



THE CANADIAN DENTAL  
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DES HYGIÉNISTES DENTAIREs

## 2026 Call for Nominations CDHA Distinguished Service Award

The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) Distinguished Service Award recognizes a dental hygienist who has made a significant contribution over a minimum four (4) year period to the advancement of the dental hygiene profession, in a selfless and professional manner.

### Eligibility of Nominee

- Continuous CDHA membership in the active category for a minimum of ten (10) years
- The Nominee has made outstanding contributions to CDHA that may include, but not limited to:
  - Work on a task force, committee or innovative project
  - Serving on the CDHA Board of Directors or any of the Board's committees
- The Nominee's contribution and service shall **clearly** reflect:
  - positive impact on the DH profession
  - two (2) 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

### Supporting Documentation

- Name and contact information of the nominee
- Written support of two (2) CDHA members in good standing (maximum of 750 words each)
  - **clearly** outline how the nominee's contributions and service reflect two (2) or more of the areas of engagement outlined above,
  - **clearly** capture the nominee's personal commitment and how it has had a positive impact on the DH profession
  - clearly demonstrate aspects of the nominee's career as it relates to the award
  - **clearly** demonstrate the project(s) or position(s) the nominee has been involved in regarding the profession of dental hygiene at the **national level**.

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 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](mailto:kpaddison@cdha.ca).

### Decision

The CDHA Board of Directors will select the CDHA Distinguished Service Award 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.*