



SUBMISSIONS WANTED FOR OUTSTANDING GROOM AWARD

Standardbred Canada (SC) is pleased to announce that the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) will continue their partnership with SC on the Outstanding Groom Award for the third consecutive year. The award was introduced in 2015, and for the past two years has been presented at the O'Brien Awards Black Tie Gala.

The grooms are the unsung heroes of harness racing, and are critical to the success of any horse in any stable. Trainers and owners entrust their prized animals with them and sometimes forget to let them know how much they appreciate everything they do.

A groom's relationship with the horse is by far the closest. Grooms provide the daily care and attention to the equine athletes. They keep the horses physically healthy and mentally happy.

They are the behind-the-scenes people who help keep the show running. They will work seven days a week, and sacrifice their holiday and family time to make sure the horses are properly cared for.

Do you know someone who has worked in the industry for over five years, someone who treats their horses with kindness and outstanding care, regardless of the horse or its ability? The candidate should have a strong work ethic, be dependable, a good sportsman and be based in Canada. **Candidates must be over the age of 19.** If you know or work with someone with these qualities, consider nominating him / her for this award.

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Please [click here](#) for a nomination form.

A selection committee will review the submissions. Two finalists will be announced on January 9, 2018 and the presentation to the winner will be made at the O'Brien Awards on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Please email your submissions to: Kathy Wade Vlaar at kwvlaar@standardbredcanada.ca, or fax to (905) 858-3111.