

## Chapter 12 Trillium Awards

*Note: The material in this chapter of the Procedures Manual is for information purposes only. Anyone interested in submitting a nomination for either a Trillium Merit Award or a Trillium Long Service Award is advised to consult the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation web site at <https://squaredance.on.ca/trillium-awards/>.*

### 12.1 Background

- a) The Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation (OSRDF) established the **Trillium Merit Award** in 1985. The first Trillium Merit Award was presented in the spring of 1985.
- b) In 1999, the OSRDF introduced the Trillium Long Service Award, presenting the first such award in 2000.

### 12.2 General

- a) Annually, EOSARDA may submit to the OSRDF up to 2 nominations for Trillium Merit Awards and up to 2 nominations for Trillium Long Service Awards.
- b) Individuals or couples are eligible for nomination for either award, with the exception of:
  - individuals who have already received an award, and
  - couples in which one or both partners have already received an award.That means that past recipients of a Trillium award cannot be nominated for the other Trillium Award. (One award per recipient regardless of type.)
- c) Nominators should keep in mind that the person being nominated may not be well known to the Board. It is imperative therefore that nominations contain as much information about the nominee as possible. Failure to include all pertinent information could result in the nomination being rejected.
- d) Nominations for both types of Trillium Awards cannot be submitted directly to The OSRDF, but must be submitted to EOSARDA's Board of Directors for consideration. **No nomination can go forward to the OSRDF unless it has the support of the Board.**
- e) The decision as to whether a nomination will be approved and what kind of award it will be, is the exclusive purview of the OSRDF's Board of Directors.

### 12.3 The Trillium Merit Award

- a) The **Trillium Merit Award** recognizes those who have made a significant contribution to the square and/or round dance community in Ontario beyond the scope of the normal and regular activities of a dancer or dance leader.
- b) Nominees for the Trillium Merit Award must:
  - i) have served as an executive or committee member at the regional, provincial, and/or

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- national level;
  - ii) been involved with square and/or round dancing for at least 5 years;
  - iii) made a significant contribution to dancing in Ontario;
  - iv) served in leadership capacities at the club level;
  - v) participated in dancer and/or leader recruitment events;
  - vi) supported dancer and/or leader development through mentoring, serving as an angel, and/or serving in leaders' clinics;
  - vii) participated in non-club events such as conventions and dance events outside of their own home area; and
  - viii) volunteered time and effort to contribute beyond the minimum level expected of most dancers or leaders.
- c) Consideration may also be given to volunteer participation in:
- i) more than one style of dancing;
  - ii) multiple clubs; and
  - iii) any other activities to advance square and/or round dancing in Ontario.
- d) Nominees who are current dancers or dance leaders must be active members of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.
- e) Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated again in subsequent years, if additional supporting documentation is provided for consideration.
- f) The Trillium Merit Award consists of:
- a) a quality parchment scroll;
  - b) a wooden wall plaque; and
  - c) selected jewelry.
- ### 12.4 The Trillium Long Service Award
- a) The **Trillium Long Service Award** recognizes individuals who have devoted many years of faithful service to the square and/or round dance community in Ontario.
- b) Nominees for a Trillium Long Service Award must have:
- i) been involved with square and/or round dancing for at least 20 years. Separate periods of time and dancing outside of Ontario can be used to meet the 20-year requirement;
  - ii) served in leadership capacities at the club level; and
  - iii) helped recruit dancers and/or leaders.
- c) Consideration may also be given to volunteer participation in:
- i) more than one style of dancing;
  - ii) multiple clubs;

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- iii) promoting dancing to the general public; and
- iv) advancing square and/or round dancing in Ontario.
  
- d) Nominees who are current dancers or dance leaders must be active members of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.
  
- e) Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated again in subsequent years if additional supporting documentation is provided for consideration.
  
- f) The Trillium Long Service Award consists of:
  - a) a quality parchment scroll;
  - b) a wooden wall plaque; and
  - c) selected jewelry.

### **12.5 Nominations**

- a) Nominations for candidates for Trillium Awards originate with an individual, Member Club, or Association and are to be submitted to the President of EOSARDA. Oral submissions will not be accepted.
  
- b) Nominations must be submitted on the OSRDF's approved form which can be found on the OSRDF's web site at <https://squaredance.on.ca/trillium-awards/>.
  
- c) The deadline for receipt of nominations for both Merit and Long Service Awards by the OSRDF is April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
  
- d) In order to allow sufficient time for nominations to be reviewed by EOSARDA's Board of Directors, they must be submitted to the President of EOSARDA on or before March 1.

### **12.6 Process**

- a) Upon receipt of a nomination by the President of EOSARDA, it will be circulated to the Association's Board of Directors for comments/approval. If it is determined that additional information is required, the application will be returned to the nominator with a request specifying what additional information is required. If it is determined that the nomination is complete, the nomination will be considered by the Board along with all other complete nominations received.
  
- b) While there is no limit to the number of nominations that may be submitted to EOSARDA each year, the maximum number of nominations that EOSARDA's Board can submit to the OSRDF per year is two per type of award. If more than two nominations are received in a category, the Board will determine which nominations to support based on the aforementioned criteria. The Board's decision on such matters is

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final.

- c) The Association's President will sign the nominations that the Board has agreed to support and forward those nominations to the Federation Secretary.
- d) Nominations not approved by the Association's Board of Directors will be returned to the nominator.
- e) If the OSRDF approves a nomination, the recipient, the nominator and EOSARDA are advised of the decision by letter.
- c) If the OSRDF rejects an application only the nominator and EOSARDA are advised.

### **12.7 Presentation of Awards**

- a) In determining the place, date, time and location for the presentation of an award every effort is made to accommodate the recipient's preferences. To that end, the OSRDF and EOSARDA work with the recipient to plan and organize the presentation.
- b) The Trillium Awards program is an OSRDF program. Whenever possible, the awards will be presented by an OSRDF Representative. If no OSRDF representative is available, OSRDF may request EOSARDA to present the Award on its behalf,
- c) To show our support for both the Trillium Awards program and for the recipients of the Awards, EOSARDA will endeavour to have a serving Director participate in the awards ceremony. If no serving Director is available, EOSARDA may designate a non-Board member to represent the Association at the award ceremony.