

AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER SUMMARY

The Opportunity:

Help us celebrate the people and organizations making a difference in our communities.

Each year, the AMSSA Awards recognize individuals, volunteers, organizations, and leaders whose commitment, innovation, and service strengthen communities across British Columbia.

We're looking for a small group of volunteers (minimum 3) to form the 2026 AMSSA Awards Selection Committee and help review nominations for this year's awards program.

Serving on the committee is an opportunity to learn about inspiring work happening across the settlement sector, celebrate the contributions, and play a meaningful role in recognizing excellence, leadership, and community impact.

How to Apply:

Submit your interest by clicking the link here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Awards-Volunteer-EOI>

For more information please contact communications@amssa.org.

Application deadline: August 6, 2026

Land Acknowledgement: As a provincial umbrella association, AMSSA acknowledges that BC is on the unceded homelands of First Nations who have stewarded this land since time immemorial. We recognize the privilege that we have as settlers on this land, and acknowledge that AMSSA's operations is on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. As an organization, AMSSA is committed to creating a safe space for indigenous voices.

WHAT TO EXPECT

As a committee member, you will:

- Review award nominations using established selection criteria
- Share your perspectives and insights during the selection process
- Help ensure a fair, thoughtful, and respectful review of all nominations
- Participate in one committee discussion meeting to determine award recipients
- Optionally contribute to enhancements with ideas and feedback to help strengthen the awards nomination and selection process for future years.

The time commitment for the Awards Selection Committee is expected to be approximately 4-7 hours during the awards review period, including independent review of nominations, completion of scoring materials, participation in the selection meeting, and any brief check-ins with AMSSA staff.

Meetings will take place online via Zoom and may also offer a hybrid option, with in-person participation available at the AMSSA office in Burnaby, BC.

We anticipate holding an Awards Selection Committee meeting of approximately 2 hours between August 17-19, 2026. The final meeting date and time will be confirmed once committee members have been selected.

Committee members are expected to receive nomination packages and review materials by August 10, 2026, allowing time to review submissions in advance of the meeting.

For those interested in helping shape the future of the Awards program, there will also be an opportunity to participate in optional discussions and working sessions in Fall 2026. These sessions will focus on reviewing and strengthening the awards nomination and selection process and may involve an additional 5-10 hours of volunteer participation.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

We welcome expressions of interest from individuals who:

- Care deeply about the settlement, integration, multiculturalism, diversity, and inclusion sector
- Bring thoughtful and balanced perspectives
- Value equity, integrity, and collaboration
- Enjoy recognizing and celebrating the achievements of others
- Have some familiarity with AMSSA, its members, or the settlement and integration sector in British Columbia, although this is not required.

We encourage participation from individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives from across the British Columbia.

WHY VOLUNTEER

This is a unique chance to:

- Learn about innovative programs and initiatives taking place throughout BC
- Connect with the incredible work being led by organizations, staff, volunteers, and community leaders
- Contribute to a process that highlights excellence and inspires others across our sector
- Give back to the AMSSA community in a meaningful way
- Play a role in celebrating the people and organizations who are helping build stronger, more welcoming communities.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To help us build a committee with a range of perspectives and experiences, interested volunteers will be asked to provide contact information and respond to a few short questions, including:

1. What interests you about serving on the AMSSA Awards Selection Committee?(250 words)
2. What perspectives, experiences, or community connections do you feel would help you contribute to the committee? (250 words)

Applicants will also be asked about:

- Their familiarity with AMSSA, its members, or the BC settlement and integration sector (optional).
- Their availability for an Awards Selection Committee meeting in August 2026.
- Whether they are interested in participating in optional discussions and working sessions in Fall 2026 to help review and strengthen the Awards nomination and selection process.
- Any scheduling considerations, accessibility needs, or additional information they would like AMSSA to consider.

INTERESTED?

If you would like to serve on the Awards Selection Committee, please submit your expression of interest by August 6, 2026 through this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Awards-Volunteer-EOI>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to communications@amssa.org

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help celebrate the people and organizations whose dedication strengthens our communities every day.

AMSSA OVERVIEW AND VALUES

AMSSA is a unique province-wide association that strengthens over 90 member agencies as well as hundreds of community stakeholder agencies who serve immigrants and newcomers, and build culturally inclusive communities, with the knowledge, resources and support they need to fulfill their mandates.

Our guiding principles reflect our core values and serve as the foundation for our decision-making. They shape how we engage with one another, guide our actions and ensure consistency and integrity in everything we do.

- We Advance Equity
- We Champion Inclusion
- We Lead with Integrity
- We Honour Diversity



- We Practice Mutual Respect
- We Lead Through Collaboration
- We Commit to Sustainable Transformation
- We Practice Decolonization

MANDATE

Our mandate includes three main areas of organizational focus: sector capacity and leadership development; lead, convene and mobilize; and influence systems and drive change.