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PAUL YUZYK AWARD
for MULTICULTURALISM

Dear Sir/Madam,

Cultural diversity is one of Canada's most valuable assets and greatest strengths. Multiculturalism has shaped our history and helped make Canada a model of unity in diversity.

In 2009, the Government of Canada established the Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism to honour people dedicated to promoting integration in Canada.

The award commemorates the pioneering legacy and achievements of the late Senator Yuzyk in the area of multiculturalism. Senator Yuzyk's efforts helped lead to the recognition of multiculturalism as one of the fundamental characteristics of Canadian heritage and identity.

The award acknowledges and honours individuals in communities across Canada who have made exceptional contributions to the integration of newcomers, and is open to all citizens and permanent residents. It includes a \$20,000 grant to be given to an eligible, registered not-for-profit Canadian organization or association of the recipient's choice.

Nominations for the 2012 Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism are currently being accepted until March 1, 2012.

If you know of a deserving individual who has made a significant contribution to the integration of new Canadians, I encourage you to submit a nomination for this prestigious award. More information about the award, including eligibility requirements, is included in the enclosed brochure. For further details on Senator Paul Yuzyk and the nomination process, please visit www.multiculturalism.gc.ca/paulyuzyk.

Please accept my wholehearted thanks for supporting this important initiative.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP
Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism

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ABOUT THE AWARD

The Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism commemorates the late Senator Yuzyk's pioneering legacy in establishing multiculturalism as one of the fundamental characteristics of Canadian heritage and identity.

The award recognizes individuals in communities across Canada who have made exceptional contributions to multiculturalism and diversity. One award is given annually, for either Lifetime Achievement or Outstanding Achievement.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated ongoing dedication to the promotion of a strong multicultural society in Canada over a period of at least 10 years. The Outstanding Achievement Award is given to an individual or a group that has made a significant contribution to Canadian multiculturalism for at least one year within the last five years.

Award recipients receive a certificate signed by the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, and are asked to nominate a registered not-for-profit Canadian organization or association to receive a grant of \$20,000.

NOMINATION

Candidates for the Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism are accepted by nomination only. To nominate a candidate, the sponsor must submit a nomination package that includes the following elements:

- a nomination and consent form;
- a detailed description of how the candidate meets each component of the evaluation criteria;
- supporting documents (e.g., testimonials, news clippings, photographs, etc.);
- two letters of support (at least one of which must come from a person or an organization other than the sponsor); and
- a current biography of the nominee.

All nomination packages must be sent by mail to the address below and postmarked by March 1 of the current year to be considered.

Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism
Citizenship and Immigration Canada
365 Laurier Avenue West, 19th Floor
Ottawa, ON K1A 1L1

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, the candidate must be:

- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada; and
- 18 years of age or older.

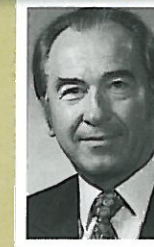
EVALUATION CRITERIA

Nominations will be reviewed and evaluated based on the following mandatory criteria:

- The candidate promoted initiatives that support the objectives of the Government of Canada's Multiculturalism Program; and
- The candidate's efforts had a positive impact on his or her community.

Nominations will also be evaluated on how well they meet at least one of the following three criteria:

- The candidate demonstrated support for the economic, social and cultural integration of new Canadians and cultural communities; or
- The candidate facilitated programs such as mentorship, volunteerism, leadership and civic education for at-risk cultural youths; or
- The candidate promoted intercultural understanding and Canadian values through community initiatives, with the objective of addressing issues of cultural social exclusion and radicalization.



ABOUT PAUL YUZYK (1913–1986)

Born near Estevan, Saskatchewan, in 1913 of Ukrainian immigrant parents, Paul Yuzyk was a teacher, professor, author and community organizer who wrote extensively on the Ukrainian immigrant experience.

Because of his high profile as a historian and civic leader, Mr. Yuzyk was appointed to the Senate of Canada by the Right Honourable John Diefenbaker on February 4, 1963. In a speech to the Senate, Mr. Yuzyk argued that Canada was a multicultural nation that included peoples from many different cultures, all of whom contributed to Canadian society. According to Mr. Yuzyk, Canada could succeed in building a strong nation through adherence to the principles of Confederation, compromise and "unity in diversity."

CONTACT US

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