **Type of achievement:** Describes the significant contributions or participation made by the volunteer or group designed to improve the quality of life.
- **Type of involvement:** Describes the volunteer’s participation, or if nominating a group, the work performed by the group.
- **Level of impact on the community:** Describes the ways the community has benefited from the volunteer or group’s work.

The nomination form may be filled out online, or printed and mailed or faxed back to a MACA Regional office or to the Sport, Recreation, and Youth Division office in Yellowknife.

**Timing:** The annual call for nominations opens in January and closes mid-late March. Awards are usually presented in May or June.

**Links:** [http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/home/for-residents/youth-volunteerism/outstanding-volunteer-awards/](http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/home/for-residents/youth-volunteerism/outstanding-volunteer-awards/)

**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact David Maguire by email at david_maguire@gov.nt.ca or by phone: 867-920-3092.

6. **Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award (AB)**

**Description:** The Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards recognize extraordinary Albertans whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of their community and

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fellow community members. Six awards, two in each category of youth, adult and senior are presented annually on or around International Volunteer Day.

**Eligibility:** Albertans, who meet the following criteria, are eligible for a Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award:

- Exemplifies the spirit of community service
- Demonstrates exemplary initiative, leadership, and creativity in his/her service to others
- Serves as a role model for others in his/her community
- Inspires others to engage in volunteer service
- Improves the overall quality of life of fellow Albertans and community as a whole.

**Nomination:** You can nominate a volunteer via a form posted online.

**Dates:** Nomination forms become available in the month of June. Award presentations are organized annually around International Volunteer Day (December 5).


**Contact Info:** For more information contact program coordinator Alla Honcharuk by email or phone at Alla.Honcharuk@gov.ab.ca or 780-415-8139.

**7. Volunteer of the Year Award (AB)**

**Description:** The Volunteer of the Year Award program recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to their communities through volunteerism.

**Eligibility:** The nominees will be judged on the following criteria:

- Organizational impact of volunteer efforts over the last 12 months (December - October): This could be a single project – describe the project, its importance to the organization(s) and why their contribution was key to its success; and/or a continuation of long term dedication to the organization(s) generally indicated by more than 100 hours of volunteering in the time period; and/or involvement with programs and events; and/or outstanding demonstration of their ongoing commitment to the organization by demonstrating initiative and leadership.

- Overall community benefit: Demonstrates ongoing commitment to volunteerism, organization(s) and broader community which can be shown by involvement with multiple organizations and projects.

**Nomination:** When completing a nomination package, we suggest that you consult with your nominee to find out what other organizations and programs they are supporting/involved with so that you are submitting a complete perspective of their community involvement. Be sure to include at least two letters of support for your nominee. Including letters from multiple organizations in the nomination package will
assist awards committee members to better understand the scope of the nominee's commitment to the volunteer sector.

**Timing:** Deadline for nominations are usually in November. The awards are annually presented on International Volunteer Day at a celebration breakfast (December).


**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact the Grande Prairie Volunteer Services Bureau by phone at 780-538-2727 or by email at info@volunteergp.com

### 8. Corporate Volunteer of the Year Award (AB)

**Description:** The Corporate Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes a company or business that, through its staff and policies supporting volunteerism, made an impact on a not-for-profit organization in the last twelve months.

**Eligibility:** Any corporate entity whose volunteer efforts have played a significant role during the last twelve month period (December to October) and is currently volunteering in the Grande Prairie area is eligible.

The nominees will be judged on the following criteria:

- Organizational impact of volunteer efforts over the last 12 months (December - October): This could be a single project – describe the project, its importance to the organization(s) and why their contribution was key to its success; and/or a continuation of long term dedication to the organization(s) generally by a significant number of man-hours by their employees volunteering in the time period; and/or involvement with programs and events; and/or outstanding demonstration of their ongoing commitment to the organization by demonstrating initiative and leadership. Fundraising and cash donations are not to be considered as criteria for nomination, but may be noted.

- Overall community benefit: Demonstrates ongoing commitment to volunteerism, supporting organization(s) and broader community. They may also have a formal policy in place to support community involvement.

