Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Trust Awards Summary

There are Five Awards

- Award for Life Time Achievement allows for multiple recipients
- Award for Youth Achievement allows for multiple recipients
- Award for Communty Achievement allows for multiple recipients
- Award for Excellence in Conservation allows for multiple recipients
- Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation One Award Winner

1. Award for Youth Achievement

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement recognizes the most exceptional individuals and groups that have contributed to conserving Ontario's cultural and/or natural heritage. Individual nominees are also eligible for the Young Heritage Leaders \$3,500 scholarship for post-secondary education, sponsored by Canada Life.

Who can be nominated?

The successful candidates – whether individuals or all members of groups – must meet the following criteria. They should:

- be age 24 and under at the time of the nomination submission deadline, be residents of Ontario
- have made exceptional volunteer contributions (i.e., have not received payment) to heritage conservation
- have demonstrated: leadership, commitment, creativity, positive impact on the community, region or province, good conservation practices

Nominators can include: Local, regional or provincial heritage organizations

Exceptionally broad list that includes: service to cultural heritage and natural heritage/environmental organizations or institutions, fundraising, research, writing, promotion, celebration and preservation of cultural heritage and biological diversity, activities that protect, steward and conserve natural heritage

2. Award for Lifetime Achievement Who can be nominated?

The successful candidates must meet the following criteria. They should:

- have made an exceptional volunteer contribution (i.e., have not received payment) to heritage conversation over a period of 25 years or more (at the time of the nomination submission deadline)
- be a resident of Ontario, have demonstrated: leadership, commitment, creativity, positive impact on the community, region or province, good conservation practices
- Note: Posthumous nominations are not eligible.

Nominators can include: local, regional or provincial heritage organizations

Service to cultural heritage and natural heritage/environmental organizations or institutions.

There is an exceptionally broad list that includes: Municipal heritage committees. conservation authorities, land trusts, diverse cultural communities, environmental organizations, museums, historical and archaeological sites, fundraising and promotion to support conservation activities, research and writing, development of publications, creation and delivery of public programming and interpretation and exhibits, websites and other educational material on local history, cultural/natural heritage, the environment, and/or natural history...

https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/en/pages/programs/recognitionprograms/lieutenant-governors-ontario-heritage-awards/lifetimeachievement

Award for Community Leadership Who can be nominated?

The successful candidates must meet the following criteria. They must:

- be part of a community (defined as a municipality or regional municipality under the Municipal Act), First Nations band council, Métis community council or a community located in unorganized territory
- have implemented initiatives, programs and/or policies, as well as promoted a culture of conservation that demonstrates: leadership, commitment, creativity, positive impact on the community, region or province, good conservation practices

Communities must either nominate themselves or be nominated by Ontario Heritage Trust staff.

Communities must also complete a self-assessment form and submit it along with their nomination form.

Nominations must be supported by a motion of council

Demonstrating an integrated approach to conservation of heritage properties and resources; examples of conserved heritage properties include:

- Residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, natural heritage, cultural landscapes
- exhibiting leadership by example, including a high level of conservation and stewardship of municipally owned heritage properties
- •celebrating and commemorating heritage, including:
- heritage festivals, plaque unveilings, parades
- heritage awards programs
- identifying and protecting heritage resources through bylaws, policies and planning decisions, including:
- municipal heritage committees
- heritage inventories, designation programs
- And much more...

3. Award for Excellence in Conservation Who can be nominated?

*must include a project that is located in, and benefits, Ontario

The successful candidates must meet the following criteria. They:

- are residents of Ontario
- can be individuals and/or groups, including:
- Ontario corporations (private and public, not-for-profit and for-profit)
- municipal, regional, provincial and federal government agencies and departments
- may include the following activities: volunteer, professional, commercial, academic
- have completed (or substantially completed within the year preceding the nomination deadline) a specific conservation activity or project that is an exceptional contribution to natural or cultural heritage conservation

Nominators can include: Local or provincial heritage organizations

Conservation (i.e., preservation, restoration or rehabilitation) of any of the following:

- •cultural or natural heritage properties, sites or areas
- •cultural landscapes
- heritage conservation districts
- •collections or major artifacts
- development or implementation of an innovative practice, technology or approach that has resulted in the successful conservation of cultural or natural heritage
- developing partnerships to support natural and/or cultural heritage conservation activities
- •fundraising and promotion to support heritage conservation activities
- educational, interpretive and/or commemorative activities that focus on cultural and natural heritage and history

- development and delivery of activities or events that identify, safeguard and promote intangible cultural heritage, including:
- oral traditions, expressions, language
- performing arts e.g., music, dance or theatre
- social practices, rituals/ceremonies and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- promotion, celebration and preservation of cultural heritage and biological diversity
- activities that promote environmental sustainability

Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation

The Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation recognizes individuals who have made defining contributions to heritage conservation throughout their professional careers. The broad range of heritage activities recognized by this award includes cultural and natural heritage, intangible cultural heritage, sustainability and biodiversity.

One award will be granted annually.

The successful candidate must meet the following criteria.

They should:

- have made exceptional professional contributions to heritage conversation over the course of their career
- be a resident of Ontario
- have demonstrated: leadership, commitment, creativity, positive impact on the community, region or province, good conservation practices

Nominators can include: local, regional or provincial heritage organizations

Not eligible are: self-nominations, posthumous nominations, current elected politicians or those whose activities are related to an ongoing public appointment, as long as they hold the appointment

What activities are eligible?

- professional activities in service to cultural heritage and natural heritage/environmental organizations or institutions, including:
- municipal heritage committees, conservation authorities, land trusts
- diverse cultural communities
- environmental organizations
- museums
- historical and archaeological sites
- fundraising and promotion to support conservation activities
- research and writing, development of publications, creation and delivery of public programming and interpretation and exhibits, websites and other educational material on local history, cultural/natural heritage, the environment, and/or natural history
- conservation and interpretation of:artifacts, archival materials,
 photographs, environmental information and collections

In Summary....

This provides a great opportunity to recognize the contributions made to Heritage by members of our community.