



THE CANADIAN DENTAL
HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION
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2026 Call for Nominations CDHA Life Membership Award

The Canadian Dental Hygiene Association (CDHA) Life Membership Award is awarded annually to one **(1)** individual who has made an outstanding contribution to both the profession of dental hygiene and the association at the **national level**, in a selfless, and professional manner. Nominators may submit only one nomination for the award. The nominee must be an active CDHA member in good standing.

Eligibility of Nominee

- Continuous CDHA membership in the active category for a minimum of twenty **(20)** years.
- Has made a significant contribution, over a period of at least ten **(10)** years, to the growth and achievement of the national association, outstanding contribution to both the profession of dental hygiene and the association at the national level, and shall reflect a **minimum of four (4)** of the following areas of engagement:

Advocacy	Collaboration	Community Involvement
Culturally Relevant Practice	Determinants of Health	Mentorship
Diversity	Ethics	Health Promotion
Leadership	Social Justice	Social Responsibility
	Volunteerism	

Supporting Documentation

- Name and contact information of the nominee
- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV) of the nominee clearly demonstrating:
 - Outstanding community service that reflects positively on DH profession at the national association level and/or international level
- Two (2) separate written letters of support from two (2) CDHA members in good standing (maximum 1000 words each)
- Written support must **clearly** demonstrate how the significant contribution reflects:
 - 10+ year period **of growth and achievement of the national association**
 - outstanding contribution to both the profession of dental hygiene and the association at the **national level and/or international level**.
 - outline of accomplishments at the national level and/or international level that the nominators consider worthy of this award
 - minimum of four (4) areas of engagement outlined above

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** supporting documents 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 CDHA Life Membership Award recipient. 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.*