**Nomination:** When completing a nomination package, we suggest that you consult with your nominee to find out what other organizations and programs they are supporting/involved with so that you are submitting a complete perspective of their community involvement. Be sure to include at least two letters of support for your nominee. Including letters from multiple organizations in the nomination package will assist awards committee members to better understand the scope of the nominee's commitment to the volunteer sector.

**Timing:** Deadline for nominations are usually in November. The awards are annually presented on International Volunteer Day at a celebration breakfast (December).
9. Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Description: The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal is a civil decoration for volunteers in the province of Saskatchewan. The award was introduced in 1995 by the Government of Saskatchewan to celebrate individuals who have shown outstanding commitment to volunteering and community involvement.

Eligibility: Any Canadian citizen who is a current or former long-term resident of Saskatchewan is eligible for nomination for the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

Not Accepted:
- Posthumous nominations.
- Organizations, only individuals.
- Sitting members of Parliament or the Legislature or members of the judiciary who still hold office.

Nomination: Any individual or group may submit nominations. The Saskatchewan Honours Advisory Council recommends recipients based entirely on the information submitted with the nomination. To nominate a volunteer please provide:
  - Mailing address
  - Email address
  - Telephone number as well as the nominee's
  - Summary statement briefly explaining the reasons you are nominating this person.
  - Three to six letters from others in support of the nomination, explaining why your nominee is worthy of this honour.

The person submitting the nomination must sign nomination forms. All information provided to us is confidential and exclusively for the use of the Honours Advisory Council. We ask that you not inform the nominee of his or her nomination.

Submit signed nomination form and materials by: email, mail, courier, or in-person. Address: Saskatchewan Honours and Awards Program, Protocol Office, 1831 College Avenue, Regina SK S4P 4V5. Phone: 306-787-8965 / Toll free: 1-877-427-5505 / Fax: 306-787-1269 / Email: honours@gov.sk.ca

Timing: Nominations are accepted year-round; the deadline is October 18. Nominations received after this date will be considered the following year. The person submitting the nomination must sign nomination forms.

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**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact the Protocol Office by email at honours@gov.sk.ca or by phone at 306-787-8965 or 1-877-427-5505 (toll free).

10. **Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner (MB)**

**Categories:**
- The Lieutenant Governor’s Make a Difference Community Award
- The Lieutenant Governor’s Vice Regal Volunteer Award
- Premier’s Volunteer Service Award
- The Mayor’s Volunteer Service Award
- Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Family IMPACT Award
- Investors Group Arts & Culture Award for Volunteer Excellence
- The Shaw Media-Global News Women in Leadership Award
- Safeway Food for All Award
- The RBC Local Hero Award
- The Manitoba Real Estate Organization Quality of Life Award
- The William Norrie Outstanding Community Leadership Award
- The Organization of Manitoba Municipalities Outstanding Community Leadership Award
- The Spark Outstanding Pro Bono Consultant Award

**Description:** The Volunteer Awards are a way to honour those who have made a significant contribution to our community and who represent the finest in volunteerism in our province. Individuals, youth and community groups are recognized for their outstanding achievements, their dedication to the community we share and excellence in volunteerism.

**Nomination:** Visit their website (link below) for information about their nomination process.

**Timing:** Deadlines for nominations is February.

**Links:** [http://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards.php](http://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards.php)

**Contact Info:** For more information, please contact Dawn Bourbonnais, our Communications & Outreach Coordinator, by email at dawn.bourbonnais@volunteermanitoba.ca or by phone: 204-477-5180 ext. 230.
11. Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship

**Description:** This award recognizes individuals who have made exceptional long-term contributions to the well-being of their communities.

**Eligibility:** Anyone living in Ontario is eligible for this medal, including federal, provincial and municipal representatives who are no longer in public office.

**Nomination:** To nominate a volunteer please follow the links below to the website where you can download and print the nomination form. Mail the completed form to the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat using the address provided.

http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/docs/GoodCitizenNomination.pdf

**Timing:** The deadline is July 17 of each year. If July 17 falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m.(EST) the following business day. All nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year. Nominations may be submitted at any time.

**Links:**

http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/goodcitizenship.shtml

http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/How_to_Write_a_Compelling_Nomination.pdf

**Contact Info:** By e-mail to OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca, by phone at 416-314-7526, or by filling in our online form on the website.

12. Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

**Description:** This award salutes young volunteers (ages 15–24) for their outstanding achievement.

**Eligibility:** Nominees for this medal must be between the ages of 15 and 24 and live in Ontario. These young people must have donated a large amount of time to a charity, a not-for-profit organization or a person and be a role model and inspire other young people to volunteer.

**Nomination:** Each nomination must include the following:

- A detailed description of achievement (maximum 8,000 characters).
- A minimum of two testimonials for two 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 signed by the
testimonial writer and include his/her contact information (address, telephone and email).

- Additional material (optional) such as supplementary testimonials, publications, media stories, etc.

**Timing:** The deadline is January 15 of each year. If January 15 falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. the following business day. All nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year. Nominations may be submitted at any time.

**Link:**
http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/youngvolunteers.shtml

**Contact Info:** By e-mail to OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca, by phone at 416-314-7526, or by filling in our online form on the website.

### 13. Ontario Senior of the Year Award

**Description:** The Ontario Senior of the Year Award gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local Ontarian who after the age of 65 has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community.

**Eligibility:** Recipients must be at least 65 years of age and have made their community a better place to live. Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed in many different fields, such as the arts, literature, community service, voluntarism, education, fitness and sport or humanitarian activities.

**Timing:** The deadline is April 30 each year. If April 30 falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations are accepted until 5 p.m. the following business day. Nominations may be submitted at any time. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year.

The certificates are presented to the recipients by their municipality at a local event during the month of June – Seniors' Month.

**Link:** http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/seniorofyear.shtml

**Contact Info:** By e-mail to OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca, by phone at 416-314-7526, or by filling in our online form on the website.

### 14. Ontario Senior Achievement Award

**Description:** The Ontario Senior Achievement Award honours people who have made an outstanding contribution to their community after age 65.

**Eligibility:** Seniors over 65 who qualify for this award may have contributed in many different fields including arts, literature, community service, voluntarism, education, environment, fitness and humanitarian.
**Nomination:** An independent selection committee reviews all the nominations and selects the recipients. Members of the selection committee are from the seniors' community and are appointed by the Minister Responsible for Seniors.

Up to 20 seniors are selected each year. Each nomination must include the following:

- A completed and signed nomination form.
- A detailed description of the reasons why your nominee should receive the award.
- A minimum of two testimonials from two 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. Please ensure that the contact information (address, telephone number and email) of the testimonial writer is included in the letter.
- Additional material (optional) such as supplementary testimonials, publications, media stories, etc.

**Timing:** The deadline is June 15 each year. If June 15 falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations are accepted until 5 p.m. the following business day. Nominations may be submitted at any time. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year.

**Link:** [http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/saa.shtml](http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/saa.shtml)

**Contact Info:** By e-mail to OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca, by phone at 416-314-7526, or by filling in our online form on the website.

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**15. Ontario Volunteer Service Award**

**Description:** The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards recognize individual volunteers for continuous years of commitment and dedicated service to an organization. Adults are recognized for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30+, 40+, 50+ and 60+ years of continuous service. Youth (under the age of 24) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service.

**Eligibility:** Organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of five years may complete a nomination. Each organization may nominate up to nine volunteers (of which a maximum of 6 nominees may be adults).

Nominee(s) are eligible as per the criteria below:

- Must be living persons residing and volunteering in Ontario.
- Must not have received payment for their volunteer work.
- Must be active beyond simple membership in an organization.
- Must not have performed the services as part of their regular business or professional duties.

Youth nominees:
Must be under 24 years old and have volunteered with one organization for at least two consecutive years.

Adult nominees:
- Must have volunteered with one organization for at least five consecutive years.

Organizations with more than one branch location can nominate up to nine volunteers, in the same manner as mentioned above, per branch.

**Nomination:** Each nomination must include the following:

- A completed and signed nomination form.
- A detailed description of the reasons why your nominee should receive the award.
- A minimum of two testimonials from two 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. Please ensure that the contact information (address, telephone number and email) of the testimonial writer is included in the letter.
- Additional material (optional) such as supplementary testimonials, publications, media stories, etc.

**Timing:** The annual deadline to submit nominations is January 25. If January 25 falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations are accepted until 5 p.m. EDT the following business day. Nominations may be submitted at any time. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year. The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards ceremonies take place between mid-March and mid-June.

