

The Power of Primary Care Summit

Leading the Attachment Era Together

Board Awards Nomination Guide

The **Board Awards** honours exceptional individuals and teams who contribute to strengthening Ontario's primary care system. These awards shine a spotlight on those whose dedication, leadership, and innovation have significantly advanced team-based primary care, whether at the local, regional, or provincial level.

Recognizing achievements both within and beyond AFHTO member organizations, the Board Awards aim to celebrate those who foster collaborative practices, improve patient outcomes, and inspire excellence in primary health care throughout the province. Recipients of these prestigious awards are acknowledged for their outstanding efforts to build a more resilient, accessible, and effective primary care landscape for all Ontarians.

Award recipients will be recognized during the **Bright Lights Awards Ceremony** at the **AFHTO 2026: The Power of Primary Care Summit** on **October 15, 2026**.

Award Nomination Instructions:

- Members [submit a nomination online](#) for the Board Award category by **June 9, 2026**.
- All nominees are encouraged to attend the conference.

Award Categories and Evaluation Criteria

The Power of Primary Care Board Award

Award Description

This award recognizes an individual or group **external to AFHTO member organizations** who has made an **exceptional contribution** to the development and growth of team-based primary care locally, regionally, or provincially.

Evaluation Criteria

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
IMPACT ON PRIMARY CARE TEAMS	Positive and measurable effect on team-based primary care advancement, patient care, or system integration	30%
SCOPE OF INFLUENCE	Contribution has had a local, regional, or provincial impact	25%
LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION	Championing system change through advocacy, partnership, or strategic leadership	20%
INNOVATION OR CHANGE	Model or initiative introduced has influenced policy, practice, or integration of services	15%
INSPIRATION TO OTHERS	Sets a compelling example for others through skill, dedication, and/or health system thinking/insight	10%

Team of the Year Board Award

Award Description

This award celebrates a **primary care team** from an **AFHTO member organization** that exemplifies exceptional **interprofessional collaboration**, **patient-centred care**, and innovative **quality improvement initiatives**. These teams are a beacon of inspiration, showcasing remarkable outcomes, fostering an empowering culture, and sharing impactful practices that elevate primary care. Nominations must highlight work performed by a cohesive team dedicated to transforming care delivery in their professional roles.

Evaluation Criteria

CRITERION	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION	Strong interprofessional collaboration and shared leadership	30%
PATIENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Actively involves patients and community voices in shaping care	25%

INNOVATION & IMPROVEMENT	Demonstrates quality improvement, creativity, and evidence-based change	20%
SCALABILITY & IMPACT	Work can be replicated or informs broader system improvements	15%
OUTCOMES	Positive results for patients, providers, or system efficiency supported by data or stories	10%