



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Closing date for submissions: Friday, 11 September 2026

Executive Mayor Jeremy Fasser, on behalf of Stellenbosch Municipality, invites the public to nominate residents for a Civic Honours Award. Residents who consistently go above and beyond through their achievements, acts of service and dedication to protecting and improving our community, heritage and social well-being.

We want to honour YOU!

Below are the categories for nominations:

- 1. HONORARY CITIZENSHIP**
- 2. SIMONSBERG MEDAL**

3. MAYOR'S COMMENDATION:

- Sport and recreation
- Cultural Affairs
- Conservation
- Local Economic Development
- Social development

Ts&Cs Apply. All application forms and nomination criteria are available for download on our municipal website, alternatively visit your ward councillor's office.



**Nomination form can
be downloaded from
the municipal website**

What are Civic Honours?

Civic Honours recognise individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the Stellenbosch community through outstanding service, achievements or acts of selflessness. This includes those who uphold the rights and dignity of others, place the needs of their community above their own and contribute meaningfully to community development, nation building and the well-being of Stellenbosch and its residents.

A Civic Honour may be awarded to a living individual or posthumously in recognition of someone who has passed away. Honours are conferred in accordance with the municipal by-law: *Stellenbosch Municipality Municipal Honours By-law* gazetted on 7 November 2025.



HONORARY CITIZENSHIP

- on a person of national and/or international stature residing in Stellenbosch Municipality for a period of at least 25 years, when such person is worthy of such an honour in the opinion of Council;
- on such a person if unanimously approved by Council at a Special Council Meeting. Alternatively, when approved by Council by way of a broad consensus.
- Honorary citizenship will not be conferred on an active politician.

SIMONSBERG MEDAL

- The Simonsberg medal (gold) for exceptional achievement or for performing an act of bravery within the Municipal area of Stellenbosch.

Sport & Recreation

- Outstanding sporting achievement at provincial, national or international level.
- Exceptional contribution to the development of sport and recreation in Stellenbosch.
- Significant achievement as an athlete, coach, administrator, official or volunteer.
- Demonstrated commitment to youth development, participation and inclusion through sport.
- Contribution that inspires excellence, healthy lifestyles and community participation.

Cultural Affairs

- Outstanding contribution to the preservation, promotion or celebration of Stellenbosch's cultural heritage.
- Exceptional achievement in arts, culture, music, dance, literature, heritage or creative industries.
- Contribution to cultural diversity, social cohesion and community participation.
- Promotion of local cultural talent and opportunities for young people.
- National or international recognition that brings positive attention to Stellenbosch.

Conservation

- Exceptional contribution to the protection and conservation of Stellenbosch's natural environment.
- Demonstrated commitment to biodiversity, conservation, sustainability or environmental education.
- Significant contribution to the protection of natural, heritage or open-space assets.
- Innovative initiatives that promote environmental responsibility within communities.
- Tangible and sustainable environmental impact benefiting current and future generations.

Local Economic Development

- Outstanding contribution to local economic development and job creation.
- Exceptional entrepreneurial or business achievement benefiting Stellenbosch.
- Significant contribution to the development and empowerment of SMMEs and emerging entrepreneurs.
- Innovation that creates economic opportunities or attracts investment/tourism.
- Contribution to skills development, employment opportunities and economic inclusion.

Social Development

- Exceptional contribution to improving the quality of life of residents.
- Demonstrated commitment to community service and volunteerism.
- Significant contribution to social cohesion, inclusion or community empowerment.
- Positive and measurable impact on a community or vulnerable group.
- Sustained service beyond normal personal or professional responsibilities.



Submission of nominations:

Please note the following submission methods:



Email: Applications may be submitted via email to the dedicated email address: **Civic.Honours@ Stellenbosch.gov.za**



Ward Offices: Hard copies may be handed in at the respective Ward Offices in an envelope clearly marked **“Civic Honours Nomination.”**



Main Building Reception: Hard copies may also be submitted at the reception of the Main Building in an envelope clearly marked **“Civic Honours Nomination.”**

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Thank you, Dankie, Enkosi!

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1. Local connection** – The nominee should ordinarily reside, operate, work, study or have made a significant contribution within the Stellenbosch municipal area.
- 2. No automatic entitlement** – Submission of a nomination does not guarantee that a commendation will be awarded.
- 3. Political neutrality** – Commendations should not be used to promote political parties, political campaigns or partisan interests. The existing Municipal Honours framework contains specific restrictions regarding certain honours and active politicians.
- 4. Disqualification** – A nomination may be disqualified where the nominee does not meet the eligibility requirements, where insufficient information is provided, or where the nomination is considered inappropriate or contrary to the interests or values of the Municipality.
- 5. Confidentiality and POPIA** – Personal information submitted with nominations will be handled confidentially and processed only for purposes connected with the nomination and assessment process.
- 6. Accuracy and verification** – The Municipality reserves the right to verify information provided and to reject nominations containing false, misleading or unverifiable information.