

AWARD CATEGORIES & REQUIREMENTS

Nominees must meet the eligibility criteria and nomination requirements for each award as outlined below. Additional supporting materials are required.

OUTSTANDING VETERINARIAN AWARD

This award is presented to a veterinarian for outstanding contributions to the veterinary profession.

Eligibility/Requirements: All veterinarians who are members of OVMA are eligible. Nominees should demonstrate a suitable background of leadership in professional associations at the regional, provincial and/or national levels, plus involvement in the community leading to an enhanced image of veterinarians and/or the profession. A minimum of two letters of recommendation from two veterinarians – one of whom is an OVMA member – must accompany each nomination.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to someone who is not a veterinarian but has contributed to animal welfare and/or the veterinary profession.

Eligibility/Requirements: Any person, other than a veterinarian, who has served the interests of the veterinary profession through various endeavours. A minimum of two supporting letters, both from OVMA member veterinarians, must accompany each nomination.

GOLDEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes OVMA members who are retired from full-time career pursuits of veterinary medicine or who have been a veterinarian for a minimum of 30 years and have served the profession in an extraordinary manner. Recipients receive an honorary lifetime OVMA membership.

Eligibility/Requirements: OVMA member veterinarians who are either retired or have been a veterinarian for a minimum of 30 years. A minimum of two supporting letters, both from OVMA member veterinarians, must accompany each nomination.

AWARD OF MERIT

This award recognizes individuals for their practice of, or help to, veterinary medicine. It is awarded for distinguished public service to the veterinary profession in any form.

Eligibility/Requirements: All veterinarians who are members of OVMA are eligible for nomination. Candidates may be nominated by the general public or by members of the veterinary profession. Supporting letters from members of the animal health sector, veterinarians or the general public must accompany each nomination.

ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is presented to an associate veterinarian who has demonstrated superior customer service and has proven to be an asset to their practice as well as their community.

Eligibility/Requirements: All associate veterinarians who are OVMA members and who graduated more than five years ago are eligible for nomination. Nominees should demonstrate a suitable background of demonstrated client and patient service, and should be recognized as a leader in their clinic, community, or in organizations at local or provincial levels. A minimum of two supporting letters are required: one from a staff member and one from an OVMA clinic owner at their place of employment. The nomination should also include one letter from a client that can be requested by the clinic staff in support of the nomination.

RISING STAR AWARD

This award is presented to an associate veterinarian who has demonstrated superior leadership in their place of employment and their community for the betterment of animal welfare and/or their clients and/or their colleagues in the veterinary profession.

Eligibility/Requirements: All associate veterinarians who are OVMA members and who graduated five years ago or less are eligible for nomination. Nominees should demonstrate a suitable background of client and patient service, and should be recognized as a leader in their clinic, community, or in organizations at the local or provincial level. Their exceptional conduct should reflect an overall positive image of the veterinary profession. A minimum of two supporting letters are required: one from a staff member and one from an OVMA clinic member at their place of employment. The nomination should also include one letter from a client that can be requested by the clinic staff in support of the nomination.



The OVMA Awards Program honours those who have made extraordinary contributions to the veterinary profession, and provides OVMA with the opportunity to recognize and share the inspiring and exceptional work being done on behalf of animal welfare, veterinary medicine and the veterinary profession.



OVMA award recipients are recognized for their achievements in the following ways:

- Award winners are honoured at a ceremony during the annual OVMA Conference & Trade Show.
- Award winner profiles are published in OVMA's member magazine, *Focus*.
- Award winners are announced on the OVMA website (www.ovma.org) and OVMA social media platforms.
- Press releases are distributed to media in the recipient's local community.

OVMA AWARDS PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF NOMINEE

NOMINEE ADDRESS

NOMINEE TELEPHONE NUMBER

NOMINEE EMAIL ADDRESS

Is the nominee an OVMA member?

Yes
No

I would like to nominate the above named nominee for the following award:

Outstanding Veterinarian Award
Honorary Membership Award
Golden Life Membership Award
Award of Merit
Associate of the Year Award
Rising Star Award

NAME OF NOMINATOR

NOMINATOR ADDRESS

NOMINATOR TELEPHONE NUMBER

NOMINATOR EMAIL ADDRESS

Are you an OVMA Member?

Yes
No

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM, ALONG WITH ALL
SUPPORTING NOMINATION MATERIALS TO:

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