

# Community Engagement Award

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## *Celebrating Volunteers in Ontario Volleyball*

The Community Engagement Award recognizes and celebrates OVA members who are engaged in volunteer activities and make a real difference in their communities. We want to honour the “everyday heroes” and make sure the invaluable contributions of OVA member volunteers in their communities are held up as examples of how OVA members can make a difference through volunteering.

We encourage you to focus on one project which you/your team have developed over the previous twelve months – a project which demonstrates excellence in and for innovative engagement and meaningful impact in the communities in which OVA members live, learn, work, and play through their volunteering.

The selection committee will be looking for individuals or teams with projects that have effectively achieved its key objectives. The scale of the projects may vary, but we are looking for entries which are able to demonstrate a coherent approach to meeting the needs of the community.

### **Eligibility & Selection Criteria:**

- The nominee must be an individual or team that is engaged in volunteer activities and make a real difference in their community
- Must be a registered member in good standing with the OVA and in their community
- The individual may only receive this award once in their lifetime
- Nominee must reside in Ontario

### **Submission Requirements:**

- A fully completed nomination form **must be submitted electronically.**
- Complete a covering letter from the nominator
- A volleyball CV or highlights of accomplishments
- A digital head & shoulders photograph of the nominee

### **Additional Notes:**

In their covering letter, nominators must address in what way the nominee’s achievements are extraordinary, as they pertain to the award. The letter should also detail how the individual has contributed in an outstanding and meaningful way to their community. It is suggested that covering letters come from individuals who have either benefitted from or who have first-hand knowledge of the nominee’s community activities.

It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure that nomination packages are complete. The selection committee will not consider incomplete nomination packages. Please do not submit more than the required number of documents/letters, as outlined above. Supplementary documents will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the nominator to retain copies of the complete package for future reference or resubmission.

All letters of support are confidential and will be viewed only by members of the selection committee. Nominees who wish to view the letters for publicity or information purposes must first obtain permission from the individual who wrote the letter.