

1st Annual Newcomers of Distinction Gala
Awards Nomination Form
Submission Deadline: April 3, 2020 (11:59 PM)

Please read the nomination guidelines carefully prior to completing the form.

Nominator Contact Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Street Address	
City, Province, Postal Code:	
Home Phone	Other Phone:
Email Address:	

Nominee Contact Information

First Name:	Last Name:
Street Address:	
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Home Phone:	Other Phone:
Email Address:	

Category for Nomination – Check only one per nomination

Professional Achievement Award	Innovation & Entrepreneurship Award
Arts & Culture Award	Community Builder Award
Youth Leadership Award	Lifetime Achievement Award

Please send your completed application form to:
events@empowermentsquared.org with the subject line “2020 Awards.” For hardcopies, you can mail or drop off at 162 King William Street, Suite 103, Hamilton, ON L8R 3N9 (Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm)

Awards Nomination Questions – answer all three questions

1. Explain in detail how the nominee fulfills the award criteria (Provide examples wherever possible) – 500 words max
2. How has the work and contributions of the nominee impacted the City of Hamilton and its residents (Provide examples wherever possible) – 500 words max
3. How does the work of the nominee fit in with one or more of the themes below? For more information on each of the following themes, please refer to the City of Hamilton 25-year community vision (Our Future Hamilton) at www.hamilton.ca – No more than 500 words in total for all categories

Community Engagement and Participation

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Economic Prosperity and Growth

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Healthy and Safe Communities

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Clean and Green

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Built Environment and Infrastructure

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Culture and Diversity

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Fellowship Nomination Form
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Fellowship Nomination Questions – answer all three questions

1. Explain in detail how the nominee fulfills the award criteria (Provide examples wherever possible) – 500 words max
2. What is the nominee's volunteer record (Provide examples wherever possible) – 500 words max
3. How does the nominator see the nominee contributing to one or more of the themes below in their professional pursuit in the future? For more information on each of the following themes, please refer to the City of Hamilton 25-year community vision (Our Future Hamilton) at www.hamilton.ca – No more than 500 words in total for all categories

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1st Annual Newcomers of Distinction Gala Nomination Guidelines

The Newcomers of Distinction Gala is designed to celebrate and honor the achievements of newcomers making significant contributions in the Greater Hamilton Area. The awards celebrate the achievements and contributions of newcomers to our city, it is also a way of celebrating the long legacy of newcomers' contributions to Hamilton and Canada overall.

Professional Achievement Award

This award recognizes and celebrates the achievements of a newcomer professional who has achieved significant success in a professional capacity. Nominations are encouraged for all professions.

Eligibility Criteria

Legally residing in Canada

Have been living in Canada for no more than 10 years

Demonstrate leadership in professional/career pursuit

Achieve excellence/distinction in professional/career pursuits

Have contributed positively to the advancement of Hamilton through professional/career achievements

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes and celebrates the achievements of an individual who immigrated to Canada and has achieved outstanding success in his or her career path, professional field, or a related area of contribution in the Greater Hamilton Area for a minimum of ten years consistently.

This individual will have made significant contributions to our city in the areas such as professional achievement, community building, and philanthropic endeavours. Impact may be demonstrated in one or more of the Hamilton 25-year community vision (Our Future Hamilton).

Eligibility Criteria

Legally residing in Canada

Have lived in Canada for no less than 25 years

Strong track record of outstanding success and contributions to the advancement of Hamilton consistently for at least 10 years.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award

Presented to a newcomer who has achieved notable success in a business or entrepreneurial endeavour or has applied innovation resulting in business or other entrepreneurial success in Hamilton and surrounding areas. Newcomers face multiple challenges settling into their new lives in Canada, including language and cultural barriers. Those who choose to start a business or other entrepreneurial venture can experience even greater challenges, breaking through roadblocks to gain credibility and to establish themselves in their industry.

Eligibility Criteria

Legally residing in Canada

Have been living in Canada for no more than 10 years

Demonstrate entrepreneurial or innovative achievement or contribution in Hamilton and environs

Community Builder Award

This award is presented to a newcomer who has made a significant difference in the community through active citizenship and engagement including promoting civic leadership, volunteering and community engagement.

Eligibility Criteria

Legally residing in Canada

Have been living in Canada for no more than 10 years

Demonstrate outstanding community building and the celebration of cultural diversity in Hamilton and environs

Arts and Culture Award

This award is presented to a newcomer who has achieved notable success in an artistic endeavour or contributed to enriching the arts and culture community in Hamilton within the visual, media or performing arts, or other artistic field.

Eligibility Criteria

Legally residing in Canada

Have been living in Canada for no more than 10 years

Demonstrate outstanding achievements and have had significant impact through the arts in Hamilton and environs

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Youth Leadership Award

The Youth Leadership Award recognizes the outstanding achievement of a young leader who is making a notable difference in the community and inspiring others to bring about positive change.

Eligibility Criteria

Legally residing in Canada

Must be between ages 14 to 25

Have been living in Canada for no more than 10 years

Demonstrate outstanding achievements and have had significant impact in the community through active leadership in Hamilton and environs

Empowerment Squared Youth Fellowship

Presented to one or more newcomer youth who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and are interested in developing professional skills to enhance their leadership ability and career development. The recipients will be expected to complete 40 hours of professional placement over four weeks during the months of July and August 2020. The hours will be split between placement readiness training with Empowerment Squared and on the job experience at a partner organization. Honorariums will be paid directly to recipients.

Eligibility Criteria

Legally residing in Canada

Must be between ages 14 to 18

Have been living in Canada for no more than 10 years

Demonstrated record of volunteering in the community

Required to complete 40 hours of professional placement over four weeks (honorarium provided) during the months of July and August 2020. The hours will be split between placement readiness training with Empowerment Squared and on the job experience at a partner organization in Hamilton.