

General Public Registration

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ORAT is excited to announce the upcoming launch of online registration for our 2024 General Public Program. We would like to emphasize that co-sponsors for this program must reside within the Greater Toronto Area.

This program is specifically designed for members of the General Public who wish to sponsor family members in dire need of refugee resettlement. Please note that this program is distinct from our programs tailored to parishioners of Catholic Churches, Eastern Rite Catholic, or Orthodox churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto, for whom ORAT has developed specialized programs for.

Registration Details:

- Online registration will open on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 12:01 AM and will close on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 11:59 PM.
- If you are interested in sponsoring a refugee through this program, please click on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Fv42Q62VUe>. The form will be accessible on the dates outlined above.

Sponsorship Limitations: Given the anticipated high demand for this program, each registrant will be limited to sponsoring one family. According to the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), a family is defined as comprising of mother, father, and dependent children under the age of 22. Exceptions may be considered for those who have compelling reasons to sponsor more than one family. Please be aware that we cannot accommodate changes to the co-sponsor or Principal Applicant (i.e., head of the refugee family) names once the registration form has been submitted.

Important Note: Registering for this program does not guarantee the ability to sponsor through ORAT. Due to the limited allocation provided to ORAT by Immigration Canada and the anticipated high demand, ORAT will conduct a draw among all eligible registrants. Each registrant will have an equal chance of being selected and invited to attend the "Introduction to Resettlement" Information Session. Only individuals with a winning draw number will be invited to participate in the online information session. Attendance at this session is mandatory, as it marks the initial step in sponsoring a refugee family through our office.

Financial Considerations: While refugee sponsorship involves costs, there is NO fee associated with registering for this program. However, co-sponsors who progress through the sponsorship process will be required to deposit 100% of the sponsorship costs with ORAT before submitting the case to IRCC. These funds are held in trust for the refugee and are disbursed on a quarterly basis upon the refugee's arrival in Canada. We kindly request that you refrain from registering if you are unable to meet this financial commitment.

Estimated Timeline and Costs: The estimated average processing time for Immigration Canada for applications submitted in 2023 is two to four years. The table below provides an overview of the estimated sponsorship costs for refugees arriving in Canada in 2028. Please be aware that additional funds are necessary for sponsoring 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 aged 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 aged 12, and one child aged 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 <i>(1 Senior)</i> <i>(With or Without Dependents)</i>	Couple <i>(2 Seniors)</i> <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>			