

Canada's Volunteer Awards

Celebrating Canadians who make a difference



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

Canada's Volunteer Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of volunteers, businesses and innovative not-for-profit organizations in improving the well-being of people and communities.

Who Can Be Nominated?

Nominees can be individuals or groups, businesses or not-for-profit organizations. Nominators may be any person or organization with direct knowledge of the nominee's contribution.

Awards Overview

Twenty-one awards are given every year, consisting of one national award and 20 regional awards.

Recipients are each eligible to identify a not-for-profit organization to receive a grant: \$10,000 for the national award and \$5,000 for the regional awards.

National Award

One award will be given in this category:

- **Thérèse Casgrain Lifelong Achievement Award** – recognizes dedicated individuals who have volunteered for at least 20 years and have inspired other volunteers, led volunteer groups or made other exceptional achievements through volunteering.

Regional Awards

One award per region will be given in each of these categories:

- **Community Leader** – recognizes outstanding individual volunteers or groups of volunteers who have taken a lead role in developing solutions to social challenges in communities. This category does not include not-for-profit organizations or registered charities.
- **Emerging Leader** – recognizes volunteers between the ages of 18 and 30 who have demonstrated leadership and helped to build stronger communities.
- **Business Leader** – recognizes businesses that demonstrate social responsibility in their practices, including promoting and facilitating volunteerism locally, regionally and nationally.
- **Social Innovator** – recognizes not-for-profit organizations that address social challenges in an innovative way.

The five regions are: Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies and British Columbia and the North.

Nominees in All Awards Must Meet the Following Eligibility Criteria:

- Individuals must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons as described in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.
- Individuals must be at least 18 years of age and over.
- Not-for-profit organizations and businesses must be registered in Canada.
- All nominees must have contributed to addressing social challenges in their community in Canada.

Award Ceremony

Award recipients will be publically announced at an award ceremony.

For More Information

Visit, Canada.ca/volunteer-awards, call 1-877-825-0434 or email Info-cva-pbc@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca.

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