

Rebecca Johnson Senior Service Award Criteria

Age Friendly Thunder Bay recognizes seniors of distinction by acknowledging and celebrating one deserving senior from Thunder Bay and area who has met the award criteria will be awarded the Rebecca Johnson Age Friendly Thunder Bay Senior award. Each year a Senior will be recognized for their Volunteer Service and Commitment to their community.

Categories:

1. Arts

- 3. Community Service
- 5. Humanitarian Activities

- 2. Leadership
- 4. Healthy Living

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the **Rebecca Johnson Age Friendly Senior Service Award**, the senior must meet the following criteria:

- Be 65 years or older.
- Has contributed to the enrichment of the social, cultural, or civic life of the Thunder Bay community.
- Has made this commitment without thought of personal or financial gain.
- Is not a previous recipient of the award.
- Provided the special work or service during/after the age of 65.
- Must be a current resident of Thunder Bay and/or District.
- Letters of support are recommended. They should be from those benefitting directly from the volunteer service, and if possible, include how often the volunteer provided the service.

SAMPLE SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES					
Volunteer service provided	Where	Service provided to	Number of Seniors served	Number of Volunteer hours	Additional Information/details
Drive seniors to medical appointments		Seniors	4	20 hours/month since 2010	
Pet therapy Program	Nursing Homes Hospitals Hospice	Seniors Children End of life	Hundreds each year	15 hours a month since	

Submission guidelines

- One nomination form per nominee
- All information must be verifiable.

- Submissions must include:
 - Summary of the nomination and the effect it had on the community.
 - Who has benefited from these efforts?
 - Can include pictures, newspaper clippings, newsletters, or other supporting documents.

Consent

You and your nominee must consent to Thunder Bay's Age Friendly Award Committee collecting and disclosing your nominee information. The idea here is to share the name and the story of the deserving winner of this award. Without consent your nominee will not be considered for this award.

Nomination deadline

The deadline is December 7, 2023

If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, you can submit your nomination before 5 p.m. the next business day. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered however, you are welcome to submit the following year.

Selection process

The Executive/Steering Committee will find senior peers from our community who will go through the process of reviewing and voting on the best candidate based on eligibility criteria. **Your nominee must**

- have contributed to the community after the age of 65.
- be a resident of Thunder Bay or surrounding area.

Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to many different fields such as volunteering, the arts, literature, community service, education, fitness, environment, and humanitarian activities.

You cannot nominate.

- yourself
- someone who is deceased.
- someone currently holding political office.

Evaluation of Nominations

The Nomination Review Committee has been selected by the Age Friendly Thunder Bay Executive Committee. The review committee, which is made up of peer's, will review submissions using the following considerations. Note that all considerations do not need to be filled to be eligible. Evaluation considerations are a guide that will help to identify exceptional volunteer services in the community or one that directly supports seniors.

EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS		
NEED	There is a need for the volunteer service provided within the community.	
IMPACT	The volunteer service provided affects seniors directly and improves the quality of their lives.	
FOCUS	Volunteer work involves a specialized skill, talent, or expertise.	

DIVERSITY	The nomination demonstrates a wide variety of volunteer activities.		
LEADERSHIP	The nominee demonstrates leadership through planning, organizing, or initiating a new project or program for the benefit of seniors.		
ORIGINALITY	The volunteer service provided is unique and demonstrates thoughtfulness of senior's needs.		
VOLUNTEER TIME	ER Individuals: The number of volunteer hours is noteworthy. Organization: Number of programs/services/events that involve volunteers.		

Checklist (please ensure that your nomination package is complete)

The nomination:

- □ Demonstrates how the nominee provides volunteer service for the benefit of seniors.
- Includes a summary of volunteer activities (individual) or summary of key information. (organization).
- □ Includes letters of support (two to five are advisable).
- □ Is legible in English, or has English translation provided.
- □ Provide the name and address of nominee.
- □ Nomination has been signed by the nominee.
- □ Includes contact information for nominator or organization representative.

Submissions (forward completed nomination package to:)

Age Friendly Thunder Bay P. O. Box 28045, Centennial Square Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6R5 E-mail : <u>agefriendlythundebay@outlook.com</u>



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Nomination Form

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of Age Friendly Thunder Bay and will be used to determine eligibility and to notify recipients of the Senior Achievement Award.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE IN FULL

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Title	First Name	Last Name	
Name of Orga	nization		
Position			
City/Town			
Province			Postal Code
Telephone No.	. (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)		Fax No
E-mail			
Date of Birth (a	achievement must be made after age 65)		
NOMINATION	I SUBMITTED BY (please print)		
Title F	irst Name	Last Name	
Name of Orga	nization		
Position			
Address			
City			
Province			_ Postal Code
Telephone No.	. (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)		Fax No
E-mail			
Is the nominee	e aware of this nomination? Yes No		
Signature of N	lominator		Date

In addition to completing the form, please see below for additional material to include in your submission. Please provide a brief description of your nominee's activities and the contribution he or she has made. Note that the selection of award recipients is based solely on information provided in the nomination package. It is important that all materials in the package be complete.