

**LEADING
WOMEN**

**LEADING
GIRLS**

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES
RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

**2017 CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS**



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OBJECTIVE

The Leading Women/Leading Girls Building Communities Recognition Program acknowledges and celebrates women and girls who demonstrate exceptional leadership in working to improve the lives of others in their communities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

LEADING WOMEN:

Nominees must be 18 years of age or older at the time of nomination and have not received this award in the past. Nominees who have received a Leading Girls Award may be nominated for the Leading Women Award if they have different accomplishments.

Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional community leadership to improve the lives of others and have made substantial contributions through volunteer work.

Nominees must have worked to improve the lives of others in one of the following ways:

1. Supporting the participation of women from diverse cultural communities in social and economic community life;
2. Taking initiative to foster communities where women and children can live free from violence;
3. Promoting women's and girls' health and well-being through education, community service and/or research;
4. Providing young women with mentoring, guidance, coaching and opportunities for self improvement;
5. Supporting women's participation in their chosen field or endeavouring to remove barriers in the workplace or field of work; or
6. Encouraging women to participate in any part of public or community service.

LEADING GIRLS:

Nominees must be under 18 years of age at the time of nomination and not have been nominated in the past.

Nominees must have demonstrated exceptional community

leadership to improve the lives of others and have made substantial contributions through volunteer work.

Nominees must have worked to improve the lives of others in one of the following ways:

1. Breaking down barriers and encouraging girls to get involved in careers where women are underrepresented;
2. Actively promoting issues such as equality, diversity, healthy equal relationships, preventing violence against women and reducing racism and discrimination;
3. Encouraging girls to participate in any part of public or community service; or
4. Mentoring, coaching, leading events or organizations and being a leader for women and girls in their communities.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

All submissions must meet the eligibility criteria.

1. Complete Section A: Basic Information on the attached nomination form, including -
 - a. Nominee information
 - b. MPP information
2. Prepare documents for Section B: Supporting Documents and attach to nomination form, including -
 - a. Two (2) Letters of Support: the letters must be unique to each nominee and must address the three questions listed in Section B of the Nomination Form. Letters may be submitted by a community leader, mentor, employer, or another individual who has experience volunteering with the nominee. Letters of support from family members are not accepted.

DEADLINE

If you are a community member, send this form and the attached supporting documents to your local MPP so they can submit all nominations.

The closing date for MPPs to submit nominations to the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues is January 20, 2017.

Notice of Collection:

Personal information contained on this form is collected to administer the Leading Women/Leading Girls Building Communities Recognition Program and will be used to determine suitability for an award. Questions about this information collection should be directed to: Scott Simons at 416-325-3754 or scott.simons@ontario.ca

NOMINATION FORM

LEADING WOMEN/LEADING GIRLS BUILDING COMMUNITIES RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Leading Women (Aged 18 years and over)

Leading Girls (Aged under 18 years)

(A) BASIC INFORMATION: FILL OUT BELOW

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name _____

Name to appear on *Recognition Certificate* if awarded

Has the Nominee received this Recognition Certificate in the past? Yes No

Nominee Home Address _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Nominee Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

City/Town _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Nominee Telephone Number: Home _____ Cell _____

Nominee Email _____

MPP INFORMATION:

Name _____ Riding _____

MPP NOTE: All Congratulatory Letters and Recognition Certificates will be forwarded to the MPP's mailing address.

(B) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: ATTACH TO NOMINATION FORM

TWO (2) LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Letters should be unique and show how the nominee's work has improved the lives of others based on the three questions listed in this section. Please include the author of the recommendation and the organization she/he represents.

1. Author _____ Organization _____

2. Author _____ Organization _____

Please address these three areas in each letter of support.

1. Describe how the nominee's efforts improved the lives of women and/ or girls in her community.
2. Explain how the nominee's achievements demonstrate her leadership.
3. Please specify the number of volunteer hours the nominee contributes annually. _____ hours

CONTACT INFORMATION

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