



THE CANADIAN DENTAL
HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION
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DES HYGIÉNISTES DENTAIRES

2026 Call for Nominations CDHA Award of Merit

The Award of Merit provides an opportunity for CDHA to join with the members/owners in identifying, acknowledging, and celebrating volunteer services of a dental hygienist in their community and/or professional activities. The CDHA Award of Merit is given annually to a maximum of four **(4)** individuals.

The individual will have voluntarily made an extraordinary contribution to the profession of dental hygiene and their community, in a selfless and professional manner. The volunteer service shall reflect one **(1)** or more of the following areas of engagement:

Advocacy
Culturally Relevant Practice
Diversity
Leadership

Collaboration
Determinants of Health
Ethics
Social Justice
Volunteerism

Community Involvement
Mentorship
Health Promotion
Social Responsibility

Eligibility of Nominee

The **volunteer** contribution shall be on a local, provincial, or national level:

- has maintained active membership in CDHA for a minimum of eight **(8)** years
- has had a positive impact on either the profession of dental hygiene, dental hygiene colleagues, the oral health of Canadians or a combination of all those previously stated
- has displayed ongoing commitment and support to CDHA and the profession of dental hygiene
- has displayed outstanding community service that reflects positively on the profession of dental hygiene

Supporting Documentation

- The name and contact information of nominee
- One **(1)** letter of support of the nomination by CDHA members **clearly** stating rationale (maximum of 750 words) as to why the nominee deserves receipt of this award, and **clearly** outlining which area of engagement outlined above the nominee has met.

Nominations and supporting documents will be kept confidential and will only be used by the CDHA for the award nomination process.

Submission

Please submit your completed nomination(s) along with ALL the supporting documentation electronically no later than **11:59 pm EST on Thursday, April 30, 2026**, to Kristina Paddison, Executive Assistant at kpaddison@cdha.ca.

Decision

The CDHA Board of Directors will select the Award of Merit recipients. If criteria are not met, the CDHA Board of Directors reserves the right to NOT grant an award for that year.

**Prior to the receipt of the award, CDHA will confirm that the nominee is in good standing with their regulatory body.*