

2025 CALGARY AWARDS NOMINEES

Summary

Award	Number of Nominations Received
The Community Achievement Awards:	
Arts	24
Calgarian of the Year	10
Community Advocate - Individual	18
Community Advocate - Organization	26
Education	6
Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement	5
Heritage	5
Social Impact – Business	6
Youth	7
Total Community Achievement nominations	107
The International Achievement Award	2
The Award for Accessibility	0
The Environmental Achievement Award	6
The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize	60
Total other nominations	68
Total eligible nominations received*	175

**Total excludes ineligible, and duplicate nominations*

Arts Nominees

1. Oluwaseyi Adeneye
2. Karen Ball
3. Barbara Blakey O'Brien
4. Billie Rae Busby
5. Lucy Cariou
6. Sean Dennie
7. Sangeeta Dham
8. Kaiya Gamble
9. Jeff Humphreys
10. Jaspriya Johal
11. Damon Johnston
12. Nancy Laberge
13. Sara Leishman
14. Tyler Locke
15. Clem Martini
16. Emma McCaul
17. Tayte Mitchell
18. Cara Moeller Poppitt
19. Daniel Pelton
20. Ganna Posikera
21. Elaine Quilichini
22. Ishita Singla
23. Samantha Thompson
24. Tara Wilson

Calgarian of the Year Nominees

1. Rovi Anne Bangcaya
2. Hanan Bassyouni
3. Syed Hassan
4. Nketti Johnston-Taylor
5. ReAnn Alice Kline-Simpson
6. Lucas McCarthy
7. Rebecca Morrison
8. Bobbie Racette
9. Dhruv Sharma
10. Monica Tawfik

Community Advocate – Individual Nominees

1. Rosanna D'Agnillo
2. Alisa Dallen
3. Darshan Singh Dhaliwal
4. Ibiwari Daphne Dike-Hart
5. Imran Hamid
6. Madeeha Khan
7. Kyle Layton
8. Melissa Lundy
9. Claire Masikewich
10. Bukola Ojemakinde
11. Marina Ortman

12. Lucia (Lucy) Reyes
13. Brian Reynolds
14. Melrene Saloy
15. TJ Sheehan
16. Syed Shan Tariq
17. Christina Young
18. Andrew Yule

Community Advocate – Organization Nominees

1. Accessible Housing Society - Bridge to Home Program
2. Autism For Life Foundation
3. Between Friends
4. Black Pride YYC
5. Bowness Community Association
6. Calgary Booster Club
7. Campus Calgary Open Minds
8. Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society
9. Elephant Artist Relief Society
10. Falconridge Castleridge Community Association
11. Fil Canadian Broadcaster's Society
12. Immigrant Outreach Society
13. Impact Society
14. Jewish Family Service Calgary (JFSC)
15. Norfolk Housing Association
16. Pet Access League Society (PALS)
17. Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support Centre
18. Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS) Calgary
19. Ruth's House Society
20. Soup Sisters
21. The Arusha Centre
22. The Brenda Stafford Foundation
23. The Immigrant Education Society (TIES)
24. The Peanut Butter Classic
25. The Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park
26. Wings of Hope for Africa

Education Nominees

1. Laurel Braun
2. Ahmed Ghanem
3. Iftu Hargaaya
4. Olumuyiwa Igbalajobi
5. Nicole Letourneau
6. Robert MacDonald

Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement Nominees

1. Arthur Clark
2. Cathy Keough
3. Debbie Nelson
4. Camille Pablo Russell
5. Otto Silzer

Heritage Nominees

1. Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer
2. Chris Edwards
3. Christine Leppard
4. Sam Centre, Calgary Stampede
5. The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland

Social Impact – Business Nominees

1. Blackline Safety
2. Campfire Kinship Storytelling Inc.
3. Great News Media
4. SANDSTONE Asset Management
5. Showpass Inc.
6. Zeno

Youth Nominees

1. Saim Ali
2. Jordan Chen
3. Max Du
4. Asiya Iskander
5. Joshua Jacobson
6. Mercedes Korngut
7. Jhanna Mariel Villanueva

The International Achievement Award Nominees

Based on International Achievement Award evaluation criteria, no nominees are recommended for 2025.

The Award for Accessibility Nominees

No nominations received.

