

The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers

PURPOSE

The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers was created to recognize the **outstanding achievements** of young volunteers across the province of Ontario. The personal commitment of time and effort made by young volunteers is a valuable contribution to the quality of life in their communities and in our province. The leaders of tomorrow are among these many youth volunteers.

By bestowing special distinction upon these admirable youth, the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers emphasizes the importance of volunteering in building strong communities across our province and recognizes these youth as role models.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers is presented to up to 10 young people who:

- are between the ages of 15 and 24 years;
- reside in Ontario;
- contribute significant time and service without pay to a charity, not-for-profit organizations or an individual;

- have made a sustained and innovative contribution in the community, demonstrating leadership, initiative, perseverance, originality, as well as the promise of long-term improvement or greater public awareness of the community activity;
- have proven to be a role model attracting others to volunteering;
- have inspired and helped peers and the community as a whole, to better understand and appreciate the importance of volunteering.

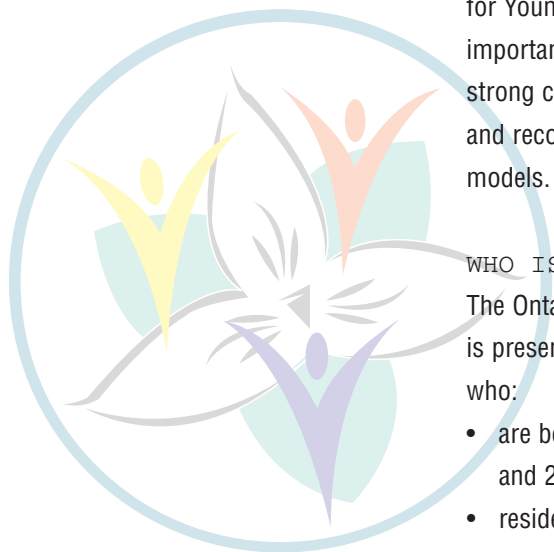
Posthumous and self-nominations will not be accepted.

HOW ARE THE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

Up to 10 award recipients are selected by an independent Advisory Council.

HOW ARE THE AWARDS PRESENTED?

Recipients are presented with a medal by the Lieutenant Governor at a ceremony held in the Provincial Legislature.



A COMPLETE SUBMISSION

INCLUDES :

- o **A completed nomination form** (original and signed)
- o **A detailed description** of the young volunteer's achievements and why they are outstanding (500 – 1,000 words). Include the specific role the nominee has played.
- o **The time spent** volunteering at each organization. Clearly indicate volunteer hours per week, month or year.
- o Information regarding **when** the achievement was initiated and completed or if ongoing.
- o Information regarding **how long** you have known the nominee.
- o **Written testimonials** from at least two additional persons (other than the nominator) who can attest to the value and impact of the nominee's achievements.
- o **Additional materials**
Include any additional materials in support of this nomination (i.e. other testimonial letters that add substance to the nominee's achievement, publications, media stories etc.).

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

Nomination forms may be submitted at any time. The deadline is January 31 of each year. All nominations received after this date will be considered for the following year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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PLEASE SUBMIT SIGNED, ORIGINAL FORMS ONLY.

Send completed forms to:

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NOTES:

1. Do not send originals of important or official documents or photographs, as they will not be returned.
2. Nominators should present only volunteer experience and not work experience.
3. This recognition program is not based on academic achievement. Do not include educational certificates/transcripts.

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NOMINATION FORM

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.18, s.4 and will be used to determine the eligibility and notify recipients of the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers. For further information, please contact the Manager at the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at (416) 314-6608. For service in French, please call (416) 314-7529 or (416) 212-3196.

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Residential Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone No. (9:00am - 5:00pm) _____ Fax No. _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth (d/m/y) _____

Youth's Achievement (25 word maximum) _____

Estimated volunteer hours per week month year _____

Name of Nominator Mr.. Mrs. Ms. Other _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Position _____ Organization/Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone No. (9:00am - 5:00pm) _____ Fax No. _____ E-mail _____

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____