



Ontario PsychoGeriatric Association

Recognition Award for Excellence

The OPGA Recognition Awards embodies the organization's vision of being the leading voice for those serving elderly persons with mental health needs across Ontario, through leadership, advocacy, education, support, networking and partnerships. Award recipients will demonstrate exceptional skills in the areas of **advocacy**, **service excellence**, and/or **leadership**. Recipients will be regulated or non-regulated health care/service providers and will demonstrate commitment to the care of older persons with mental health needs.

Who may be nominated for an OPGA Recognition Award for Excellence?

Any person in Ontario who demonstrates commitment to and exceptional skills in the care and service of older persons with mental health needs. The person may be a nurse, personal support worker, social worker, occupational therapist, student, volunteer, etc. The nominee must be accepting of the nomination.

Who may nominate an individual for an OPGA Recognition Award for Excellence?

Any person with knowledge of the individual being nominated and his or her work may complete and submit the OPGA Recognition Award Nomination.

How will award recipients be selected?

An Awards Committee composed of OPGA members, including Board Members, will review nominations using established criteria. The committee will recommend to the Board, nominees selected for receiving awards.

What will award recipients receive?

The names of all nominees will be shared and displayed at the Annual General Meeting and Conference, included on the OPGA website, and in the OPGA newsletter. As well, nominators and nominees will be offered a discounted conference rate. Award recipients will be given a complementary one-year OPGA membership and annual conference registration. They will be given an Award Certificate along with \$500.00 at the Annual Conference.

How may I support the OPGA in offering the OPGA Recognition Awards?

Nominating individuals and encouraging others to nominate are important ways you may support these awards. Being a member of OPGA and attending educational events are other ways to support OPGA in recognizing individuals and in providing low cost, high quality educational events. As well, an individual or organization may sponsor an award or awards. Such sponsorship or financial support will be acknowledged through our website, other printed materials and announcement at the Annual Conference.

How may I get more information about the awards?

You may e-mail OPGA at Info@opga.on.ca; write to 188 Burnett Avenue, Cambridge, Ontario Canada, N1T 1K3, fax Amelia Perri 416-226-6930 or 1-877-226-6967 or call (416) 236-6836 or visit our website at www.opga.on.ca