



ISIJ of Toronto - Volunteer Recognition Program

This is to confirm the launch of a new ISIJ of Toronto Volunteer Recognition program (first announced on the day of Eid ul Fitr 1436) and provide our membership with additional details and nomination forms.

Program Objectives:

- Recognize & show our appreciation to community members who have volunteered for the Jamaat and served with distinction.
- Highlight community members who have distinguished themselves professionally, socially, or in the service of humanity (Outside the ISIJ of Toronto).

Recognition will be made under one of the following three categories:

1. Award for Past Services – “Distinguished Service Award”

The selection process will be conducted by a Selection Committee consisting of members of the Executive Committee (EC), representatives of Affiliate Centres, and non-EC members of the Toronto Jamaat. The Jamaat's President will provide final endorsement of the persons nominated by the Selection Committee.

Criteria:

- Aimed at older, long-serving members of the community (age 60+, male & female)
- Nominees must have a track record of sustained volunteer contributions to the Jamaat, regardless of role. This includes contributions to other related organizations (e.g. Crescent Village, As Sadiq School)
- Judges to consider names and evidence of their contributions. (e.g. time spent, tasks performed, quality of results achieved). The Selection Committee will obtain this info/data in confidence from family members, Heads of Boards, past & present Mukhis and Chairladies.
- Expectation is a maximum of 20 awards per year (males & females combined).
- Posthumous awards will apply to the current year only i.e. since 1st Muharram 1436.

Form of recognition: Letter from Jamaat President + Inscribed Plaque. (+ flower bouquet for females)

Occasion: On pre-determined Khushali nights. The awards will be presented in person to the recipients - to males by our resident Alim + a male EC member, and to females by Chairlady + a female EC member.



2. Award for Outstanding Performance by Current Volunteers – “CRESCENT Award”.

The selection process will be conducted by a panel of Judges consisting of the Mukhi, Chairlady, Board Chairs, Heads of JVC & Kaniz-e-Fatima groups. The Jamaat President will provide final endorsement of the winners.

Criteria:

- Aimed at current volunteers of the community (no age limit, male & female)
- Nominees must have demonstrated examples of outstanding* service to the Jamaat, regardless of role.
* *Outstanding service*” is defined as those who have gone “over & above their normal duties” to deliver service to the community. This includes their contributions to other related organizations (e.g. Crescent Village, As Sadiq School)
- Judges to request and consider names and evidence of their contributions. (e.g. time spent, tasks performed with excellence, results achieved). The Judges panel will obtain this info/data in confidence from Mukhi, Chairlady, Heads of Boards, JVC & Kaniz-e-Fatima team leaders.
- Posthumous awards will apply to the current year only.

Form of recognition: Formal letter from Resident Alim & President + Memento.

Occasion: in the presence of fellow volunteers at an occasion to be determined by Board/JVC Chair

3. Recognition for community members who have distinguished themselves professionally or in the service of humanity outside of the ISIJ – “High Achiever Award”

The selection process will be conducted by a panel of Judges consisting of: the Jamaat’s Vice President and assistant VP, the Hon. Secretary and assistant Secretary and two female members. The Jamaat President will provide final endorsement of the winners.

Criteria:

- Aimed at current members of the community in good standing (no age limit, male & female)
- Nominees must have distinguished themselves professionally or socially, including services to communities other than ISIJ of Toronto.
- Judges to consider evidence of their significant accomplishments which may be submitted by their family members.

Form of recognition: Formal letter of congratulations signed by Resident Alim & all EC members.

Occasion: Via weekly email announcement and posting on www.jaffari.org

NOTES:

1. Lobbying (verbally or in writing) of the Judges panels by persons on behalf of potential winners will not be tolerated.
2. The Executive Committee’s decision on all categories is final.
3. Nomination forms must be completed in full and submitted by indicated deadlines.

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How to nominate a volunteer for one of these awards

“Distinguished Service Award”

The Selection Committee appointed by the EC will conduct the search for recipients of this prestigious award and seek final endorsement for their decisions from the Jamaat President. As part of the selection process, members of the committee will consult with other ISIJ of Toronto members, including Affiliate Centre Chairs, family and friends of the nominees and past Jamaat Officers.

“CRESCENT” and “High Achiever” Awards

Please complete the “**ISIJ of Toronto - Volunteer Recognition Online Nomination Form**” linked below to nominate a volunteer whom you would like considered for one of the above. You must be a Member of the Toronto Jamaat in Good Standing in order to nominate someone for these awards.

E-Mail or hand deliver your Nomination form to the JCC Administration office marked “CONFIDENTIAL” AND for the attention of: Vice President, ISIJ of Toronto.

Forms must be received at the office by noon on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015

[CLICK HERE FOR “ISIJ of Toronto - Volunteer Recognition Nomination Form”](#)