

# NOMINATE CANADIAN-ARMENIANS TO QUEEN'S JUBILEE MEDAL

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To be eligible for the honour, a person must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, but need not necessarily reside in Canada;
- Have made a significant contribution to a particular province, territory, region or community within Canada, or an achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada; and
- Be alive on February 6th, 2012, the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the Throne. The medal can be awarded posthumously, as long as the recipient was alive on that date.
- If the nominee has already been awarded (not nominated for) a higher or equal recognition e.g. Order of Canada, Order of Quebec or Order of Ontario (or another provincial order), or even the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award (10 years ago), then it is preferable to nominate somebody else.

[Partner Organizations](#) will assist the Governor General to make nominations. It is regrettable that no Armenian organization is listed and it appears there is an absence of Canadians of Armenian origin in the awarding of the Diamond Jubilee Medal. There are many Armenians who have contributed to the advancement of Canadian society and to the image of Canada in the world. They have not been recognized by this award. It's an issue that should be redressed by our democratic representatives.

An alternative method allows Canadian citizens to suggest inclusion of nominations to the **Member of Parliament** (MP) in whose riding a nominee lives or to a **Senator(s)** from the province where the nominee's address is. The nominee's postal code will identify the MP and senator(s) to whom letter should be sent. You can Find the right Member of Parliament using [this link](#). An e-mailed nomination document should outline the nominee's achievements, contributions to the community and to Canada. Only Canadian citizens can nominate. Persons writing to MPs or senators should include their own coordinates (address, email and phone number) to ensure feedback. It's a good practice to

follow up with a phone call within a week, to ensure the request is at least submitted.

**Please do not contact keghart.com for nominations,  
just follow the instructions above to submit your own nomination**

Biographical notes about nominees would include:

- Date and place of birth;
- Significant moves (e.g. from country to country, from province to province) and current residence;
- Credentials and positions, especially relevant to the reasons for nomination (e.g. if you are nominating an MD for his/her medical work, their medical credential, research work, etc.);
- Achievements and/or prior recognitions in the field;
- Contributions (the most important) to the community, to society and to Canada;
- Other relevant data.

In the absence of a list, we suggest the names which appear in "[Renowned Canadian Armenians](#)" on the website of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Toronto. The list may serve as a starter. By no means is it comprehensive; not all individuals on the list are eligible. Incidentally, the names appeared on 2012 Calendar of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Toronto.

Questions concerning the Diamond Jubilee Medal should be addressed to [diamondjubilee@gg.ca](mailto:diamondjubilee@gg.ca) or by calling 613-998-6790 or 1-800-465-6890 (toll-free).

It is highly recommended that letters to Members of Parliament and Senators be delivered by mid-October 2012.

