

## Welcoming Ottawa Ambassadors Selection Process/Criteria/Rules

- Welcoming Ottawa Ambassador award recipients are chosen by a Selection Committee, based on the quality of welcome conveyed by the nominees. The Selection Committee reviews all nominations that are received by OLIP before the nomination deadline.
- The Welcoming Ottawa Ambassadors awards are selected based on these five qualities displayed by Welcoming Ottawa nominees since the award's inception in 2014:
  - **Genuine Respect** (openness, positive curiosity, and knowledge of or interest to learn about immigrants' countries of origin)
  - **Intercultural Bridging** (tips to help immigrants understand cultural nuances and the local way of life)
  - **Hospitality** (engaging immigrants and involving their families with Ambassadors' families)
  - **Opening doors to the Community** (linking immigrants to networks, social clubs, professional associations, study groups, sports clubs, civic action and leadership initiatives)
  - **Friendship and Generosity of Spirit** (listening, understanding challenges, problem solving, reassuring that difficulties will pass)
- Nominations will only be accepted in English and French.
- A maximum of one nomination will be accepted from each nominator in a given year.
- Past Welcoming Ottawa Ambassador award recipients will not be considered for another award.
- Welcoming Ottawa Ambassador award recipients are asked to participate in a photo shoot and share their stories. They will be asked to sign a consent form, allowing OLIP to share their photo and story publicly. Participation in the photo shoot and story are not obligatory in order to receive the Welcoming Ottawa Ambassador award.