Fourteenth Annual

NEWCOMER RECOGNITION awards

Rules and Regulations

Entry Period

The Simcoe County Newcomer Recognition Award nomination period will be open until September 18, 2026.

How to Enter

The Simcoe County Newcomer Recognition Awards are open to individuals, organizations and businesses based in Simcoe County (comprised of the 16 member municipalities and the two separated cities of Barrie and Orillia). Each nomination must be submitted separately. Nominations can be written in English or French. Incomplete forms may be considered ineligible for assessment. Rules of Entry must be accepted before an entry will be eligible for review.

Nomination forms must be received online at www.simcoe.ca/residents/lip/newcomer-recognition-awards/ by 11:59 p.m. on September 18, 2026, to be eligible for consideration. Hard copies will not be accepted.

A selection committee comprised of community leaders will carefully review all eligible submissions. Each entry will be assessed based on its alignment with the stated award criteria. The selection committee reserves the right to withhold an award in any category if, in the committee's opinion, no entry meets the necessary standards. The committee also reserves the right to disqualify an entry should it not meet the award criteria. The committee's decisions are final and no correspondence will be engaged.

Rules

1. For the purpose of these awards, “immigrant” and “newcomer” are defined as a person who was born outside of Canada. Any foreign-born individual who resides in Simcoe County, regardless of immigration status, is eligible for awards in the immigrant categories.
2. By participating, each person submitting a nomination, nominee, and selected winner agree: (a) to be bound by these Rules and Regulations and the decisions of the Simcoe County Newcomer Recognition Awards Selection Committee; (b) to release and hold harmless The Simcoe County Newcomer Recognition Awards Selection Committee, its affiliates, subsidiaries, and independent contractors, and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives including advertising and promotion agencies, from any and all liability for claims/damages including, but not limited to, claims/damages for personal injury, for property damage with respect to acceptance, possession or use or misuse of the award, claims/damages related to participation in the Contest; (c) to permit the County of Simcoe to use his/her name, address, city, province of residence, photograph, video, or any likeness for advertising or publicity purposes without any additional compensation; and (d) each winner agrees to sign a Declaration and Release Form to this effect. The decisions of Simcoe County Newcomer Recognition Awards Selection Committee in relation to this Contest will be final and binding on all entrants.
3. Should any conflict of interest arise between the members of the selection committee and a particular award, they will abstain from entering into discussion and remove themselves from the process for the award in question.
4. Anyone in receipt of funding from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada or the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development is ineligible to receive an award, with the exception of the Service Excellence Award.
5. The Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership shall not be responsible for incorrect or inaccurate transcription or registration of Contest entry information, technical malfunctions, lost/delayed data transmission, omission, interruption, deletion defect, faulty, incomplete, incomprehensible, or erased computer or network transmissions, line failures of any telephone network, failure of computer equipment, software, inability to access any online service or website, inability to submit the online nomination form, or any other error or malfunction, or any injury or damage to entrant’s or any other person’s computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in the Contest, or for late, lost stolen, postage due, illegible or misdirected entries.
6. Nominees, nominators and references may be called prior to or after the evaluation of entries to confirm the nominee meets the eligibility details listed in the application form and the nominee may be disqualified if any statements are found to be false.
7. I acknowledge and accept the Rules and Regulations which govern participation in the Simcoe County Newcomer Recognition Awards and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations.

Please acknowledge that you have read and accepted the rules and regulations on all online nomination submissions. If you have any questions or concerns about the rules, regulations, or nomination process, please contact sclip@simcoe.ca.

Date: _____ Signature: _____