**Link:** [http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/vsa.shtml](http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/vsa.shtml)

**Contact Info:** By e-mail to OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca, by phone at 416-314-7526, or by filling in our online form on the website.

**16. June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award (ON)**

**Description:** The June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism recognizes individuals and groups for superlative volunteer contributions to their communities and to the province of Ontario. The award is named after the late June Callwood, CC, O.Ont., LL.d. Ms. Callwood was a Canadian journalist, author and social activist. She committed her life to action on social justice issues, particularly those related to woman and children. She founded, or co-founded, more than 50 Canadian social action organizations.

**Eligibility:** Ontario is recognizing 11 individuals and eight organizations with a June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism for their commitment to volunteering and longstanding service to their communities.

**Nomination:** Each nomination must include the following:
• A completed and signed nomination form.
• A detailed description of the reason why your nominee(s) should receive the award.
• A minimum of two (2) testimonials from two (2) 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. Please ensure that the contact information (address, telephone number and email) of the testimonial writer is included in the letter.
• Additional material (optional) such as supplementary testimonials, publications, media stories, etc.

Timing: The annual deadline to submit nominations is December 5. If December 5 falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations are accepted until 5 p.m. EDT the following business day. Nominations may be submitted at any time. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year. The ceremony takes place in April.

Link:  http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/junecallwood.shtml

Contact Info: By e-mail to OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca, by phone at 416-314-7526, or by filling in our online form on the website.

17. Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award for Students (ON)

Description: The Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award for Students pays tribute to students who not only complete the required number of volunteer hours to graduate, but who go above and beyond.

Eligibility: The award is for students who are graduating from an Ontario high school (public, provincial, private, and demonstration).

Nomination: School principals or their designate, select one student from their school and complete and submit the recipient submission form.

A school committee dedicated to student recognition may also select the recipient. However, only the principal and/or his or her designate may complete and submit the form.

Each submission must include the following:

• Confirmation that the student is a graduating student selected for this award by their school principal or an awards selection committee for exemplary community contribution or outstanding achievement through volunteer activity.
• Confirmation that the submission is made by the student's principal or his or her designate.
Timing: There is no deadline; when returning the student recipient information forms, schools should allow a minimum of three to four weeks for delivery of the pin, letter and certificate.


Contact Info: By e-mail to OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca, by phone at 416-314-7526, or by filling in our online form on the website.

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18. Representative Volunteer Award (NS)

Description: This award is given to volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution in their community. The award is bestowed only once to an individual.

Eligibility: For details on eligibility for volunteers from each community to attend the provincial volunteer awards ceremony as a representative from their community or district, please contact the community contact from the appropriate area. Follow this link to the list of current community contacts: [http://novascotia.ca/lae/volunteerism/documents/2016_Community_Contacts_List.pdf](http://novascotia.ca/lae/volunteerism/documents/2016_Community_Contacts_List.pdf).

Nomination: Municipalities, towns and villages select one volunteer who will come forward on behalf of all the volunteers in their area to be recognized. To submit a nomination for this award, please get in touch with your community contact found on the list at the link below.

Timing: The deadline for nomination submissions is 4:30 p.m., EDT, Friday, February 24, 2017. This year’s ceremony will take place on April 18, 2017, at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax. National Volunteer Week takes places April 23 to 29, 2017.


Contact Info: For further information, please consult this list to find your community contact:

19. Youth Volunteer Award (NS)

Description: The Youth Award is a specialty award presented annually by the Province of Nova Scotia to a youth who has made a significant contribution as a volunteer.

Eligibility: To be eligible for nomination, youth must be between the ages of 13 and 24 and must not have previously been nominated. Only one nomination per school is permitted.

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Nomination: Nominations can be made by anyone and sent directly to the Department of Labour and Advanced Education. Detailed instructions included on nomination form online.

Timing: The deadline for award nomination submissions is 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 24th, 2017. Volunteer Proclamations will take place during Volunteer Week, April 23-29, 2017.

Link: http://novascotia.ca/lae/volunteerism/volunteer-recognition.asp

Contact Info: For further information, please contact, Volunteerism and the Non-Profit Sector Division by email at Or email at volunteerawards@novascotia.ca, or by telephone at: 902-220-7380.

