



CANADIAN
DENTAL
ASSOCIATION

**2023–24
Canadian
Dental Association
Honours and
Awards Program
Call for Nominations**



Introduction

Each year, the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) offers an honours and awards program to recognize exceptional individuals and/or organizations for their contributions to the dental profession, the dental community and the oral health of Canadians.

CDA invites the submission of nominations from the oral health community for the 2023–24 CDA Honours and Awards Program.

We encourage all stakeholders to take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions of worthy individuals and/or groups to our profession and to its reputation and profile.

It would be also appreciated if you could distribute this information within your respective organization, as appropriate.

Award Categories

1. Awards to Individuals for overall outstanding achievement

This award category is intended to honour outstanding achievements by individuals. The award categories are tiered to recognize progressive professional achievement, with CDA's highest category of recognition for lifetime achievement being the CDA Medal of Honour. The categories are:

- The Canadian Dental Association Medal of Honour
- The Canadian Dental Association Honoured Member Award (previously the CDA Honorary Membership Award)
- The Canadian Dental Association Distinguished Service Award
- The Canadian Dental Association Award of Merit

2. Awards to individuals or organizations involved in supporting the dental profession

This award category is intended to recognize individuals and/or organizations involved in supporting and/or serving the dental profession. The categories are:

- The Canadian Dental Association Mentorship Advancement Award
- The Canadian Dental Association Special Friend of Canadian Dentistry Award

3. Awards to individuals or organizations for the promotion of oral health

This award category is intended to recognize individuals and/or organizations that have made significant contributions to the promotion of the oral health of Canadians. The category is:

- The Canadian Dental Association Oral Health Promotion Award

The definition of each award is given below and nomination forms are enclosed for your convenience. This information, as well as a list of past award recipients can also be accessed directly from the CDA website at www.cda-adc.ca.

Nomination Process and Deadline

Nominations for award recipients can be submitted in one of two manners – completion of nominations forms included in this document or completion of online forms. Links to the online application forms can be obtained by contacting Donna Bierko via email at dbierko@cda-adc.ca.

All submissions must include a detailed curriculum vitae for each person nominated. Contributions at the national level are an important consideration and should be highlighted. Although submissions should indicate the award an individual is being nominated for, the Awards Committee reserves the right to recommend which award, if any, will be granted to the nominee. In addition, the Awards Committee may, at its discretion, nominate suitable candidates for awards.

Special Considerations

- Members of the CDA Board of Directors and members of the CDA Awards Committee are not eligible for nominations during the time they are serving on these bodies.
- CDA Board Members who have completed their full term on the Board (6 years) will receive the CDA Award of Merit upon completion of their service on the CDA Board of Directors.
- CDA Presidents are recognized by CDA upon completion of their term of office. Should a CDA Past President be nominated for a CDA award, the nomination should highlight their continuing, ongoing and/or distinctive contribution to the profession and not replicate those activities for which they have already been recognized by CDA.

As this is an annual review of candidates, any previously submitted names may be resubmitted with the appropriate accompanying documentation, as indicated on the nomination form.

Nominations received by the deadline will be reviewed by the members of the CDA Awards Committee, who will then make recommendations to CDA's Board of Directors. Nominators and award recipients will be notified of the results in due course. All nominations will be kept in confidence until a final decision regarding the awards has been made.

Award Presentations

CDA Awards are traditionally presented each year in conjunction with the CDA Annual General Meeting.

Should you have any questions about the nomination process, please do not hesitate to contact Donna Bierko at **1-800-267-6354, ext. 5016** or by email at dbierko@cda-adc.ca.

AWARD CATEGORIES

CDA annually recognizes exceptional individuals from among the following award categories.

- **Awards to Individuals for Overall Outstanding Achievement**

This award category is intended to honour outstanding achievements by individuals. The award categories are tiered to recognize progressive professional achievement with CDA's highest category of recognition for lifetime achievement being the CDA Medal of Honour.

