

APPLICATION FORM

2026 WLAO Emerging Leader Award

Sponsored by Howie, Sacks & Henry LLP

This award recognizes a lawyer who exemplifies leadership and excellence. To be eligible for this award, the recipient must be:

- Called to the bar in Ontario
- Under 12 years of call
- Engaged in the practice of law or in a non-practicing role that advances the legal profession; and
- Have a track record of leadership, professional achievement, and community involvement.

The WLAO encourages applications from underrepresented groups (a non-exhaustive list includes racially diverse candidates, candidates from indigenous communities, LGBTQ+ etc.);

The recipient will be invited as a guest of honour, to the WLAO President's Awards Gala on May 7, 2026.

Applicants must submit a letter of merit (not exceeding two pages) detailing their qualifications for this award. Where possible, please provide supporting documentation (e.g.: publications in academic journals, letters of recommendation, *curriculum vitae*) in PDF format.

Award Amount: \$2,000.00

Please send the requirements indicated above by electronic mail to wlaol1919@gmail.com. Please include a completed PDF copy of this form.

Applicant Information (please include contact information for February through June 2026):

Name:

Address:

Phone Number and Email:

Law School, Degree, Call to the Bar Date:

Signature of Applicant:

Application deadline March 15, 2026

The WLAO President's Awards Gala will be held on May 7, 2026
This form is also available on the WLAO website: www.wlao.on.ca.