20. Volunteer Family Award (NS)

Description: The Volunteer Family Award is a specialty award presented annually by the Province of Nova Scotia to a family in recognition of their collective volunteer contributions to their community.

Eligibility: The recipient will be a family (any combination of two or more persons that are bound together over time, living in the same community) who has demonstrated outstanding and consistent care for the improvement of the community.

Nomination: The nominations can be made by anyone and sent directly to Recreation Nova Scotia (instructions on nomination form online).

Timing: The deadline for award nomination submissions is 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 24th, 2017. Volunteer Proclamations will take place during Volunteer Week, April 23-29, 2017.

Link: http://novascotia.ca/lae/volunteerism/volunteer-recognition.asp

Contact Info: For further information, please contact, Volunteerism and the Non-Profit Sector Division by email at Or email at volunteerawards@novascotia.ca, or by telephone at: 902-220-7380.

21. Halifax Regional Municipality Adult & Youth Volunteer Awards

Description: Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Mayor and Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities.

Eligibility: Adult or youth volunteers, who meet the following criteria, are eligible for a municipal Volunteer Award:

- Demonstrates initiative, leadership and creativity in his/her service to others;
- Serves as a role model for others in his/her community;
• Inspires others to engage in volunteer service;
• Improves the overall quality of life of fellow citizens and the community as a whole.
• Describe the impact the nominee has had and include as much of the volunteer's history as possible.
• Ensure the nominee's volunteer efforts are voluntary and not paid. Paid work cannot be listed on the form. If you require any clarification please contact us at 902-490-1573.
• Nominees must be a resident of Halifax Regional Municipality.
• Youth nominees must be between the ages of 13-19.
• Nominators may only nominate one person.
• The nominee cannot have received this award in the last 5 years. To find out if nominees have received the award in the past, please look online www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/awards or call 902-490-1573.

This is a scored process. All areas of the nomination form must be completed. Nominations that are unclear, inaccurate, late or do not comply with the below criteria may not be accepted.

**Nomination:** Nomination forms may be completed and submitted directly online or by downloading a nomination form which can then be emailed, mailed, faxed or delivered in person using the information included on the bottom of the form. The following link leads to the nomination forms: https://www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/awards/index.php.

All nominations are scored and awards are allotted by each of the 16 electoral districts. Ten out of the 16 volunteers will be selected to represent the municipality at the Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony where they will receive a second award.

**Timing:** The nomination deadline for 2017 is December 16, 2016. All nominees will receive a letter in March thanking them for their community contribution. Successful nominees will be invited to attend a ceremony and reception in April with the Mayor and members of Regional Council to receive their award.

22. **Halifax Regional Municipality Group Volunteer Award**

**Description:** Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Mayor and Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities.

**Eligibility:** The Group Volunteer Award is open for any volunteer group (a club, society, or organization that is organized and operated without the purpose of making profit) that has made a significant impact on building stronger communities through services, programs, projects and/or events and delivers these in the region. This is a scored process, which means all areas of the nomination form must be completed and well
explained. Nominations that are incomplete, inaccurate, late or do not comply with the below criteria may be not be accepted.

Groups, who meet the following criteria, are eligible for a Volunteer Award:

- Demonstrates initiative, leadership and creativity in service to others;
- Has a plan for sustainability;
- Shows successful partnerships or collaborations; and
- Improves the overall quality of life of citizens and the community.

It is important to illustrate through the nomination form the impact the group has had. To ensure your nomination meets the criteria, capture as much of the group's history as possible. This will make a stronger, more complete application.

The group's volunteer efforts listed on this form must truly be voluntary; that is they are not part of their day to day employment functions.

Volunteer groups that are nominated are eligible for an award in only one of the three categories. On the following form, please select the category that fits the group you are nominating.

- **Category 1:** Community group with annual finances and grants under $50,000
- **Category 2:** Community group with annual finances and grants exceeding $50,000
- **Category 3:** Community youth group (youth volunteers up to 25 years old)

The nominee cannot have received this award in the last 2 years. To find out if they have received the award, please look online www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/awards, or call 902-490-1573.

This is a scored process. All areas of the nomination form must be completed. Nominations that are unclear, inaccurate, late or do not comply with the below criteria may not be accepted.

