

# ST. THOMAS-ELGIN LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP NEWCOMER CHAMPION AWARD CEREMONY

Building Welcoming, Caring, and Inclusive Communities

The **Newcomer Champion Award Ceremony** supports the building of prosperous, vibrant and connected communities by encouraging citizenship and engagement.

To ensure that the best candidates are nominated, [we need your input](#)

The **EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARDS** are intended to recognize an outstanding **Individual and a Group / Organization** for their commitment to building welcoming and caring communities.

Maybe it's *your* family member or *your* friend; *your* co-worker or *your* boss. A local organization *you* respect with a great message of diversity and acceptance.



Celebrates and individual or group that help newcomers

[Help us recognize those promoting inclusion in your community](#)

**Two awards** will be presented: one for an Individual and a second for a Group/Organization.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- An **Individual Nominee** must be a resident of St. Thomas or Elgin County for at least 6 months prior to the nomination.
- A **Group/Organization** is eligible if they have been established in Elgin County for at least 6 months prior to the nomination.

The Individual or Group/Organization should also be involved in some of the following:

- **Working** with the community to address the needs of newcomers by recognizing and responding to the diverse needs of the community;
- **Celebrating** our local cultural diversity;
- **Volunteering** to support diversity and newcomers;
- **Advocating** for social and civic inclusion;
- **Delivering** services that provide the groundwork for newcomers to be socially and economically connected to their communities.

[Sound like someone you know?](#) Then take a **few minutes** to fill out the official nomination form on the **next two pages**



# EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Your Name	
Your Email	
Your Phone #	

I would like to nominate...	
Nominee Email (if known)	
Nominee Phone (if known)	

Electronic Signature:	
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**I acknowledge that by typing my name I am granting permission for all information included in this form to be used in accordance with the privacy policy of the St. Thomas-Elgin Local Immigration Partnership, Council and Cultural Diversity Committee.**

**Yes, I agree**

## **Notice of Collection of Personal Information**

Your personal information provided on this form, in addition to a Letter of Support, and in discussions with the Nominator will be used by the St. Thomas-Elgin Local Immigration Partnership team, Council and Cultural Diversity Committee (CDC) to administer the Newcomer Champion Awards. A Sub-Committee will be used to evaluate your nomination and select one winner for each category. All personal information is collected in compliance with ss. 38(2) and 39(1)(e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, as amended, and will be protected in accordance with that Act.



# EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please complete the following questions to the best of your ability, being sure to include a small amount of additional information to help with the decision

- 1) Has the Nominee engaged other community members or groups to meet newcomer needs and affect positive change?

YES  NO  DON'T KNOW

If yes, please describe how the Nominee assisted newcomers, which groups were involved and which diverse community needs were considered and supported?

- 2) Has the Nominee advocated for newcomers or promoted their inclusion in the community?

YES  NO  DON'T KNOW

If yes, please provide one or more examples?

- 3) Does the Nominee or organization participate above and beyond their work expectations to support newcomers and/or diversity in the community?

YES  NO  DON'T KNOW

If yes, please describe i.e. what type of volunteer work, for whom, and how often?

- 4) Is there anything else that you would like to add to this Nomination Form? Please do so briefly below.

***Thank you for participating in this nomination process.***

