

## **Chapter 12 Trillium Awards**

### **12.1 Background**

- a) In 1985 the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation established the Trillium Merit Award to officially recognize excellence, dedication and outstanding achievement in the advancement of the Square and Round Dance activity by dancers, Callers, and Leaders, of the Province of Ontario.
- b) Two classes of the award are now authorized:
  - The Trillium Merit Award and
  - The Trillium Long Service Award.

### **12.2 The Trillium Merit Award**

- a) The Trillium Merit Award recognizes those who have made an outstanding contribution beyond the scope of their normal regular activities. A maximum of 6 Merit Award winners are selected by Federation in any one year. The decisions of Federation are final.
- b) Nominees for the Trillium Merit Award must have been active in Square and Round Dancing for not less than five years. Nominees may be current or no-longer-active Dancers or Dance Leaders, who meet all of the above-mentioned criteria. Nominations for posthumous awards will also be accepted according to the same criteria.
- c) Nominees, who are current dancers or Dance Leaders must be active members of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.
- d) 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 scroll of quality parchment paper, inscribed "Achievement Award for Outstanding Contribution and Dedication to Square and Round Dancing", signed by the President of Federation and the President of EOSARDA;
  - a wooden wall plaque with the insignia of the Federation (white trillium on a blue background) inscribed as above; and
  - a gentleman's bolo tie clip/scarf slide and/or lady's pin, bearing the insignia of the Federation.

### **12.3 The Trillium Long Service Award**

- a) The Trillium Long Service Award recognizes those whose who have devoted many years of faithful service to the dance community in Ontario.
- b) Since a total of only 12 awards of both types are given each year, the number of Long Service Awards winners selected by Federation may vary from year to year depending on

the number of Merit Awards being given. The decisions of the Federation Board are final.

- c) Nominations for the long Service Award should be for those whose contributions reflect a continuing dedication to the normal activities of their classification (i.e. dancer or Dance Leader) for a period of at least 25 years. One or more periods of time may be added together to meet the requirement for the Trillium Long Service Award.
- 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 scroll of quality parchment paper, inscribed "Award for Long Service and Dedication to Square and Round Dancing", signed by the President of Federation and the President of EOSARDA; and
  - a lapel pin and/or small brooch for each recipient, bearing the insignia of the Federation.

#### **12.4 Nominations**

- a) Nominations for candidates for either award originate with an individual, Member Club, or Member Association. The EOSARDA Board of Directors (the Board) does not normally nominate candidates for either award.
- b) There is no limit to the number of nominations that may be submitted to each year, but the maximum number of nominations that the Board can submit to Federation per year is two per category. If more than two nominations are received in a category, the Board will select the most meritorious candidates based on the afore-mentioned criteria. The Board's decision on such matters is final.
- c) Nominations for either the Merit Award or the Long Service Award cannot be submitted directly to Federation, but must be submitted to EOSARDA's Board of Directors for consideration. No nomination can go forward to Federation unless it has the support of the Board.
- d) Nominations for Trillium Merit Awards are to be submitted to the President of EOSARDA on or before March 1 of each year (see Nomination Forms, Appendices 12 - 1 and 12 - 2).
- e) Nominations for Long Service Awards are to be submitted to the Chair of EOSARDA's Club Liaison, Recognition and Awards on or before March 1 of each year (see Nomination Forms, Appendices 12 - 3 and 12 - 4).

- f) The deadline for receipt of Nomination Forms by the Federation's Secretary is April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- g) Upon receipt of a nomination it will be circulated to the Board 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.
- h) If a nomination is approved by a majority of the Board, it will be signed by the President and forwarded to Federation by the Secretary. The nominator will be advised of this.

### **12.5 Additional Criteria**

- a) In evaluating a nomination, the Board will consider activities such as:
  - Executive Member of Club/Association/Federation/Society or representative on such executive committees - dates and positions held;
  - Involvement in other dance-related committees;
  - Acting as angels;
  - Involvement in teaching clinics or workshops as a Dance Leader - positions, dates, number of years, etc.;
  - Involvement in efforts to recruit new dancers;
  - Volunteer participant in dance demonstrations - locations such as hospitals, malls, nursing homes;
  - Actively promoting the Square and Round Dance movement
  - Developing innovating new methods of advertising and recruiting;
  - Any other factors illustrating that the nominee's participated in a manner noticeably different than from other dancers or Dance Leaders.

Nominations should also specify when the nominee started dancing, activities in other Clubs, churches, organizations, hobbies, etc.

- b) 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.

### **12.6 Presentation or Award**

- a) The place, time and event for the presentation of an Award is decided by EOSARDA's Board after consultation with the nominators. Whenever possible, award presentations are made by one of the regional delegates to the Federation's Board of Directors. When there are no such delegates available, the Federation appoints a couple to present it.
- b) The Secretary sends the physical awards directly to the appropriate Federation delegates prior to the date of the presentation ceremony.

**Appendix 12 -1**  
**Trillium Merit Award - Nomination**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

To: The President of EOSARDA

We hereby nominate the following couple or person as a candidate for the Trillium Merit Award.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dancer, Dance Leader)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No., Apt. No., P.O. Box No. or RR No.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town                      Postal Code                      Phone No.

Member Club/Association Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of Clubs/Associations and Location

**Nominator:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No., Apt. No., P.O. Box No. or RR No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town                      Postal Code  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone                      e-mail

**Nomination Supported by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Regional Association, or Club, where there is NO Association

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Association President                      Club President, where there is NO Association

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

This application and the supporting profile must be received by the President of EOSARDA before March 1.

Application is being made for:

Trillium Merit Award \_\_\_\_\_ or Trillium Long Service Award \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Choose one award being applied for**

**Appendix 12 - 2**  
**Trillium Merit Award**  
**Supporting Profile**

Name of Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Supported by: \_\_\_\_\_

EOSARDA Board of Directors

A. Background information of dancing activity, with length of time dancing.

B. Accomplishments     - Personal Involvements  
                                  - (Local, Regional, Provincial, National, International).

**Appendix 12 - 3**

**TRILLIUM LONG SERVICE AWARD - NOMINATION**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

To: The Chair of EOSARDA's Club Liaison, Recognition and Awards Committee

We hereby nominate the following couple or person as a candidate for the Trillium Long Service Award.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dancer, Dance Leader)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No., Apt. No., P.O. Box No. or RR No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No.

Member Club/Association Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of Clubs/Associations and Location

**Nominator:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No., Apt. No., P.O. Box No. or RR No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail

**Nomination Supported by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Regional Association, or Club, where there is NO Association

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Association President                      Club President, where there is NO Association

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

This application and the supporting profile must be received by the Chair of Club Liaison, Recognition and Awards Committee on or before March 1.

Application is being made for:

Trillium Merit Award \_\_\_\_\_ or Trillium Long Service Award \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Choose one award being applied for**

**Appendix 12 - 4**  
**TRILLIUM LONG SERVICE AWARD**  
**SUPPORTING PROFILE**

Name of Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Supported by: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair, Club Liaison, Recognition and Awards Committee

A. Background information of dancing activity, with length of time dancing.

B. Accomplishments - Personal Involvements