



## 2017 NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS FOR ***DAN BENEDICT MEMORIAL AWARD***

Ontario Society for Senior Citizens Organizations is seeking nominations and applications for its Dan Benedict Memorial Award. This distinguished award celebrates the contributions of an individual or organization that advances social justice for seniors in their community. The Award honors the legacy of former board member Dan Benedict. In his memory, OSSCO annually reaches out to the community to find individuals and organizations that are working for social justice in seniors' issues and recognizes them and their efforts with this Award.

Nominees should demonstrate an ongoing interest in and ability to enhance the quality of life for Ontario seniors through their efforts and work, enriching the lives of this community. The Nominees efforts help foster an environment in which a whole community can learn, collaborate, and participate regardless of age, culture and diversity. **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2017.**

The selected nominee/applicant will receive the ***2017 Dan Benedict Memorial Award*** and be profiled at the Seniors Education Day and Information Fair on November 7<sup>th</sup>, in Toronto.

### **Who is eligible?**

Nominees/applicants can be individuals 50+, non-profits, seniors' networks, seniors' groups or community leaders throughout Ontario.

### **Selection criteria**

Nominees/applicants have shown initiative and leadership in tackling the causes and issues affecting an aging population. They have demonstrated commitment to social justice in leadership, transformational advancements and innovative engagement.



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We'll review the applications received based on these elements of social justice:

- **leadership** - demonstrate exceptional leadership ability to advance awareness and understanding of issues affecting an aging population in the community or
- **innovation** - demonstrate innovative solutions or approaches to remove barriers - systemic or cultural - that prevent the full participation and engagement of senior citizens in society or
- **community mobilization** - effectively mobilize the broader community including the active involvement of senior citizens to address issues of local concern or
- **partnerships and collaboration** - build connections and effective partnerships with agencies, groups, and parallel organizations to develop sustainable programs and services related to well-being of seniors in society.

If you know an individual or organization in your community who meets the criteria for the Dan Benedict Memorial Award 2017, please complete the following Nomination/ Application form, and submit it to [ocsc@ocsc.ca](mailto:ocsc@ocsc.ca) or fax 416 785-7361 attention Nomination Committee.

**The deadline for submission to the award is November 1, 2017**

### **2016 DAN BENEDICT MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATION/APPLICATION FORM**

**Nominee/Applicant Information Name:**

Organization Name (where applicable):



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Address (Street, City, Postal Code):

Telephone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail:

**Nominator Information Name (if applicable):**

Organization Name (where applicable):

Address (Street, City, Postal Code):

Telephone:

E-mail:

**Community Letter Of Support:** In addition to this completed form:

- the Nominator should submit a letter of support that details why the nominee is deserving of the Dan Benedict Memorial Award, or
- the Applicant should obtain a letter of support from a community organization that details why the applicant is deserving of the Dan Benedict Memorial Award.



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The letter of Support should include as much of the following information as possible:

- Reasons why the nominee/applicant deserves this award
- Reasons why the nominee/applicant serves as a role model and/or champion for social and economic justice for senior citizens/seniors groups
- Specific activities that demonstrate championing social justice
- Types of community service and the number of years of participation in advancing seniors' issues/concerns
- Program and/or training development
- Innovative and effective change and/or implementation

Additional Letters of Support are encouraged to be included with the Nomination/ Application Form. Letters of Support can be submitted along with the nomination/ application materials (preferred) or separately.

Nomination Submission Completed nomination materials (nomination form, nomination letter, and all Letters of Support need to be received by midnight, November 1, 2017.

**We thank you for your submission.**