

## **Outstanding Achievement Award Criteria SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY OF CANADA**

### **What is the purpose of the Outstanding Achievement Award?**

This award is established by the Schizophrenia Society of Canada to recognize, from time to time, those individuals or groups, who in spite of the discrimination associated with mental illness, have made an exceptional contribution either in a volunteer capacity or through excellence in their professionalism to the cause and cure of schizophrenia.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Any member of a schizophrenia provincial or national organization, a provincial or national board, or any professional who has made an exceptional contribution to the cause and cure of schizophrenia.

### **Who can nominate a candidate?**

- A member from the chapter/branch, provincial organizations or the provincial or national board of directors or anyone else may nominate for this award.
- Nominators may not nominate more than one candidate in this category.
- Nominators may not nominate members of their own family.
- Members of the award committee may not nominate anyone or be nominated as a candidate.
- 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 a Candidate?**

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 achievements (500-1000) words covering the following:

- (1) What made this an outstanding achievement for your nominee, giving background factors and/or circumstances, the way it was carried out and the obstacles overcome?
- (2) Indicate encouragement and training provided.
- (3) Provide examples of leadership and dedication provided.
- (4) What resources were generated? (human and/or financial)
- (5) Indicate how this exceptional achievement/contribution can be applied elsewhere.
- (6) Provide written testimonial from two (2) persons who are familiar with the value and impact of the achievement and have them state how long they have known the nominee.
- (7) Indicate when the achievement was initiated and completed.