



2026 Senior of the Year Awards Nomination Package



Nominations are open until June 30, 2026 at 4 pm

Honour a senior who has made outstanding voluntary contributions to enrich the social, cultural or civic life of the Hamilton community.

The awards event will be celebrated on October 15, 2026

AWARD NOMINATION

hamilton.ca/SeniorsAwards

Senior of the Year Award

The Senior of the Year Award is given to one outstanding Hamilton resident each year who, after the age of 65, has voluntarily contributed to their community. Many different areas include the arts, literature, community service, education, fitness, sport or humanitarian activities.



Dr. Margaret Denton, 2025 Senior of the Year

Additional Recognition Awards

Those nominated for Senior of the Year are also considered for the following awards of achievement. Please ensure your submission includes a detailed description of the nominee's accomplishments that pertain to any of the additional awards.

Cathy Kohler Healthy and Active Living Award

The Healthy and Active Living Award recognizes a senior volunteer who has assisted a community or sport organization by promoting healthy and active programming and/or living for all ages.

Ron Smithson Leadership Award

The Leadership Award recognizes a senior volunteer who acts as a role model and inspires commitment from others to reach goals and accomplishments. This volunteer is passionate about serving others and demonstrates skills in service to both internal and external customers. This individual also possesses outstanding attributes, including strong communications skills, resourcefulness, creativity and reliability. This volunteer sets a high level of integrity by leading through example.



Mary Smithson Compassion and Companionship Award

The Compassion and Companionship Award recognizes a senior volunteer who demonstrates fellowship and friendship through verbal and nonverbal behaviours. This volunteer actively listens to others demonstrating empathy and concern and is someone who advocates and supports the most vulnerable within the community.

Bernie Morelli Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a senior volunteer who has demonstrated excellence in long-term service, commitment to the community and dedication to volunteerism.

Innovation Award

The Innovation Award recognizes a senior volunteer who has been instrumental in the creation of new or different programs or services that have had a significant impact on the community and/or lives of seniors.

Diversity and Cultural Award

The Diversity and Cultural Award recognizes a senior volunteer who has assisted in the development of creative and effective programs to bring diverse cultures together. This volunteer helps to expand public recognitions and elevates awareness of common values including respect for all citizens.

Economic Leadership Award

The Economic Leadership Award recognizes a senior volunteer whose financial management, leadership, and/or fundraising efforts have contributed to the financial goals of an organization.

Behind the Scenes Award

The Behind the Scenes Award recognizes a senior volunteer who is not highly visible but is always willing to assist where possible for the betterment of an organization and/or their community.



Eligibility Criteria

- Must be 65 years of age or older.
- Have contributed to the enrichment of the social, cultural or civic life of the Hamilton community.
- Has made this commitment without any personal and/or financial gain.
- Is not a previous recipient of the award.
- Has resided within the City of Hamilton for at least five years prior to the nomination.
- Must currently be a resident of the City of Hamilton.



Tips for the Nominator

- Review the entire nomination package prior to completion.
- Consult with the nominee to confirm all information is accurate.
- Contact the organization/agency for specific details regarding the nominee's volunteer activities.
- Be specific when indicating years of volunteer service and time commitment to an organization/agency.
- Ensure you complete all requirements for the nomination.

Requirements

- Completed Nomination Form.
- Completed Volunteer Service Description Chart.
- History on how this volunteer has enriched the lives of others within the Hamilton community. Please be specific if there has been an impact on the seniors' community (250-300 words).
- Two letters of support.

If you require assistance, please contact:

Jacqueline Durlov

Jacqueline.Durlov@hamilton.ca

Where did you learn about the Hamilton Senior of the Year Awards?

Place check boxes below

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Print Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |



Deadline for nominations is June 30, 2026 at 4 pm
Nominations can be submitted online at www.hamilton.ca/SeniorsAwards
Or emailed to Jacqueline Durlov at Jacqueline.Durlov@hamilton.ca

Senior of the Year Awards Nomination Form

NOMINEE INFORMATION

NOMINEE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

MOBILE OR HOME NUMBER: _____ AGE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS RESIDING IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NOMINATED BY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

MOBILE OR HOME NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDITIONAL AWARD CATEGORIES:

All nominees are given equal consideration for the Senior of the Year Award.
Please check one additional category you would like the nominee to be considered for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Active Living Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity and Cultural Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compassion and Companionship Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Leadership Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Behind the Scenes Award |

Please include in your submission the reason the nominee should be considered for the above checked award.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE DESCRIPTION CHART

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Years of Service: _____

Description of Volunteer Service and Who Benefited: _____

Time commitment: (hours/week, seasonal, specific project) _____

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4. Two letters of support

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City of Hamilton

Senior Centres and Clubs



City-wide clubs and centres exclusive to adults 55 years & older offering registered programs, drop-in classes, social events and awards. Contact the centre or club to learn more about how you can become a member.

Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre

622 Alberton Rd. S.
Alberton, ON L0R 1A0
905-648-3466

Club 60 Seniors

6 King St. W.
Stoney Creek, ON L8G 1G8
905-664-6110

Dundas Senior Citizen's Club

10 Market St. S.
Dundas, ON L9H 5G4
905-546-2424 x2260

Flamborough Seniors Centre

163 Dundas St. E.
Waterdown, ON L8N 2Z7
905-546-2424 x6315

Main Hess Seniors Activity Club

200 Jackson St. W.
Hamilton, ON L8P 4R9
905-546-4964

Putman Family YWCA Active Living Centre

52 Ottawa St. N.
Hamilton, ON L8H 4B2
905-529-7727

Rosedale Seniors Club

100 Greenhill Ave.
Hamilton, ON L8K 6M4
905-540-5320

Sackville Hill Seniors Centre

780 Upper Wentworth St.
Hamilton, ON L9A 4V5
905-546-2541

Seniors Activities of Southwest Hamilton (SASH)

251 Duke St.
Hamilton, ON L8P 2E2
905-521-2240

Victoria Park

516 King Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 1C1

Warden Park Seniors Club

1655 Barton St. E.
Hamilton, ON L8H 3C3
905-546-4256

Winona Seniors Club

1239 Hwy 8
Stoney Creek, ON L8E 5S4
905-643-4563

YWCA Hamilton Seniors Active Living Centre MacNab

75 MacNab St. S.
Hamilton, ON L8P 3C1
905-529-7727

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