

# INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD CRITERIA

## SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY OF CANADA

### **What is the purpose of the Initiatives/Programs of Excellence Award?**

This award recognizes initiatives and/or programs of excellence implemented at the provincial and/or local levels of our schizophrenia societies that have made significant impact on the quality of life of individuals and family members affected by schizophrenia, thus serving to advance our mission: *To improve the quality of life for those affected by schizophrenia and psychosis through education, support programs, public policy, and research.*

### **What is Eligible?**

An initiative/program of excellence in areas of public awareness and education, advocacy, family support or fundraising.

### **Who can nominate a program/initiative?**

- A member from the chapter/branch, provincial organizations or a provincial or national board of directors or anyone else may nominate for this award.
- All nomination forms must include signed confirmation of support from one endorser. Staff may formally endorse but may not nominate a candidate.

### **How do I Nominate?**

In addition to completing the form (which can be obtained online through the SSC website: [www.schizophrenia.ca](http://www.schizophrenia.ca) or through the SSC office) nominator must provide, on a separate sheet, a detailed description of the initiative/program (500-1000) words covering the following:

- (1) What made this an outstanding initiative/program? (Give background factors and/or circumstances, the way it was carried out and the obstacles overcome as well as outcomes of the program or initiative.)
- (2) Indicate encouragement and training it provided to volunteers, staff and/or users.
- (3) What was generated? (Human and/or financial resources, awareness, and change.)

- (4) Indicate how this exceptional achievement/contribution can be applied elsewhere.
- (5) Provide written testimonial from two (2) persons who are familiar with the value and impact of the initiative/program.
- (6) When the initiative/program was initiated and completed? Will it be repeated?

**Please note that a senior volunteer/staff member of the relevant provincial society/chapter/branch will be asked to accept the award.**