

General Public Registration

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ORAT is pleased to announce the details of the Public Session Program for the 2023 Calendar Year. It is important to note that cosponsors for this program must reside in the Greater Toronto Area.

This program is intended for members of the General Public who wish to sponsor family members who are in need of refugee resettlement. This program is not intended for cosponsors who are parishioners of Catholic Churches, Eastern Rite Catholic or Orthodox churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto, with whom ORAT has developed specific programs for its members.

Online registration will begin on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 12:01AM and will close on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 11:59PM.

If you wish to sponsor a refugee through this program, please click [here](#).

Given the expected high level of demand for this program, registrants will be limited to sponsoring 1 (one) family. Families, as defined by the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), are comprised of mother, father and dependent children under the age of 22. Exceptions may be granted to those who wish to sponsor more than one family when there is compelling reason to do so. Please note that we will not consider any changes to the name of the cosponsor or Principal Applicant (i.e., head of the refugee family) once the registration form has been completed.

Also, it is important to note that registering for this program is NOT a guarantee that you will be able to sponsor through ORAT. Given the limited allocation given to ORAT by Immigration Canada, and the expected high demand for this program, ORAT will hold a draw for all eligible registrants. All registrants will have an equal chance of being selected and invited to attend the "Introduction to Resettlement" Information Session. Only those with a winning draw number will be invited to attend the online information session. For those invited, attendance is mandatory. Attendance at this information session marks the first step in sponsoring a refugee family through this office.

While refugee sponsorship is not without cost, there is NO fee for registering for this program. However, those cosponsors that are allowed to proceed with the sponsorship process, will be required to deposit 100% of the cost of sponsorship with ORAT prior to the case being submitted to IRCC. These funds are held in trust for the refugee and are disbursed on a quarterly basis upon the refugee's arrival to Canada. We ask that you not register if you are unable to deposit the required funds.

The estimated average processing time for Immigration Canada for applications submitted to them in 2023 is 3 years. The table below outlines the estimated cost of sponsorship for refugees that arrive to Canada in 2026. Please note that additional monies are required to sponsor senior citizens.

Sponsorship Cost Table

Family Size	Estimated Sponsorship Cost Assumes a 3 Year Average Processing Time Between Submission and Arrival	
1	\$ 18,900	<p>Dependent Adults: Based on an Average Processing Time of 3 years, and using Immigration Canada's ("IRCC") definition, all unmarried children age 15 to 21 will be considered as dependent adults. For the purposes of IRCC forms, dependent adults are considered as part of the family unit and are to be included in the one set of forms for the family. However, IRCC treats dependent adults differently from a financial perspective, requiring additional monies to be provided for every dependent adult in the family. For example: The finances required for a family of 4 (father, mother, one child age 12, and one child age 18) are to be calculated as a family of 3 + 1 (\$29,900+\$18,900=\$48,800) and not as a family of 4 (\$32,500). Please take this into consideration when calculating the total cost of sponsorship.</p>
2	\$ 27,900	
3	\$ 29,900	
4	\$ 32,500	
5	\$ 35,000	
6	\$ 36,800	
7 of more, for each additional member add	\$1,500	<p>Seniors: When sponsoring a senior(s) (age 62 or older) you will be asked to deposit additional funds, in accordance with RAP policy.</p> <p>Note: If, at or prior to the time of arrival, financial liabilities (RAP Rates) are higher than the estimated figures presented herein, cosponsors will be required to deposit additional funds with the Archdiocese of Toronto.</p>

Additional Funds Required for Seniors

Single Senior <i>(Without Dependents)</i>	Single Senior <i>(With Dependents)</i>	Couple (1 Senior) <i>(With or Without Dependents)</i>	Couple (2 Seniors) <i>(With or Without Dependents)</i>
\$ 5,800	\$ 8,100	\$ 8,300	\$ 13,200
<p>The funds required to sponsor a senior or seniors is to be added to the sponsorship cost for the corresponding family size outlined in the Sponsorship Cost Table.</p>			