

"There is still so much to do."

– Thérèse Casgrain (1896 – 1981)



In 2001, the International Year of Volunteers, the Government of Canada launched the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award. This award commemorates the work of Thérèse Casgrain and honours those who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to volunteering.

Thérèse Casgrain was an eminent Canadian whose actions continue to serve as an example to all. She was the

force behind various social reforms promoting justice and equality. Thérèse Casgrain was appointed to the Senate in 1970 and became a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1974. Throughout her life she chose to defend the cause of disadvantaged members of society, to denounce social injustice and to lend a voice to those who had none. Thérèse Casgrain was an inspiring Canadian in every sense of the word.



2007
Volunteer Award



The award is presented annually to two Canadians, one man and one woman. It recognizes volunteers from communities across Canada. Award recipients are individuals whose social commitment and persistent efforts have contributed significantly to the advancement of a social cause and the well-being of their fellow Canadians.

The award consists of a bronze medallion bearing the likeness of Thérèse Casgrain; a lapel pin; a certificate of recognition; and, \$5,000 to be awarded to a registered Canadian charity designated by the recipient.



Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- they are Canadian citizens;
- there is evidence that the spirit of volunteerism has played a significant role throughout their lifetime;
- their volunteer efforts have enabled fellow Canadians to participate in the workplace and/or their communities;
- they have demonstrated leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in advancing a social cause; and
- they have created effective partnerships with the public, private and voluntary sectors, local communities and/or governments.

The Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award is open to all Canadian citizens, with the exception of members of the Thérèse F. Casgrain Foundation, elected officials of government while serving in office, past recipients of the award and employees of Human Resources and Social Development Canada. Candidates will not be considered posthumously.

Nomination Submission Guidelines

- Nominations for the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award may be submitted by an organization or three individuals who are not related to the candidate.
- Nominations must be postmarked by February 1 each year. Late entries will be put towards the following year's award.

Submit your nomination to:
Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award Secretariat
Human Resources and Social Development Canada
333 North River Road
Place Vanier, Tower A, 2nd Floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L1

Nominations must clearly describe the candidate's volunteer efforts by responding to the following rating guide:

Spirit of volunteerism **5 points**
Candidates who exhibit a spirit of volunteerism are those who help others by giving their personal time and skills to the community without remuneration. The successful candidate has selflessly dedicated a substantial portion of his/her life to helping others.

Leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work **15 points**
The candidate has the ability to motivate people and build consensus. He/she promotes teamwork among fellow Canadians for the betterment of a social cause. The candidate facilitates the success of a common cause, and demonstrates persistence in the face of obstacles.

Raises awareness of a social cause **8 points**
The candidate's volunteer efforts improve the overall quality of life for his/her fellow Canadians. The volunteer work focuses on a social cause (poverty, human rights, persons with disabilities, health, social inclusion, etc.) as opposed to other types of causes (scientific, the arts, environmental, heritage, etc.).

Facilitates participation **7 points**
The candidate contributes to building a more inclusive community through developing or supporting an activity that enables Canadians to participate fully in their communities. An outstanding contribution is one that has had a significant impact on the daily lives of a specific population/group within Canada.

Partnerships **10 points**
The candidate demonstrates that their volunteer work has helped to form effective partnerships with the public, the private sector, voluntary sector organizations, local communities or governments. The candidate demonstrates an ability to successfully involve other organizations and individuals in their cause.

Supporting documentation **5 points**
The nomination package must include three letters of support from individuals who have been affected by the candidate's volunteer work. Newspaper clippings and magazine articles about the candidate will help in supporting the nomination. Please list all awards received by the candidate, and clearly indicate the sponsor of the award (provincial government, federal government, a national organization, etc.).

The nomination package (including photographs and newspaper clippings) must be submitted on 8.5" x 11" sheets, typed, reproduced or clearly written in dark ink. When submitting lengthy articles, it is useful to highlight the relevant sections.

As well as a description of the candidate's volunteer efforts and the supporting documentation, nominations must include the completed nomination form; the completed consent form, signed by the candidate; and a résumé of the candidate's paid work.

Nominations must be submitted in their entirety and must not exceed 50 pages in length: only the first 50 pages will be reviewed.

Additional enclosures such as cassettes, videotapes, diskettes and CDs will not be reviewed.

The Selection Process

Nominations are evaluated by the National Selection Committee, which is an independent body. The Minister of Human Resources and Social Development makes the final selection based on the recommendations of the National Selection Committee.

Nominations are evaluated solely on the contents of the nomination form and supporting documents.

For additional information, please visit our website at: www.hrsdc.gc.ca, enter search terms "volunteer award" or contact us at:
Telephone: 1-866-468-4377
Fax: 613-948-7537
Email: theresecasgrain-info@sdsc-dsc.gc.ca

Checklist

- Did you include:
- the completed nomination form
 - the completed consent form, signed by the candidate
 - three letters of support
 - a detailed description of the candidate's volunteer efforts
 - a resume of the candidate's paid work

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How did you learn about the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award?

- Newspaper
- Brochure
- Poster
- Service Canada Centre
- Non-profit organization
- Member of Parliament
- Website: _____
- Email: _____
- Other _____

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NOMINATION FORM



CANDIDATE

Surname _____ Date of Birth (yy/mm/dd) _____
 Given Name(s) _____ Gender M F Canadian Citizen Yes No
 Address _____ | City _____ | Province _____ | Postal Code _____
 Telephone Number Day _____ | Evening _____ | cell _____
 Occupation (if applicable) _____ How many years has the candidate volunteered?
 Name of employer (if applicable) _____

SPONSOR(S)

Organization _____ Telephone Number _____
 Address _____ | City _____ | Province _____ | Postal Code _____
 Surname _____
 Given Name(s) _____ Signature _____

Individual Sponsors

1. Sponsor (Contact Person)	2. Co-Sponsor	3. Co-Sponsor
Surname _____	Surname _____	Surname _____
Given Name(s) _____	Given Name(s) _____	Given Name(s) _____
Complete Address _____	Complete Address _____	Complete Address _____
Tel. # _____	Tel. # _____	Tel. # _____
Signature _____	Signature _____	Signature _____

CONSENT FORM (PROTECTED WHEN COMPLETED)

Consent Form for the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information for the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award

To be considered for the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award, the following form must be completed and signed by the nominee.

I, _____
(Please print your name)

consent **OR** do not consent

to the collection, use and disclosure of the attached information by Human Resources and Social Development Canada for the purpose of administering my nomination for the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award.

I understand that my information may be used and disclosed by the department, to the National Selection Committee for the purpose of selecting the award winner. It may also be used and disclosed, in any public forum, and in any form or by any means, including print and electronic media, and including statements in Parliament, solely for the purpose of promoting the Award.

I understand that consenting to my information being collected, used and disclosed for the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award is voluntary. I also understand that my refusal to consent will mean that my nomination will not be considered for the Award.

I have reviewed the information collected about myself for the Thérèse Casgrain Volunteer Award and it is accurate.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

DATE

Personal information held by the department of Human Resources and Social Development Canada is administered in accordance with the Privacy Act. Individuals have the right of access to their personal information, and are entitled to request corrections, in accordance with the Privacy Act. Instructions for requesting personal information are available in the publication Info Source, copies of which are located at the local Service Canada Centre or on the internet at <http://infosource.gc.ca>.