



Awards and Recognition Program 2012

“It is up to you to provide recognition” here’s your opportunity to recognize a member dental hygienist or person in your community who should receive an award.

The ODHA provides visible credit for the contribution made by members each year through its awards and recognition program. It is a means of bestowing honour on individual members by their peers and professional Association. There are five individual awards that you may choose from for anyone you think fits the description. These awards will be presented at the ODHA’s President’s Recognition Reception, April 28, 2012, held in conjunction with the Annual General and Board Meeting in Burlington.

AWARD OF HONOUR

The Award of Honour is the most prestigious honour that the Association gives. Only one award is presented in any given year. It is conferred upon an ODHA member who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession of dental hygiene and to the development of the Association and its aims.

The nominee must be an ODHA member and either be involved or have been involved in the Association in an official capacity. The nomination must be supported by five (5) ODHA members who each submit a letter of endorsement to the Awards and Recognition Task Force.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

A Distinguished Service Award may be presented to an ODHA member who has rendered distinguished service either to the profession of dental hygiene or to the Association or to both. Up to two awards may be presented in any given year. The nomination must be supported by two (2) ODHA members who submit a letter of endorsement to the Awards and Recognition Task Force.

ELIZABETH CRAIG AWARD OF DISTINCTION

This award may be presented to either an ODHA member or a community member who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the promotion of dental hygiene either within the allied health professions or the community. Only one award is presented in any given year. The recipient must exemplify the unique and excellent standard set by the former Executive Director, Elizabeth Craig. The nomination must be accompanied by three (3) letters of endorsement from ODHA members. The letters of endorsement must provide details of how the nominee has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the promotion of dental hygiene.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

A Community Service Award may be presented to an ODHA member who has demonstrated participation and commitment through volunteer activities for the betterment of their community or to an organization within their community. Up to two awards may be presented in any given year. The nomination must come from an ODHA member and be accompanied by a letter from the community or organization involved. The nominator must provide details of how the volunteer activities the nominee has undertaken have made a difference to the community or organization.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

In order to receive life membership in the ODHA, a dental hygienist must have made an outstanding contribution to the profession of dental hygiene and to the Association and have demonstrated exceptional leadership as a professional. The nominee must have been an ODHA member in good standing for thirty (30) years, and have served as an official of the ODHA for a minimum of fifteen (15) years. The nomination must be supported by three (3) ODHA members who each submit a letter of endorsement to the Awards and Recognition Task Force.

Look about -- the person that should be recognized could be working with you, or sitting beside you at your next local meeting or seminar.

Fill out the attached nomination form and follow these procedures to help the ODHA recognize its members and supporters of dental hygiene.

AWARDS NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. A nomination for each ODHA award must be submitted on the attached Awards and Recognition Nomination form **by March 16th, 2012** to the ODHA office.
2. An individual member may nominate only one candidate for an award.
3. An individual member may nominate the same candidate for only one ODHA award in any one year.
4. You must include the appropriate number of letters of endorsement for the nomination indicating the nature and significance of the member's contribution for which the award is being presented. You may provide anecdotal evidence or examples to illustrate the suitability of the nominee.
5. If available, you should include a current resume for the candidate.
6. All information received regarding nominees will be kept in the strictest confidence.
7. After March 1st, 2012, the Awards and Recognition Task Force will acknowledge all nominations and will select the award recipients.
8. All designated nominators will be contacted advising them of the Awards and Recognition Task Force's decision.
9. All award recipients will be contacted and invited to the President's Recognition Reception at the Burlington Fitness and Raquet Club in Burlington to be presented with their award.

**THE ONTARIO DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION
AWARDS AND RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM**

This is a generic form for all ODHA awards (use additional paper if needed).

Name of Award: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

ODHA official positions held and the dates:

Professional contribution to dental hygiene and the community:

Other information, such as awards and honours:

Name of ODHA member submitting this nomination: _____

Supporters of nomination: (Number of support letters required – Award of Honour (5); E. Craig Award of Distinction (3); Life Membership (3); Distinguished Service (2) and Community Service (1) from organization/community.)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

PLEASE RETURN BY MARCH 16th, 2012 TO THE ODHA OFFICE

Mail to: Awards and Recognition Task Force
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