

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization's Community Champions Program

Terms and Conditions

1 – DESCRIPTION AND PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 Nomination start date: The nomination period will start on July 12, 2021 at 12:01 am EST.
- 1.2 Nomination closing date: The nomination period will close on August 20, 2021 at 11:59 pm EST.
- 1.3 Voting start date: The voting period will start on September 24, 2021 at 12:01 am EST.
- 1.4 Voting closing date: The voting period will close on October 8, 2021 at 11:59 pm EST.
- 1.5 Sponsor: The Community Champions initiative is funded by Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO).
- 1.6 Eligibility: Any person or representative of an organization can participate in the nomination and voting. In order to be considered for the prize, the nominated organization must be a registered not-for-profit corporation, charity or incorporated business that gives back to the community. E.g. a business can be nominated for a trail clean-up day they organize, however, support awarded would need to go towards supporting additional trail clean ups. Organizations must be headquartered within the Ontario's Highlands (RTO11) boundaries ([see map](#)). Self-nominations are permitted. Non-registered groups or individuals are not eligible to receive the funding.
- 1.7 How to participate: Nominations will be collected via a nomination form between July 12 – August 20, 2021. Anyone can nominate, including self-nominations from organizations and its representatives. After the nomination period closes, a shortlist of the top five (5) nominations will be chosen by a selection committee and Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization. Each shortlisted organization will be contacted to confirm their intention to participate in the voting period. If they cannot confirm their participation within five (5) days, an alternative will be selected.
- 1.8 Voting period: Voting period will take place from September 24 – October 8, 2021. The general public will be invited to vote for three (3) winners to receive \$3,000 CAD each to support their project.
- 1.9 Winners: the three organizations with the most votes will be awarded \$3,000 CAD each. In the event of a tie, a winner will be selected by the selection committee and OHTO. Winning organizations will be announced on OHTO's Facebook page after the voting period. Winners will be required to enter into a project agreement with OHTO to ensure the funds are being used towards the eligible initiative. A report on how the funding was used upon the completion of the project will also be required.