

National Awards

★ Governor General's Caring Canadian Award ★

Awarded to an individual whose voluntary contributions have helped families or groups in the community over a long period of time. There is **no** age requirement for this award and anyone may submit a nomination. For more information and nomination forms, please contact the Chancellery at the Government House 1-800-465-6890 or www.gg.ca. There is no deadline for submissions.

★ Therese Casgrain Volunteer Award ★

Open to all Canadian citizens, this award is presented annually to one man and one woman whose pioneering spirit, social commitment and lifetime of volunteering have contributed significantly to the well-being of their fellow citizens. Information and nomination brochures can be obtained from the award secretariat at www.hrsdc.gc.ca or by calling 1-866-468-4377. Nomination deadline was in February, 2010.

★ Therese Casgrain Volunteer Award ★

This award honours Canadian Women 18 and up who have made a significant contribution to the lives of people in their community. Six awards are presented annually and recipients are featured in the national edition of FLARE. The awards will be presented this fall in Toronto. Information on call for nominations to be obtained from Chatelaine.com and Flare.com in late spring 2010. For more information visit the websites.

Provincial Awards Continued ...

For more information on the following awards contact the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration at 416-314-7526 or visit:

<http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/honours/>

★ Senior Achievement Awards ★

Recognizing the contributions of seniors over the age of 65, this award is for those who have made significant contributions to their community. Award winners will be recognized on the International Day of Older Persons in October. Nomination deadline is June 15, 2010.

★ Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship ★

Since 1973, the government of Ontario has recognized people who have made outstanding contributions to the well being of their communities without remuneration or reward. Nomination deadline is August 17, 2010.

★ The Order of Ontario ★

This award honours those people who have rendered service to the greatest distinction and of singular excellence in any field of endeavor benefiting society here and elsewhere. Nomination deadline is March 16, 2010.



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Volunteer Recognition Awards



A volunteer is a person who believes that people can make a difference and is willing to prove it.

Anonymous

Local Guelph/Wellington Awards

★City of Guelph Mayor's Award ★

This award is presented to citizens who have contributed to the quality of life in Guelph through their volunteer efforts. Nomination letters indicating who you wish to nominate and why, as well as contact information of the nominee and nominator should be addressed to the Mayor's Office at City Hall. Visit www.guelph.ca for more information. Deadline for nominations is April 23, 2010. Presentation is during the Guelph Awards for Excellence on June 24, 2010.

★Federal Member of Parliament Letter of Volunteer Appreciation ★

In recognition of the contribution volunteers make in our community, Brenda Chamberlain, MP Guelph/Wellington, will send a personal letter of thanks to volunteers. Organizations may submit a letter of request detailing the accomplishments of up to 10 volunteers. For more information, or to submit a request, contact the office at 519-837-8276 or in person at 40 Cork St. East in Guelph. Please allow a minimum of 2 weeks. No deadline.

★Women of Distinction Award Voluntary Community Service, YMCA-YWCA of Guelph ★

These awards recognize the outstanding contributions made to the advancement of women and the improvement in the quality of life in our community through voluntary leadership and involvement. This year's Gala will be held May 6, 2010 at the River Run Centre. Nominations for the 2009 awards were accepted until the end of January. To order tickets for this year's event or download your 2010 nomination package, please visit www.quelphy.org.

Local Guelph/Wellington Awards

★Downtown Board of Management The Sherry Hall Volunteer of the Year★

This award is open to all volunteers of Downtown Guelph organizations. Nominations will be accepted for all those volunteers who are outstanding. The Guelph Awards of Excellence will be held June 24, 2010. For more information contact the Downtown Board of Management at 519-836-6144 or visit: www.guelphchamber.com/AwardsOfExc.aspx Deadline for nomination was March 31, 2010.

★Student Volunteer Connections Volunteerism Award ★

This volunteer award is given annually to a University of Guelph student who has made significant contributions to the non-profit sector of Guelph/Wellington through volunteering. Deadline for nominations is March every year. For more information contact SVC at 519-824-4120 ex. 58104 or visit <http://www.uoguelph.ca/~svc/programs.html>. No awards program planned for 2010; they held a social gathering for volunteers on April 6, 2010 in its place.

★Waterloo Wellington Fund Raising Executives Community Philanthropy Awards★

These awards recognize the donors, sponsors and volunteers who donate time and funds to make our community a great place to live and work. More information is available by visiting www.wfre.org. National Philanthropy Day coming up November 2010.



Provincial Awards

More information is available at www.citizenship.gov.on.ca or by email: OntarioHonoursAndAwards@mci.gov.on.ca. Application forms are available at the Volunteer Centre.

★ The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers ★

Recognizing the contributions of young volunteers, medals of achievement are presented to 10 residents of Ontario aged 15-24 each year. In addition to meeting the specified age requirements, criteria to qualify for this award include contributing considerable volunteer time, demonstrating leadership, and inspiring others to want to make a difference. The nomination deadline was January 31, 2010.

★The Ontario Volunteer Service Award ★

Recognizing volunteers for their continuous years of commitment and dedicated service to a single group, the Ontario Volunteer Service Award honours youth with two or more continuous years of service and adults with 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of continuous service. The nomination deadline was January 25, 2010.

★The Outstanding Achievement Awards for Voluntarism in Ontario★

For more than ten years, the government of Ontario has honoured 20 volunteers annually for exceptional contributions to the community. This award is presented to individuals, groups, and businesses who have demonstrated leadership, innovation, and creativity at the Community level. The deadline for submission of nomination is January 15 of each year. For more information call 1-416-314-7725 or visit www.citizenship.gov.on.ca