- **CDA Medal of Honour**

The Medal of Honour is the highest award conferred by the Canadian Dental Association. It is given to a dentist in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding service and professional achievement to the benefit of the dental profession, the dental community and society at large, and to which can be attributed significant change. The breadth and scope of achievement are significant factors in receipt of this award, as is the contribution that the individual has made to the goals and objectives of the Canadian Dental Association.

Due to the distinctive and special nature of this award, the award may not be conferred in any one year.

Eligibility: Recipients must be licensed dentist members of a CDA Corporate Member, non-licensed (retired) dentists or affiliate members of CDA.

- **CDA Honoured Member Award (previously the CDA Honorary Membership Award)**

The Honoured Member Award is given to an individual (dentist or non-dentist) who has made an outstanding contribution to the dental profession, the dental community or the oral health of Canadians over a sustained period of time at the academic, corporate, specialty society, council, commission or committee level. An outstanding contribution at the national level shall be a principal consideration. The breadth and scope of achievement are significant factors in determining this award.

Eligibility: Recipients may be licensed dentist members of a CDA Corporate Member, non-licensed, (retired) dentists or affiliate members of CDA. Non-dentists are eligible for this award as are dentists not residing in Canada.

- **CDA Distinguished Service Award**

The Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize outstanding contributions to the dental profession, the dental community or the oral health of Canadians at large, in a given year or outstanding service over a number of years. It may also recognize outstanding contributions at the academic, corporate, specialty society, council, commission or committee level.

Eligibility: Recipients may be licensed dentist members of a CDA Corporate Member, non-licensed (retired) dentists or affiliate members of CDA. Non-dentists are eligible for this award.

- **CDA Award of Merit**

The Award of Merit recognizes an individual who has served in an outstanding capacity in the governing or service of the Canadian Dental Association over a sustained period of time, or who has made similar outstanding contributions to the dental profession, the dental community or the oral health of Canadians and/or society at large. Service considerations include:

- no less than 2 full terms of exemplary service on the former CDA Executive Council and/or Board of Directors; and/or outstanding service on a CDA council/commission/task force/working group or project team, and/or

Eligibility: Recipients will be licensed dentist members of a CDA Corporate Member, non-licensed (retired) dentists or affiliate members of CDA. Non-dentists are eligible for this award.



- **Awards to Individuals or Organizations Involved in Supporting the Dental Profession**

This award category is intended to recognize individuals and/or organizations involved in supporting and/or serving the dental profession.

- **CDA Mentorship Advancement Award (Established in 2021)**

This award recognizes individual dentists, or dentist-led groups, who, through sustained volunteer involvement, have improved the sense of community among Canadian dentists by the advancement of mentorship & shared learning. This may involve creating environments for supporting mentorship, strengthening dental community action, fostering the development of personal and professional skills, and/or innovation in bringing dentists together to exchange ideas with a view to enhancing the community of caring health professionals.

Eligibility: Recipients must be dentist members of a CDA Corporate Member or an affiliate member of CDA. Unlicensed (retired) dentists who have been members and may no longer be eligible for membership may also be considered.

- **CDA Special Friend of Canadian Dentistry Award**

The Special Friend of Canadian Dentistry Award is conferred on an individual or organization outside of the dental profession in appreciation for exemplary support or service to Canadian dentistry and/or to the profession as a whole.

Eligibility: Recipients of this award may be dentists or non-dentists who are engaged in serving or supporting the dental profession. Should the recipient be a licensed dentist, they must be a member of a CDA Corporate Member or an affiliate member of CDA.

- **Awards to Individuals or Organizations for the Promotion of Oral Health**

This award category is intended to recognize individuals and/or organizations that have made significant contributions to the promotion of the oral health of Canadians.

- **CDA Oral Health Promotion Award**

This award recognizes individuals or organizations who have improved the oral health of Canadians through oral health promotion. This may involve creating public health policy or supportive environments, strengthening community action, developing personal skills, and/or increasing the prevention of oral diseases and disorders.

Eligibility: Recipients who are licensed dentists must be members of a CDA Corporate Member or affiliate members of CDA. Recipients may also be organizations or non-dentists involved in oral health care.

