



## PAUL YUZYK AWARD *for* 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 in his honour recognizes individuals in communities across Canada who have made exceptional contributions to the multiculturalism that makes Canada strong. 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; 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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