The Environmental Achievement Award Nominees

1. Lina Kattan
2. Tricia Stadnyk
3. Alberta Ecotrust Foundation
4. Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre Society
5. Calgary Region Airshed Zone Society
6. Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association's Emergency Planning & Response Committee (EPARC)

The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize Submissions

Recipient will be ratified at 2025 April 29 Regular Meeting of Council.

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| 1. Janet A Wilson | All You'll See is Sky, Resetting a Marriage on an Adventure Through Africa |
| 2. Archana Amaragandhi | Song Diary |
| 3. Barbara Baker | Jillian of Banff XO |
| 4. Tara Beagan | The Ministry of Grace |
| 5. Adel Ben-Harhara | My Silver Lining |
| 6. Kirti Bhadresa | An Astonishment of Stars: Stories |
| 7. A. K Bird | My Intuition Made Me Do It |
| 8. Winn Bray Rathbun | Stone Cold Tea |
| 9. Wakefield Brewster | WakeWord |
| 10. Ali Bryan | Takedown |
| 11. Sean Campbell | The Bird and the Leaf |
| 12. Gitz Crazyboy | The Rez Doctor |
| 13. Paulo Da Costa | Trust the Bluer Skies: Meditations on Fatherhood |
| 14. Darlene Davies | Laughter Makes You Stronger: Heartfelt Stories About Family And Life |
| 15. Kit Dobson | We are Already Ghosts |
| 16. Michael Dorosh | Calgary's Infantry Regiment: A Pictorial History of The Calgary Highlanders |
| 17. Marion Douglas | The Game of Giants |
| 18. Anh Duong | Dear Da-Lê |
| 19. Elden Friesen | Niggle and the Christmas Rescue |
| 20. Ben Berman Ghan | The Years Shall Run Like Rabbits |
| 21. Leesa JoAnn Iverson | One Lucky Teddybear LoopyDoo |
| 22. Leesa JoAnn Iverson | One Lucky Teddybear Sideways |
| 23. Samantha Jones | Attic Rain |
| 24. Clara A.B. Joseph | M/OTHER |
| 25. Sebastian J. H. Jung | What is my name? |
| 26. Braden Kadlun | A Guide to Sobriety: 10 Gentle Reminders |
| 27. Cordelia Kelly | The Sibyl and the Thief |
| 28. Cordelia Kelly | The Well of Souls |
| 29. Tonya Lailey | Farm : Lot 23 |
| 30. Karen Lee | The Village That Betrayed its Children |
| 31. Amy Lin | Here After: A Memoir |
| 32. Meagan Mahoney | The Time Keeper |
| 33. David Martin | Limited Verse |
| 34. Peter J Meehan | Return to Pamplona: A Lover's Quest in post-War Spain |
| 35. Marianne Middelveen | Leashes, Love, and Lies |
| 36. Rod Moody-Corbett | Hides |
| 37. Jonathan N. Stea, PhD | Mind the Science: Saving your Mental Health from the Wellness Industry |
| 38. Inga M Nelson | Noetic Marj Odyssey |
| 39. Steven Owad | My Only Friend, the End |

40. Kalyani Pardeshi	Beyond The Inner Critic: Understanding and Conquering Our Conscious and Unconscious Bullies
41. Ellen Anderson Penno	Counting Bones
42. Karen (K.S.) Petkau (King)	The CurE, Book 1: Contamination
43. Trina Read	The Sex Course
44. Ken Rivard	UP FRONT
45. Nadine Sander-Green	Rabbit Rabbit Rabbit: A Novel
46. Alex Sarian	The Audacity of Relevance: Critical Conversations on the Future of Arts and Culture
47. Amelia Savciuc	LAMELLA
48. Scott Saxberg	Those We Carry
49. Julie Sedivy	Linguaphile
50. Kevin Stebner	Inherent
51. Eugene Stickland	The Innocence Of Trees
52. Scott Strasser	Here Come the Cavalry! Chronicling the History of Professional Soccer in Calgary
53. Emily Struck	Alice in the Tiny Car
54. Natalie Sue	I Hope This Finds You Well
55. Joanne Taylor	The After
56. Laura Tennisco	Can We Get A Dog?
57. Paul Vanhoutteghem	The Shadow Brand
58. Jessica Waite	The Widow's Guide to Dead Bastards
59. Sheri-D Wilson	The ONEIRONAUT ø1
60. Teresa Wong	All Our Ordinary Stories: A Multigenerational Family Odyssey