Description

1. The award shall be known as the Dr. Ashok Muzumdar Memorial Award for Physicians with Disabilities (including learners).

2. The award is intended to celebrate the efforts of a passionate advocate devoted to fostering mutual support for physicians and learners with disabilities, Dr. Ashok Muzumdar, who founded the Canadian Association of Physicians with Disabilities in 1999.

3. This award shall be presented to a CMA member with a disability, whether physical, cognitive or psychological, who embodies the resilience demonstrated by Dr. Muzumdar and who has demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities in one or more of the following ways:
   - advocating for and effectively influencing positive changes at the regional, national and/or international level for patients and/or physicians with disabilities
   - encouraging and facilitating the development of more equitable supports (e.g., facilities, assistance or funding) for patients and/or physicians with disabilities
   - acting as an effective role model and/or mentoring physicians and learners with disabilities
   - improving the quality of care and enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities
   - educating the public regarding the many facets of disabilities

4. The member’s achievements should serve as an inspiration to the medical profession in Canada.

Terms

1. Nominees must be members of the CMA.

2. The CMA shall be under no obligation to bestow the award annually; it may be awarded to more than one person in a given year.

3. Any possibility that an individual or organization could exploit winning a CMA award for personal profit or commercial advantage will be taken into consideration.

4. Any CMA member currently sitting as an elected officer of the CMA, a member of the CMA Board of Directors or a member of the Awards Committee is not eligible for nomination for CMA awards unless under exceptional circumstances.

5. This award will not be awarded posthumously. In the event that the nominee dies after being selected but before being presented with the award, the award shall be presented posthumously to a family member or other substitute.

6. Nominations may be submitted, accompanied by suitable documentation, by a CMA member, a provincial or territorial medical association, an affiliate or an associate society. Self-nominations are accepted from CMA members. Documentation will consist of a completed nomination form, a detailed letter of nomination accompanied by 2 letters of support (letters must be no more than 2 pages in length) and the nominee’s curriculum vitae or bio (3-page maximum). Handwritten submissions will not be accepted. Nominees will be asked to submit a 100-word description of how they plan to continue Dr. Muzumdar’s legacy in advocating for and/or supporting patients and/or physicians with disabilities.

7. A nomination may be resubmitted in a subsequent year. Should fewer than 3 nominations be received for this award, the award will not be presented, and the nominations will be brought forward for consideration the following year.

8. The Chair of the Awards Committee shall receive nominations until Nov. 30 of the year before the Awards Gala at which the award is to be presented. Nominations must be submitted through the online form at https://www.cma.ca/cma-awards-and-nominations.

9. The Awards Committee shall, after consultation with the Canadian Association of Physicians with Disabilities, make the final selection of the award recipient and notify the CMA Board of Directors.

10. The recipient of this award shall be offered the opportunity of attending the CMA Annual General Meeting, at the expense of the CMA, to accept the award.