



Lincoln M. Alexander AWARD

The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander, CC, O.Ont., CD, QC, was born in 1922 to West Indian immigrants. He served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. Educated at McMaster University and Osgoode Hall, in 1965 he was appointed a Queen's Counsel and was a partner in a Hamilton law firm from 1963-79. Elected as a Member of Parliament in 1968, he served in the House of Commons until 1985. He was also Federal Minister of Labour in 1979. In 1985 he was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Mr. Alexander was the first member of a minority group to serve as a Lieutenant Governor in Canada, a post he held until 1991. Youth and education were hallmarks of his mandate. To commemorate his term as Lieutenant Governor, the Province of Ontario established the Lincoln M. Alexander Award in 1993.

Purpose of the Award

Since 1993, the Lincoln M. Alexander Award has recognized young people who have demonstrated **exemplary leadership in eliminating racial discrimination**.

In 2003, the number of awards was permanently increased from two to three awards annually: two student awards and one community award. The award value was also increased so that each of three young people receive an award of \$5,000, as well as a framed scroll.

Past recipients of the **STUDENT AWARD** include: a high school student who led anti-racism youth training groups through the local board of education; an 18-year-old who was one of 10 students selected from across Canada to participate in the production of *Nobody's Born a Racist*, a national youth guide and video; and, a 16-year-old who was an innovator in race relations training and wrote an award-winning essay on the Holocaust.

Previous recipients of the **COMMUNITY AWARD** are between the ages of 16 and 25 and include: a young educator who worked actively for 10 years to increase public awareness about racial discrimination and to teach children, teens and adults how to change behaviour patterns; a 22-year-old who launched a clothing line with messages about "unlearning" racial discrimination; and a teenager who made significant contributions to his community's race relations advisory committee.

Who is eligible?

STUDENT AWARD

Any secondary school student attending an accredited provincial secondary school and planning to enter a post-secondary institution as a full-time student who is nominated by his/her school is eligible for the award.

COMMUNITY AWARD

Any resident of Ontario, between the ages of 16 and 25, nominated by a community organization or agency **that works extensively in the area of race relations** is eligible for the award.

When are the awards presented?

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony held in Queen's Park in early fall. The three award recipients and their nominators will be notified by telephone in advance of the awards ceremony.

When is the deadline?

Completed nomination packages must be received no later than

May 31.

Late submissions will be forwarded for the following year.

How are the awards recipients selected?

A nominee must have made a **significant contribution towards eliminating racial prejudice or discrimination**. The contribution should be sustained and innovative, demonstrating leadership and the promise of long-term improvement, greater public awareness or viable change.

A selection committee with representatives from the educational sector and community organizations will consider the nominations and select the award recipients.

Please do not include academic records, as scholastic performance is not taken into consideration. Also, volunteer activities in other areas are not taken into consideration. For information about Ontario's volunteer recognition programs, please call the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at 416 314-7526.

Have you submitted the following?

1. A completed nomination form.
2. Detailed description of the nominee and his/her achievements.
3. Letters of reference from at least two persons who can attest to the value and impact of the achievements of the nominee.
4. **Additional material:**
Include any other material in support of this nomination (i.e., additional letters of reference, publications, media stories, artwork, essays, etc.). Please limit this material for review by the Selection Committee to items that will provide new information and insight into who the nominee is and the nature of his/her contributions towards eliminating racial prejudice or discrimination.

Note:

Please list all material enclosed to support this nomination. Please submit materials in 8.5" x 11" format. Please do not send originals of important or official documents as they will not be returned.

Please send completed forms

and support material to:

Lincoln M. Alexander Award

Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat
Ontario Ministry of Citizenship
and Immigration
400 University Avenue
4th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2R9

Need more information?

Additional information and nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at the address listed on this page.

We can also be reached at:

Telephone: 416 314-7526

Fax: 416 314-7743

Or visit our website at www.citizenship.gov.on.ca

The Lincoln M. Alexander AWARD

For Leadership in Eliminating Racial Discrimination

NOMINATION FORM

(Please print clearly and complete in full)

NOMINEE INFORMATION THE CANDIDATE I AM NOMINATING IS:

Ms. Miss Mrs. Mr.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

NOMINATOR I am nominating this candidate for a **STUDENT AWARD** *(to be completed by school):*

(The candidate must be a secondary school student attending an accredited provincial secondary school and planning to enter a post-secondary institution as a full-time student.)

Ms. Miss Mrs. Mr. Other

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Title _____ School _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

School Board _____

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

NOMINATOR I am nominating this candidate for a **COMMUNITY AWARD** *(to be completed by community group):*

(The candidate must be a resident of Ontario, between the ages of 16 and 25, and nominated by a community organization or agency that works extensively in the area of race relations.)

Organization _____

Contact for the organization: Ms. Miss Mrs. Mr. Other

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Title _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

Have you submitted the following?

Completed nomination form

- Letter of nomination with appropriate signature
- Letters of reference (at least 2)
- Documentation and materials outlining the achievement of the nominee (optional)

DEADLINE: May 31

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Ministry of Citizenship and Culture Act*, R.S.O. 1990. cM.18, s.4 and will be used to determine eligibility and notify recipients of the Lincoln M. Alexander Award. For further information, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat, 400 University Avenue, 4th Floor, Toronto ON M7A 2R9, 416 314-7526.