



GUYANA AWARDS (CANADA)

2010 GUYANA AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information

Please complete the following section with information about the person/organization you are nominating:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check the category for which the above person/organization is nominated:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Excellence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service (Individual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service (Organization) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development (non-Guyanese) | <input type="checkbox"/> Culture and Media |

Nominator Information

Please complete the following section with information about yourself:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator's statement: I certify that the information provided herein is true and correct.
I received permission from the Nominee to submit this nomination.

Signature of Nominator

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

The completed nomination form, along with the nomination statement, letters of endorsement, photos and news articles, should be sent to: Guyana Awards Council (Canada), c/o Consulate General of Guyana, 505 Consumers Road, Suite 206, Willowdale, Ontario M2J 4V8.

DEADLINE: Applications MUST be received by February 14, 2010



BACKGROUND

The Guyana Awards (Canada), under the Auspices of the Consulate General of Guyana, promotes excellence and positive role models within the Guyanese Diaspora. The Guyana Awards was initiated in 2000, as part of the Guyana Independence celebrations to recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations in the Guyanese-Canadian community toward the achievement of excellence and the promotion and development of Guyana, and Guyanese heritage and culture in Canada.

The Awards seek to encourage Guyanese-Canadians to emulate best practices in the areas of leadership, innovation, superior performance, dedication to community, commitment to Guyanese heritage, and provide positive role models for new generations of Guyanese-Canadians. Ultimately, the Guyana Awards contribute to community development, integration, social cohesion, and overall human development in Canada and Guyana.

Building on its mandate, the Guyana Awards Council created a National Scholarship program, dedicated to supporting and promoting the achievements of academic excellence by students of Guyanese heritage pursuing post-secondary education in Canada. This National Scholarship program was formally launched in 2008, recognizing the academic achievements of seven distinguished students, who were either enrolled in university or had attained admission to post-secondary studies.

CHARITY OF CHOICE

Each year a not-for-profit beneficiary organization is selected to receive the proceeds from the Guyana Awards Gala.

OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARDS

- To promote and honour excellence and leadership within the Guyanese diaspora, especially amongst those residing in Canada.
- To recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations in building a strong and dynamic community in Canada and in other communities throughout the diaspora.
- To acknowledge contributions toward the maintenance and enrichment of Guyanese culture and heritage, including its dissemination both within and outside of the diaspora.
- To recognize the positive contributions of individuals or organizations to Guyana and/or the Guyanese diaspora.
- To promote community development, integration, social cohesion, and overall human development in Canada and Guyana.



NOMINATION INFORMATION

CATEGORIES OF AWARDS

1. **Leadership:** To recognize exemplary leadership demonstrated by an individual.
2. **Business Excellence:** To recognize a businessperson/company that has made outstanding contributions to their field of business and/or community.
3. **Academic Excellence:** To recognize an individual who has achieved academic distinction.
4. **Community Service (Individual):** To recognize the efforts of an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the Guyanese diaspora, demonstrated through years of commitment, dedication, and active community work.
5. **Community Service (Organization):** To recognize the efforts of a community organization which has made outstanding contributions to the Guyanese diaspora, demonstrated through years of commitment, dedication, and active community work.
6. **Youth:** To recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of a young person under 25 years of age.
7. **Special Achievement:** To recognize the outstanding contributions of an individual who has had an exceptional impact on Guyanese in Canada and/or the diaspora.
8. **Lifetime Achievement:** To recognize the outstanding contributions of an individual who has distinguished himself/herself through many years of commitment, dedication and excellence in their chosen field.
9. **Culture and Media Award:** To recognize an individual who has excelled in promoting the culture, heritage, and/or development of Guyana and Guyanese-Canadians.
10. **Community Development:** To recognize a non-Guyanese individual and/or organization that has made an exceptional contribution to the development of Guyana and/or the Guyanese-Canadian community.

Scholarships: *A monetary award to a student of Guyanese heritage who is currently enrolled, or planning to enroll no later than Fall 2010, in a full-time degree, diploma or certificate program at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school in Canada. Recipients will be selected based on a combination of high academic achievement, financial need and community involvement. Scholarship awards will be paid upon receipt of certification of enrollment from the post-secondary institution.*

NOTE: Separate application form required for Guyana Scholarship Awards.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual or organization within the Guyanese-Canadian community that has made a significant contribution to Guyana and/or the Guyanese diaspora, with the exception of the Community Development Award which will be awarded to a non-Guyanese individual or organization.



DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

The **deadline** for receipt of Award Nominations is **February 14, 2010**. *Applications received at the office of the Consulate General of Guyana after February 14, 2010 will not be eligible for consideration in the 2010 Awards program.*

The Guyana Awards Council (Canada) will acknowledge receipt of nominations/applications either through e-mail or postal mail. Award recipients will be notified and officially honoured at the Guyana Awards Gala to be held on May 29, 2010.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DIRECTIONS

Please read the following directions carefully, answer the questions thoroughly, and fulfill all the requirements listed.

1. Application File Format:

- (a) A complete portfolio of Award Nomination and information may be downloaded in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF from <http://www.guyanaconsulate.com>. Nominators may also call Felicia Kwang 416-494 6040 Ext. 23 and request that the relevant form(s) and information be sent to them by e-mail.
- (b) If you have any questions about using the Award Nominations document, please call 416-494-6040 Ext. 23.

2. Application Contents:

The 2010 Award application includes:

- (a) **Nomination Form** - Complete entire form. Sign original application.
- (b) **Nomination statement** - Provide a typed statement explaining, in no more than 400 words, why you are nominating this person or organization and why you believe he/she/group should be bestowed with the Guyana Award.
- (c) **Letters of Endorsement** - Submit a maximum of three (3) letters of endorsement in support of the nominee. *Additional letters will not be considered.*
- (d) **Photograph (Optional)** - A photograph may be submitted with the application.
- (e) **News Articles (Optional)** - Submit a maximum of five (5) news articles that document the contributions of the nominee. News articles must be photocopied on 8½" x 11" paper.
- (f) **Complete Biography** –Submit a complete biography of the Nominee (no more than 350 words)

3. Awards Nomination Application Submission: Packaging

- (a) Submit the original application and three (3) identical copies.
- (b) Bind all four (4) applications with a binder clip or paper clip. *Do not use staples, folders or report covers.*
- (c) Application materials should be placed in the following order (front-to-back):
(i) Nomination Form; (ii) Nomination Statement; (iii) Letters of Endorsement;
(iv) Photograph (optional); (v) News Articles (optional); (vi) Biography.
- (d) All materials must be sent or delivered in a single package to:

Guyana Awards Council (Canada)
c/o Consulate General of Guyana
505 Consumers Road, Suite 206
Willowdale, ON, M2J 4V8



THE SELECTION PROCESS

An independent panel of distinguished judges will evaluate all Award nominations and Scholarship applications and select the Award recipients. Among the guiding criteria for selection will be:

- Effective leadership, locally or nationally.
- Significant and lasting impact.
- Inspiring actions that were or could be duplicated in other communities.
- Innovation and superior performance.
- Impact on Guyana, Guyanese, and the Guyanese community in Canada.
- Ability to serve as a national role model or spokesperson.
- Strong moral character that includes integrity, sincerity, credibility, commitment.

NOTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION OF WINNERS

Award Recipients of the 2010 Guyana Awards will be notified by March 30, 2010, and will be officially honoured at the Guyana Awards Gala on May 29, 2010.

REQUIREMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES:

A letter will be mailed to successful candidates by April 2, 2010, notifying them of their selection. This letter will include specific information about the Award/Scholarship and what is expected of them, as well as the time and place of the Awards Gala. Nominators will be notified at the same time.

1. Recipients should inform the Guyana Awards Council no later than April 15, 2010 of their intent to attend the Guyana Awards Gala, or to send a representative.
2. Recipients should also inform the Guyana Awards Council no later than April 15, 2010 of the correct spelling of their name, as they wish to have it engraved on their Award, and provide the Council with a recent 4" x 6" colour photograph. The recipient may be asked to have their picture taken by the Council's photographer.
3. **RELEASE:** The recipient must sign a release permitting the Guyana Awards Council (Canada) to use their photograph and information for the purpose of promoting the Guyana Awards. Release forms will be sent to honourees with notification.

NOTE: *Applicants MUST comply with ALL of the instructions/requirements set out for Award nominees or your nomination/application will be declared invalid.*

All materials submitted will become the property of the Guyana Awards Council (Canada) and will not be returned.