**Nomination:** Nomination forms may be completed and submitted directly online or by downloading a nomination form which can then be emailed, mailed, faxed or delivered in person using the information included on the bottom of the form. The following link leads to the nomination forms:

All nominations are scored. One award is allotted for each of the three group categories.

All nominees will receive a letter in March, either to thank them for their community contribution, or inviting them to the Volunteer Awards Ceremony in April to receive a certificate from the Mayor and Council.

**Timing:** The nomination deadline for 2017 is December 16, 2016. All nominees will receive a letter in March thanking them for their community contribution. Successful
nominees will be invited to attend a ceremony and reception in April with the Mayor and members of Regional Council to receive their award.

23. Senior Islanders of the Year (PEI)

Description: The PEI Senior Islanders of the Year award was created to recognize and celebrate the many contributions of Island seniors. Each year in October, awards are presented to older adults who have made significant contributions to Island life in areas such as volunteerism, artistic achievement, community activities, education, professional achievement, fitness/recreation, and other activities.

Eligibility: To be eligible for this award, nominees must be:

- a current resident of Prince Edward Island
- 65 years of age or older
- willing to be nominated and agree to participate in award promotions

Nomination: To nominate someone, download the nomination form online (http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/SIYEn.pdf) or contact us for a copy.

Timing: The annual deadline for nominations is July 15 and awards are presented in October.

Links: http://www.gov.pe.ca/seniors/

Contact Info: For further information, please contact PEI Seniors’ Secretariat by phone at 902-620-3785 or 1-866-770-0588 (toll-free).

24. URock Volunteer Awards (NL)

Categories: The URock Volunteer Awards are divided in two different categories: youth 30 years of age or under; and youth led groups.

Description: The URock Volunteer Awards recognizes the contributions of NL’s outstanding young volunteers and youth-led organizations. Every year up to eight awards are presented to impressive youth from around Newfoundland and Labrador. Each recipient will receive their very own custom designed electric guitar. It’s a way of saying, URock!

Eligibility: Nominees must have made outstanding voluntary contributions without reward or gain, be 30 years of age or under, and be a current or past resident of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Nomination: Make sure to complete all the fields of the Nomination Form. Provide a letter with the reasons for nomination (max 3 pages), as well as 3 letters of support from individuals familiar with the nominees background and contributions to their community, school and/or non-profit cause.

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Timing: In 2015 the awards ceremony was held on May 14, 2015. The deadline for nominations was March 18. Visit the website for 2017 timelines and event details.

Links: [http://www.nlyouth.ca/programsservices/URock.html](http://www.nlyouth.ca/programsservices/URock.html)

Contact Info: If you have any questions, please contact us by email at ope@gov.nl.ca or by phone: / 709-729-5790 or 1-877-898-8891.

### 25. Volunteer Hall of Fame (NL)

**Description:** The Volunteer Hall of Fame aims to enshrine the achievements of both individuals and organizations that have set the standards for selfless giving without reward or gain, for all to see.

**Eligibility:** Individuals are eligible if they are current and/or past residents of Newfoundland and Labrador and are, in the opinion of the selection committee, considered deserving of the award.

Organizations are eligible if they have made outstanding contributions without reward or gain and that, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, is considered deserving of the award.

**Nomination:** Your application will require the nominators to write a narrative explaining the nominee's contribution in voluntary role(s). The narrative should cover the five (5) key criteria used for assessment ([http://www.volunteerhalloffame.ca/assessment.html](http://www.volunteerhalloffame.ca/assessment.html)) and address the situation with respect to each. With the application narrative, please provide at least one letter of support from someone in the community who has direct knowledge of the nominee's contribution and can provide evidence of the nominee's impact on the community. While only one letter of support is required, it is recommended that three letters be provided, if possible. Please send completed nomination forms by mail: The Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer Hall of Fame, c/o Nominations, P.O. Box 13814, St. John's, NL, A1B 4G3. Or via email: nominations@volunteerhalloffame.ca

**Timing:** Nominations are now closed for 2016. Please check back in 2017 for our next call for nominations.

**Links:** [http://www.volunteerhalloffame.ca/](http://www.volunteerhalloffame.ca/)

**Contact Info:** For further information, please contact us by email at [nominations@volunteerhalloffame.ca](mailto:nominations@volunteerhalloffame.ca)
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