

Eye on the Web Links to the resources on the internet

Honours and Awards

In keeping with this annual awards and recognition issue of Access, Eye on the Web focuses on awards and honours bestowed on individuals for their exemplary contributions to Ontario and to Canada.

Governor General of Canada: Canadian Honours

http://www.gg.ca/honours/index_e.asp

Canadian Honours Search Page

http://www.gg.ca/Search/honours_e.asp

The Office of the Governor General is Canada's oldest continuing institution, dating back to 1608. In addition to representing the Queen in Canada, this office holds responsibility for presenting honours and awards to recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional dedication to service that brings special credit to Canada. These include: three levels of the Order of Canada, recognizing lifetime achievement (Companion, Officer, Member); Decorations for Bravery, including the Cross of Valour, Star of Courage, and Medal of Bravery; Meritorious Service Decorations recognizing both military personnel and civilians with a cross or medal; Caring Canadian Award, for selfless volunteerism;

Academic Medals for scholastic achievement at the secondary, post secondary (diploma), undergraduate, and graduate levels. Detailed descriptions of these awards and honours (including information about nominations!) are linked from the Canadian Honours Web page and include options for searching past recipients by name, region/city, and type of award (where relevant). A separate search page is also provided.



Lieutenant Governor of Ontario: Awards

http://www.lt.gov.on.ca/sections_english/awards/awards_ltgov_main.html

Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration: Honours and Awards Secretariat http://www.gov.on.ca/MCZCR/english/citdiv/honours/index.html

While the Queen's representative in Ontario is responsible for presenting a number of provincial awards, it is on the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration web site that you will find detailed awards information and expanded listings of past recipients. These awards and honours include: Order of Ontario, the Province's highest award for excellence; Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship; Ontario Medals for Police and Firefighter Bravery; Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers; Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award; Lincoln M. Alexander Award, for the promotion of racial harmony by youth; Senior Achievement and Senior of the Year Awards; Community Action Awards; Amethyst Award, presented to outstanding civil servants. The Ministry Web page noted above includes access to a Volunteer Hall of Fame Search interface, where you can search for past recipients by name, award, and city back to 1996.



Canada Council for the Arts: Prizes Calendar

http://www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/calendar/default.htm



The Canada Council for the Arts was founded with the passing of the Canada Council Act in 1957.

The Council reports to Parliament through the Department of Canadian Heritage, its primary funding agency. The role of the Council is "to foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works in, the arts." This includes administering over 70 annual prizes, fellowships and awards to Canadian artists and scholars demonstrating excellence in the

arts and humanities as well as the social and natural sciences. Major awards administered by the Council include the scholastic Killam Prizes, the Canada Council Molson Prizes, and the Governor General's Literary and Visual Media Arts awards. The Prizes Calendar, noted above, provides an intuitive entry point to information about all prizes and awards. It is organized by discipline and nominations deadlines. Most, if not all, secondary links to individual prizes provide information about nominations procedure and past recipients.

Royal Society of Canada (Canadian Academy of the Sciences and Humanities) http://www.rsc.ca/



The Royal Society of Canada (RSC) was granted Royal Charter in 1883, following the passage of related legislation in the Canadian Parliament.

Today, it is made up of approximately 1,700 Canadians selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to the humanities, natural, and social sciences. Its objective is to promote learning and research in the arts and sciences.

This is accomplished,

in part, through the awarding of medals and prizes recognizing contributions to knowledge, research and innovation in Canada. Starting at the main homepage, noted above, follow the "Awards" link in the navigation bar to produce a list of all awards, including information about frequency and nominations procedure. Awards vary widely by discipline, including recognition of achievement in geological sciences, critical or imaginative literature, and understanding of issues concerning gender.

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HONOURABLE MENTIONS

United Nations Association in Canada: Pearson Peace Medal

http://www.unac.org/en/news_events/pearson/index.asp Awarded annually for achievements in international service and understanding.

Heritage Canada Foundation: Awards Program

http://www.heritagecanada.org/eng/services/awards.html
Administers various awards to recognize excellence in the preservation
of Canadian heritage.

Canadian Conference of the Arts: National Arts Awards

http://www.ccarts.ca/en/awards/

Awarded annually for significant contributions to arts and culture in Canada.

Ontario Arts Council: Awards

http://www.arts.on.ca/English/Awards.html

Administers twelve awards recognizing arts contributions in Ontario.

Toronto Arts Council Foundation: Awards

http://www.torontoartscouncil.org/foundation.htm

Administers various awards to individual artists for their cultural and artistic contributions in the City of Toronto.

City of Toronto: Awards

http://www.toronto.ca/awards/index.htm

Web based entry point to basic information about various awards administered by the City of Toronto, including the Pride and Green Toronto Awards.