Previous Award Recipients

A list of the previous recipients can be found on the CDA website at:
https://www.cda-adc.ca/en/about/awards/past_recipients/.

2023–24 CDA HONOURS AND AWARDS PROGRAM—NOMINATION FORM

To nominate an individual for one of the awards listed below, kindly complete this form and return it to the CDA Office along with all requested supporting documents no later than **October 31, 2023**.

Links to online application forms can be obtained by contacting Donna Bierko via email at dbierko@cda-adc.ca.

AWARD / HONOUR

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medal of Honour
<input type="checkbox"/> Honoured Member Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Award of Merit | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentorship Advancement Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Friend of Canadian Dentistry Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Oral Health Promotion Award — see Appendix A |
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NOMINEE

- Dr.
 Prof.
 Mr.
 Mrs.
 Ms.
 Other: _____

Name

First	Middle	Last
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Title / Position	Organization / University or School
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Address

City	Province	Postal Code	Tel.
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PRINCIPAL NOMINATOR

- Dr.
 Prof.
 Mr.
 Mrs.
 Ms.
 Other: _____

Name

First	Middle	Last
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Title / Position	Organization / University or School
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Address

City	Province	Postal Code	Tel.
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Email



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

CDA requests that the following supporting documents be included with each submission:

1. CITATION

This statement should be included in the principal nominator's cover letter of endorsement. The citation should outline the nominee's contributions or qualifications for the specific honour or award. Please refer to the criteria provided for the award in question.

2. LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

Additional letters of endorsement may also be added to the nomination, citing personal knowledge of the nominee's qualifications for the award. Aspects of the candidate's life and career that qualify him/her for the award may be highlighted.

3. CURRICULUM VITAE

The nominee's current curriculum vitae (including positions held, academic and professional honours) should be included with the submission.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Recipients of the Medal of Honour must be licensed dentist members of a CDA Corporate Member, non licensed (retired) dentists or an affiliate member of CDA. All other awards may be received by a dentist or non-dentist. When the award is presented to a licensed dentist, the recipient must be a member of a CDA Corporate Member or an affiliated member of the CDA.

Please note that all award nomination documents are confidential and will only be used by CDA for the purposes of the award nomination process.

SUBMISSIONS

The completed nomination form, along with supporting documentation must be submitted no later than **October 31, 2023** to:

Awards Committee

Canadian Dental Association
1815 Alta Vista Drive
Ottawa, ON K1G 3Y6

Fax: 613-523-7736

Email: dbierko@cda-adc.ca



APPENDIX A

2023–24 ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION AWARD

Application Information

Dr. Prof. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other: _____

Name

First

Middle

Last

Title / Position

Organization / University or School

Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Tel.

Entry Title

Entry Criteria:

1. Any individual or organization who has improved the oral health of Canadians through oral health promotion. This may involve creating public health policy or supportive environments, strengthening community action, developing personal skills, and/or increasing the prevention of oral diseases and disorders.
2. Programs or projects that are developed to promote a commercial product or service are not eligible.

Submission Procedures

Entries are to be submitted with the signed acknowledgement of a local dental society or provincial/territorial dental association, executive director or officer, dental school dean or professor, other than the entrant (if applicable).

a) Goals and objectives of the program

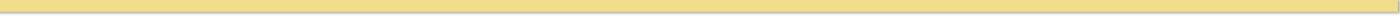


b) Dental need filled by the program, including scope of services provided

c) Number of people served by the program, as compared to the size of the target population

d) Level of community and/or volunteer involvement

e) Documented accomplishment of program goals



f) History of, or potential for, continuous program operation

g) Ease of duplication by other individuals/organizations

Name of individual/organization recommending this nomination

Please return the completed application to the attention of:

Awards Committee
Canadian Dental Association
1815 Alta Vista Drive
Ottawa, ON K1G 3Y6
Fax: 613-523-7736
Email: dbierko@cda-adc.ca

Entries must be received no later than October 31, 2023.