

# **Ontario Humanist Society**

## **INFORMATION FOR OFFICIANT APPLICANTS**

Thank you for your interest in joining the Ontario Humanist Society Ceremonies Program (OHS). The first step in the process of becoming an OHS Humanist Officiant is reading this letter to determine if you currently have the qualifications to submit a formal application.

The basic requirements for applying to become an OHS Officiant are:

1. You should espouse a Humanist philosophy and be familiar with Humanist core values and principles.
2. You should be in agreement with the Bylaws and Objectives of the Ontario Humanist Society published on the Ontario Humanist Society website.
3. You should be a member of a recognized local humanist association for a period of one year. If there is no local association in your area, you may find ways to become active with the provincial association or you may decide to establish a local association in your area. Information on Ontario Humanist organizations is available at <http://ontariohumanists.ca>.

If there is no recognized Humanist organization in your area, you may be able to demonstrate an equivalent commitment to Humanism through your activities, education or other alternatives. Equivalent status will be subject to the approval of the Ceremonies Committee. In addition, you must be a member of OHS at the time you submit your application to become a candidate for appointment as an OHS Officiant.

4. Applicants should have significant life experience that is relevant to the role of an Officiant.
5. You should possess a post-secondary degree, diploma or equivalent training and life experience as assessed by the OHS Ceremonies Committee.
6. You should have some experience as a self-employed professional or have the capacity to establish and manage a small business.
7. You should have ability and interest in public speaking, a genuine interest in celebrating rites of passage and the interpersonal skills to discuss such events with a diverse group of individuals.
8. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and/or access to a car or other reliable means of transportation in areas without effective mass transportation.

If you meet these requirements and wish to apply, please complete an Application and send it with your resume and a brief statement of interest to the OHS Registrar: Download and complete, then scan it and send it as an email attachment to the [registrar@ontariohumanists.ca](mailto:registrar@ontariohumanists.ca) or send it by Canada Post to Registrar, Ontario Humanist Society, 265 Gore St. Almonte ON K0A 1A0.

The Registrar will process your application form and documents and forward your submission to the Ceremonies Committee for review.

If you do not presently meet the requirements above, but plan to do so in the future, we encourage you to proceed with the application when you are ready to do so.

Once again, we thank you for your interest, and wish you much success.

Sincerely,

**Chris J. Love**

Registrar