

The Newcomer Champion Awards

PURPOSE

Each year, Ontario welcomes more than half of all newcomers to Canada.

Immigration is vital to Ontario's growth and newcomers play a key role economically, socially and culturally in making Ontario strong and prosperous.

A newcomer champion is an individual or group who exemplifies excellence or achievement in establishing welcoming communities in Ontario for newcomers and/or fostering understanding and sharing of Ontario's many cultures. The **Newcomer Champion Award** is a means to share and celebrate Ontario's cultural diversity and growth.

ELIGIBILITY

Categories may include, but are not limited to:

- Visionary
- Youth
- Community Connection
- Cultural Celebrations
- Employer

Nominees must be residents of Ontario.

Posthumous and self nominations are not accepted.

HOW ARE THE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

An independent selection committee reviews all nominations and selects the recipients.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

Nomination forms may be submitted at any time. The deadline is **March 15** of each year. All nominations received after this date will be considered for the following year.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Additional information and nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at 416 314-7526 or visiting www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards



EACH NOMINATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- The completed nomination form.
- A detailed description of the achievement (250 – 500 words) describing:
 - the achievement in detail, including any background or related historical information,
 - what made the achievement outstanding,
 - how the achievement has impacted others and/or the community,
 - when the achievement was initiated and completed (if applicable),
 - examples of ongoing leadership and commitment.
- A **minimum of two** testimonial letters from individuals (other than the nominator) who have direct knowledge of the value and impact of the achievement and who support the nomination. Please ensure that the contact information (address, telephone number and e-mail) of the testimonial writer is included in the letter.
- OPTIONAL:** Additional material to support this nomination, such as additional testimonial letters, publications, and media stories. Please list and label all material enclosed.

PLEASE NOTE: all materials must be submitted unbound (no staples), black and white photocopies, single sided and in 8.5” x 11” (letter size) format. **Do not send originals as they will not be returned.** Fax copies will not be accepted.

Send completed nomination forms and supporting materials to:

Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration

400 University Avenue, 4th Floor

Toronto ON M7A 2R9

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Please print clearly and complete in full.

Name of Nominee / Group Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name of Chief Administrator / Executive Officer: _____

Name of Organization: _____ Position: _____

Address: Business Home

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: Business (9–5 pm) Home _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Short description of achievement (maximum 10 words): _____

Name of Nominator Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name of Organization: _____ Position: _____

Address: Business Home

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: Business (9–5 pm) Home _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____