

Award of Excellence

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) Award of Excellence Program recognizes public, private or voluntary organizations whose efforts represent excellence and innovation in combating racism in Canada. The Award of Excellence initiative to recognize Best Practices is part of an exciting educational program sponsored by the CRRF. All the winners will take part in a learning symposium where they will share their success with participants at a national conference.

The symposium and awards ceremony will take place in Montreal, Quebec in 2010.

Purpose

- ◆ To celebrate achievement in the struggle against racism in Canada.
- ◆ To acknowledge best practices and excellence in the field of anti-racism.
- ◆ To collect/share information and materials aimed at the elimination of racism.
- ◆ To establish partnerships and networks with a broad range of public, private and voluntary organizations.
- ◆ To further the Foundation's mission to eliminate racism in Canada.

Eligibility

Organizations based in Canada from the voluntary, private, or public sectors are eligible. Winners of a previous Award of Excellence or Awards of Distinction in 2007 are ineligible to apply.

Timeframe

- ◆ September 8, 2009 call for nominations.
- ◆ December 15, 2009 deadline for nominations.
- ◆ February 8, 2010 applicants are informed of the Jury's decision
- ◆ May 17 – 19, 2010, Award of Excellence symposium and ceremony in Montreal, QC.

Criteria

The Awards Jury will acknowledge an organization or youth group, whose Best Practice represent excellence in combating racism while demonstrating:

- ◆ Impact;
- ◆ Education;
- ◆ Anti-Racism Principles;
- ◆ Tangible Outcomes & Effects Change;
- ◆ Innovation & Creativity;
- ◆ Leadership & Empowerment;
- ◆ Partnerships;
- ◆ Sustainability; and,
- ◆ Commitment.

The Award of Excellence is part of the CRRF's Best Practices initiative. By Best Practice, the CRRF means a program, strategy or initiative. While it is essential that organizations or individuals demonstrate their commitment to anti-racism, the Awards are granted for a specific practice. Only one best practice can be submitted per organization.

Nominations

Applications may be submitted by the organization or youth responsible for the initiative, or by a third party nominee.

Adjudication & Submissions

An Awards Jury, appointed by the Foundation, will review the submissions. The award finalists will be notified, following the decision of the Awards Jury. The decisions of the Awards Jury are final.

All the questions in the application form must be answered, or the submission will be deemed incomplete. The completed form, a summary of the Best Practice and reference letters must be sent together. The final submission including one printed copy of all originals and the same information contained electronically on a CD Rom must arrive at the CRRF office no later than Tuesday, December 15, 2009. The submissions become the property of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and may be publicized as part of the CRRF Best Practices program.

Categories

There are six categories for the Award of Excellence Program. They are based on the following sectors: Aboriginal, Community, Corporate, Education, Government/Public, and Youth. You must apply your Best Practice to one sector only.

Award of Excellence and Awards of Distinction

In 2010, the CRRF will recognize one overall Award of Excellence winner and up to six Awards of Distinction. Each of the recipients will receive plaques that commemorate their Best Practice. The CRRF Awards Jury can determine, if they choose, a lesser number of Awards of Distinction.

Publicity

Award recipients will benefit from a wide circulation of the results throughout Canada. The Canadian Race Relations Foundation will partner with the recipients in the development of local, regional and/or national media events and activities.

Award Categories

Applicants can apply to one of six categories for the Award of Excellence Program. They are based on the following sectors: Aboriginal, Community, Corporate, Education, Government/Public, and Youth. Please choose the category that applies to your Best Practice. You can only submit to one sector.

The **Aboriginal Sector** is determined as:

Aboriginal-led and Aboriginal-driven organizations and initiatives that address racism (systemic & individual). This includes programs and projects that involve a majority of Aboriginal people in their design and implementation. Aboriginal peoples include First Nations, Inuit and Metis.

The **Community Sector** is determined as:

Non-government organizations (NGO's) that address racism (systemic & individual) within society. This includes not-for-profit groups and associations that operate at a local, provincial, regional, national or international level.

The **Corporate Sector** is determined as:

Industry and businesses that address racism (systemic & individual) and operate on a for-profit basis. This includes institutions, corporations and enterprises small, medium and large.

The **Education Sector** is determined as:

Organizations that address racism (systemic & individual) within the educational system. This includes schools, colleges, universities, educational institutions and professional associations whose mandate is the education of children, youth and/or adults in the formal educational system.

The **Government/Public Sector** is determined as:

Departments and agencies that address racism (systemic & individual) within government and within the general public. This includes organizations and professional associations that work within and/or have been created by federal, provincial & municipal governments.

The **Youth Sector** is determined as:

Youth-led and youth-driven organizations and initiatives that address racism (systemic & individual). This includes programs and projects that involve a majority of youth in their design and implementation. The Youth Sector category also includes individual youth organizers, youth groups or youth collectives, who may not be affiliated with any formal organization. The CRRF considers the age of youth to be 29 years and under.