



2012 IMMIGRANTS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS IMMIGRANT SERVICES CALGARY

In 1997, Immigrant Services Calgary established the Immigrants of Distinction Awards to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions of immigrants and refugees to the Calgary community. This annual event celebrates accomplishments in the following areas:

Arts & Culture
Community Service
Business
Distinguished Professional
Hadassah Ksienski Distinguished Service Award
Organizational Diversity

Arts & Culture Award:

This award is presented to an immigrant who merits recognition in an artistic endeavor, within the visual or performing arts fields.

Community Service Award:

This award is presented to an immigrant who has provided valuable service to the city of Calgary and the immigrant communities, either as a volunteer or as a professional.

Business Award:

This award is presented to an immigrant who has achieved success in the creation or operation of a business in Calgary or surrounding areas.

Distinguished Professional Award:

This award is presented to an immigrant who has achieved success in a professional career path.

Hadassah Ksienski Distinguished Service Award:

This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated leadership, innovation, dedication and a spirit of compassion in the areas of immigrant services, program development, administration and/or advocacy. This person will have made important contributions to enhancing the lives of immigrants in Canada at the local, provincial and/or national levels through his/her actions in professional, volunteer and/or academic capacities.

Organizational Diversity Award:

This award is presented to a business, government or non-profit organization that has made outstanding achievements in implementing diversity initiatives in the workplace or has made significant contributions in serving ethnically diverse client groups.

Note: Past recipients of an Immigrant of Distinction Award cannot be nominated in the same award category. Past recipients are only eligible to be nominated in a different category than the award previously received. However past nominees who did not receive an award are eligible to be nominated for the same award or in any other category.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION PACKAGE

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

Eligibility Criteria:

- Individuals must have been born outside of Canada.
- Individuals must be permanent residents of Calgary and surrounding areas.
- The Hadassah Ksienski Distinguished Service Award is not open to individuals who currently hold an elected political office.

Please include all of the following:

- The completed nomination form.
- A letter of nomination, 1 to 3 pages in length, detailing the reasons why you are nominating this individual. Please include all information demonstrating why the nominee is worthy of the award.
- A one-page biography of the nominee (life story).
- A resume of the nominee detailing career, education and volunteer activities.
- Letter of support from the two references listed.
- Include any additional material supporting the nomination of this individual such as articles, photographs, awards, etc.

HADASSAH KSIENSKI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

Eligibility Criteria:

- Individuals must be permanent residents of Calgary and surrounding areas.
- This award is not open to individuals who currently hold an elected political office.

Please include all of the following:

- The completed nomination form.
- A letter of nomination, 2 to 4 pages in length, detailing the reasons why you are nominating this individual. Please include all information demonstrating why the nominee is worthy of the award.
- A one-page biography of the nominee (life story).
- A resume of the nominee detailing career, education and volunteer activities.
- Letter of support from the two references listed.
- Include any additional material supporting the nomination of this individual such as articles, photographs, awards, etc.

ORGANIZATIONAL DIVERSITY AWARD:

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominated organizations must have a Calgary office, either locally owned or a local branch of a national or multi-national organization

Please include all of the following:

- The completed nomination form
- A 2 to 4 page profile, describing how the organization has successfully included immigrants/refugees in the workplace or made significant contributions in serving ethnically diverse client groups. The profile should include documented business practices/policies and the results of such
- A copy of the most recent annual report and any additional documentation such as brochures, pamphlets, etc.
- Letter of support from each reference listed
- Include any additional material supporting the nomination of this organization

ALL NOMINATION PACKAGES MUST INCLUDE THE ABOVE ITEMS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR REVIEW

Nomination packages must be received at Immigrant Services Calgary by:

4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2012

**Immigrants of Distinction Awards
Immigrant Services Calgary
1200, 910 – 7 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 3N8**

An independent, anonymous panel of judges will be formed on the basis of individual expertise in at least one of the categories. Together, the panel of judges will determine the award recipient for each category.

2012 IMMIGRANTS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form and attach it to the front of your nomination package. Nominations and accompanying materials become the property of Immigrant Services Calgary and will not be returned. Nominations may be used in part or in whole for publication. Please do not include original or valuable documents or materials.

CATEGORY:

- Arts & Culture Award
- Community Service Award
- Business Award
- Distinguished Professional Award
- Hadassah Ksienski Distinguished Service Award
- Organizational Diversity Award

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

NAME:	
COMPANY: <i>(Organizational Award Only)</i>	
COMPANY CONTACT: <i>(Organizational Award Only)</i>	
ADDRESS:	
POSTAL CODE:	
TELEPHONE #:	
FAX #:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: <i>(Individual Award Only)</i>	
DATE OF ARRIVAL IN CANADA: <i>(Individual Award Only)</i>	

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, all enclosed information is accurate and I am eligible to be considered for the Immigrants of Distinction Awards. In the event that I am selected as a finalist, I also consent to the use and disclosure of personal information and photos contained in the completed nomination package as well as photos taken prior to and at the Immigrants of Distinction Awards by Immigrant Services Calgary to the members of the selection committee, sponsors, media, Immigrant Services Calgary website, and other publications. This personal information may also be used for the promotion of Immigrant Services Calgary and the Immigrants of Distinction Awards.

Please be assured that Immigrant Services Calgary will use your personal information at its discretion in compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP), the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA), the Alberta Personal Information Protection Act, and any other acts that will follow.

Nominee Signature

Date

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

NAME:			
COMPANY:			
ADDRESS:			
POSTAL CODE:			
TELEPHONE #:		FAX #:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			

Please provide 2 references familiar with the achievements of the nominee (excluding family members and the nominator).

REFERENCE 1

NAME:			
COMPANY:			
ADDRESS:			
POSTAL CODE:			
TELEPHONE #:		FAX #:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			

REFERENCE 2

NAME:			
COMPANY:			
ADDRESS:			
POSTAL CODE:			
TELEPHONE #:		FAX #:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			

Nominator Signature

Date