



Meritorious Service Decorations

CIVIL DIVISION

Nominate
someone who
makes Canada proud!





Do you know someone who

#MakesCanadaProud?

It could be a friend, coworker, family member or team of people whose actions are inspiring because they are making a positive difference. We all know someone who is passionate about fostering change. The Governor General of Canada would like to help you celebrate this outstanding person.

The **Meritorious Service Decorations** were established to recognize the extraordinary people who make Canada proud. Their acts are often innovative, set an example or model for others to follow, or respond to a particular challenge faced by a community. The best candidates are those who inspire others through their motivation to find solutions to specific and pressing needs or provide an important service to their community or country.

Sound like someone you know?

Nominate them!

Who is eligible

Meritorious Service Decorations are given to recognize contributions in any field, from advocacy and health care services to research and humanitarian efforts. Recipients have tackled poverty in their community, improved education opportunities for children in Canada and abroad, or raised awareness of important causes and issues.

Both Canadians and non-Canadians who have made a significant contribution to Canada are eligible. The decorations can also be awarded posthumously, as long as the initiative was undertaken after 1984.

“My guests learn a lot from my cooking show. I’m so happy to help them cook good food. This is my dream. Dreams can come true!”

– Rebecca Veevee, Iqaluit, Nunavut, **MSD (Civil)** recipient

Renewing Inuit tradition #MakesCanadaProud





Overcoming barriers
#MakesCanadaProud

How recipients are selected

Each nomination is carefully researched and then reviewed by an independent advisory committee, which makes recommendations to the Governor General.

There are two levels of recognition: a cross and a medal. The different levels reflect the scope and impact of the contribution.

The Chancellery of Honours, which manages the program, will contact each successful candidate. Nominators are also informed of the results of their nomination.

Presentation ceremonies are held throughout the year, in communities across Canada.

“My motto is ‘no excuses, no limits’. Our limitations must not be a burden. We have to turn them into our strengths.”

– Luca “LazyLegz” Patuelli, Montreal, Quebec, MSD (Civil) recipient



How to submit a nomination

Nominations can be made through
the Governor General's website at
merit.gg.ca.

To submit a nomination, please send us the following information:

1

The name and address of your candidate(s), as well as your own name and address, for correspondence purposes.

2

A description of the reasons for the nomination, outlining what the candidate has done, for how long and the impact of the candidate's work.

3

The names and contact information of three (3) references who can speak to the candidate's achievements with concrete examples.

**There is no deadline for submissions.
Nominations are accepted throughout the year.**

All nominations are kept confidential to respect privacy and to avoid disappointment if the nominee is not selected. Nominators, references, and others involved in the process are asked to respect this policy.

Submit your nomination today

For more information about the **Meritorious Service Decoration program** and inspiring stories about recipients, visit merit.gg.ca. If you have questions about the program, write to MSD-DSM@gg.ca or call 1-800-465-6890 (toll free).

“This award is a way for me to say ‘look what we’ve done, look what we’ve accomplished together, and we can accomplish so much more.’”

– Hélène Campbell, Ottawa, Ontario, **MSD (Civil)** recipient



**Advocating organ donation
#MakesCanadaProud**



Who inspires you?
Honour them!

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