



Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police

presents the

Youth Service Volunteer Award

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Building positive relationships between members of the Police Services and the youth in our communities is a key element in effective partnerships for strong communities. Many members of Ontario's police services, both civilian and sworn, have shown exemplary commitment through volunteer work to the betterment and well-being of youth. These positive interactions have a significant and sustained impact for both the volunteers and the youth.

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) seeks to recognize a currently serving civilian or sworn member of an Ontario police service, who has contributed in an exemplary manner through volunteerism, to the overall well-being of youth. The member does not need to be in a youth serving role.

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The Award submission deadline is Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Appendix A: How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations for the *Youth Service Volunteer Award* must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for distribution by email.

Hard copy submissions will not be accepted.

Please ensure that the subject line of your email indicates which OACP Award nomination you are submitting for, and that you have attached the completed Award Nomination form.

One award nomination per email, please.

Nominations, which have been approved for submission by a Chief/Commissioner or their designate, may be submitted to Melissa Mascarin (mmascarin@oacp.ca) via email by no later than **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Appendix B: Selection Criteria

Submissions for the *Youth Service Volunteer Award* will be reviewed by the OACP Youth Committee and the final selection will be made by the OACP Awards and Honours Committee

Please ensure that your nomination report/form addresses the following:

Demonstrates an extraordinary level of dedication through volunteer work for youth.

- A description of the volunteer work performed by the nominee, including time commitment, and duration of volunteer work,
- A description of how the nominee is considered a champion and/or advocate for youth through their volunteer work; and
- How the nominee's involvement has demonstrated lasting benefits for young people.

Provides leadership and/or guidance in program delivery or development.

- Develops and/or implements, in whole or in part, innovative opportunities for youth; and
- A description of how the nominee contributes their skills and energy to facilitate success in the delivery of the program.

Provides inspiration and encouragement through mentorship.

- A description of how the nominee mentors youth to reach their full potential in ways that are tailored to each individual, and
- A description of how the nominee inspires others to engage in volunteer work for youth

Appendix C: Rules

1. All nominations must be endorsed by the submitting organization's Civilian Manager, Commissioner, and Chief of Police or designate.
2. Only one nomination per organization will be accepted.
3. All nominations must be received on or before **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
4. Nominations must be submitted in an electronic format suitable for transmission via email.
5. Nominations for the 2021 OACP Awards must not exceed 500 words maximum.
6. All materials and information submitted as part of the nomination become the property of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and will not be returned.
7. Only one (1) civilian or police officer will receive this award annually.
8. Previous winners of the award are not eligible to apply. Nominations will be accepted on behalf of officers OR civilian members who have received "Certificates of Merit" in past years.
9. The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police reserves the right to utilize any portion of any award submission for purposes of publication.
10. The winner of the 2021 OACP Awards will be required to provide additional information (photos etc. for the OACP Award Videos).

Appendix D: Presentation of this Award

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the uncertainty as to when it will be safe and appropriate to gather in-person in 2021, the OACP Award presentations will move to a predominantly online format. The OACP will be announcing the recipients of the 2021 OACP Awards via our website and official social media channels ([Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)) during Police Week.

Following those announcements, the OACP will coordinate with the Chief/Commissioner of the award recipients to ensure the recipients are presented with their award at an in-person event in their respective communities.