

OAND AWARDS 2026

Part of OANDCon2026: IGNITE · October 2, Toronto Congress Centre

Every year, extraordinary things happen in Ontario's naturopathic profession.

A clinician who quietly raises the bar for everyone around them. A newer ND who is already changing what's possible. The OAND Awards exist to find these people — and make sure the whole profession knows who they are.

Nominate a colleague. Or put your own name forward. Self-nominations are explicitly welcomed.

↓ **Submit a Nomination** ↓

[Awards Nomination Form →](#)

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THE AWARDS

★ EXCELLENCE IN NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE AWARD

For a Naturopathic Doctor whose knowledge, innovation, and dedication have elevated the standard of care for our profession.

Who's eligible:

- Active OAND member in good standing — lapsed members are not eligible*
- No minimum years in practice — excellence is not defined by tenure
- Demonstrated exceptional clinical knowledge and innovation in naturopathic practice
- Recognized by peers for elevating the standard of care — in their clinic, their community, or the broader profession
- Has contributed to naturopathic education, research, or evidence-based practice development
- Must be practising in Ontario, or have made a significant contribution to Ontario's naturopathic community

★ EMERGING LEADER AWARD

For an ND who is already making an extraordinary impact early in their career — through leadership, education, and advocacy.

Who's eligible:

- Active OAND member in good standing — lapsed members are not eligible*
- Practising ND in Ontario for 10 years or fewer
- Demonstrated early-career leadership — in clinical practice, professional advocacy, education, or community health
- Has taken initiative beyond typical practice — volunteer roles, committee participation, public education, or peer mentorship
- Shows a clear trajectory: it's not just what they've done, it's what they signal for where this profession is going

** To check if a nominee is an active OAND member, search the Member Directory in the OAND Member Portal.*

HOW IT WORKS

The process is designed to be simple for nominators — and meaningful for everyone who takes part.

01	Submit a nomination A short online form — a few guided questions and a nomination statement, taking about 15–20 minutes. Self-nominations are welcomed for both awards.
02	Advisory Group review OAND's Membership Engagement Advisory Group reviews every submission against the published criteria and selects a shortlist of 3 nominees per award.
03	Your nominees in the spotlight Shortlisted nominees are announced publicly — and their stories are shared with the full OAND community on social media and in our member eblast. Nominees who consent will have their photo, credentials, and a nomination highlight featured across OAND's Instagram and LinkedIn channels for two weeks. This is the profession recognizing its own — in public, with real visibility.
04	Member voting All active OAND members vote for their preferred recipient in each category. The votes matter — member choice is a factor in the final result.
05	Winners celebrated live Winners are announced at OANDCon2026: IGNITE on October 2, in front of 300+ NDs from across Ontario. And for the record: both winners receive complimentary conference registration.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE SHORTLISTED

Being shortlisted is its own recognition.

All 6 shortlisted nominees (3 per award) are featured publicly across OAND's Instagram and LinkedIn channels — with a dedicated spotlight post for each nominee during the two-week voting period. Their name, credentials, and a highlight from their nomination are shared with the entire Ontario naturopathic community.

Each spotlight post is shared with the nominee's written consent. Nominees who prefer not to have their photo or biographical information published publicly may still appear on the shortlist — their name will be shared, but no further details without permission.

Being named to the shortlist means:

- Your work is seen — by 1,700+ NDs across Ontario
- Your colleagues are invited to vote for you
- Your story is told — in your own profession's voice
- Whether or not you win, you are recognized

KEY DATES

DATE	WHAT'S HAPPENING
August 7	Nominations open
August 22	Nominations close — 11:59pm
September 8	Shortlist announced — 3 nominees per award, featured on OAND social media
September 8–19	Member voting is open — cast your vote for who takes home the award
October 2	Winners presented live at OANDCon2026: IGNITE, Toronto Congress Centre
October 3	Winners announced to all members via eblast and social media

The Naturopathic Doctors who lead the next era of this profession are the ones who show up for each other.

Nominate someone who's already leading it — or put your own name forward.

→ **Submit a Nomination:** [OAND Awards – Program Nomination Form](#) **[Member Login Required]** ←

Nominations close August 22, 2026.

Questions? Contact us at info@oand.org or 416-233-2001

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